

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2021

The Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was held via GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on March 11, 2021.

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

Brian Geye, Chair	California Speedway Corporation
Bob Bowcock, Vice-Chair	CalMat Co.
Kathleen Brundage	California Steel Industries, Inc.
Christopher Quach	City of Ontario (Non-Ag)
Amanda Meere	County of San Bernardino (Non-Ag)

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Water Resources Senior Associate
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT ON CALL

Allen Hubsch	Loeb & Loeb, LLP
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Geye called the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:02:02) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. BUSINESS ITEMS - ROUTINE

A. MINUTES

Receive and file as presented:

1. Minutes of the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held February 11, 2021

(0:04:51)

Motion by Mr. Christopher Quach, seconded by Ms. Amanda Meere. The Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to receive and file Business Item I.A. as presented.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of January 2021
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of January 2021
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021
6. Cash Disbursements for February 2021 (Information Only)

(0:05:27)

Motion by Mr. Christopher Quach, seconded by Ms. Amanda Meere. The Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to receive and file Business Item I.B. without approval as presented.

C. OBMP SEMI-ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2020-2

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2020-2, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(0:06:35)

Motion by Mr. Christopher Quach, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Brundage. The Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to approve staff recommendation of Business Item I.C., and to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

D. SGMA REPORTING FOR WATER YEAR 2020

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve and direct staff to file the information/reports with the DWR.

(0:07:30)

Motion by Mr. Christopher Quach, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Brundage. The Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to approve staff recommendation of Business Item I.D., and to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CHINO BASIN OPTIMUM MANAGEMENT

Offer advice and assistance to Watermaster on:

- [1] timing on the revision and recirculation of the 2020 OBMP SEIR; and
- [2] timing on a study of the location and magnitude of production to maximize Safe Yield and avoid MPI, along with developing a possible concept for regional resource management.

(0:07:59) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

B. RESPONSE TO AP COMMENTS IN RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS

Provide direction and recommendations to Watermaster staff on:

- [1] whether budget workshop(s) are desired and, if so, what is the desired timing for these to be held; and
- [2] how to better align Watermaster monthly meetings with the budget process.

(0:13:10) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

C. MEMBER STATUS CHANGES

1. Any proposed transfer of Safe Yield by a Member.
2. Any transfer of Safe Yield that has actually closed or been completed.
3. Any change in name or corporate identity of a Member (such as results from a merger or filing of a change of name certificate).
4. Any change in the name of a representative or alternate representative of a Member, or a change in e-mail address for either such person.

None

II. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. March 26, 2021 Hearing
3. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(0:26:54) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. GLMC/PBHSC Scope and Budget Process – FY 2021/2022

(0:31:09) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Schedule

(0:33:12) Mr. Joswiak gave a report.

D. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Status Report: Peace Agreement Amendment (PE8)
2. Status Report: Local Storage Limitation Solution – Addendum
3. Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers
4. Other

(0:34:35) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on the first two items and introduced Ms. Nelson, who gave a report on Item 3, Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers. A discussion ensued.

(0:39:24) Mr. Kavounas continued the GM report and added that Watermaster continues to track the State's rule-making process for the Water Use Efficiency regulation.

IV. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Pool Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

Chair Geyé called for a confidential session at 11:42 a.m. to discuss the following:

1. Storage Implementation Plan
2. Review of Assessments

3. Non-Agricultural Pool Legal Budget

(0:41:44) Confidential session concluded at 12:15 p.m. with the following reportable actions:

The Pool directs Watermaster to include an amount of \$50,000 for the Non-Agricultural Pool Legal Services for the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget.

The Pool also directs Watermaster to invoice the amount of \$50,000 to the Non-Agricultural Pool based upon Non-Agricultural Pool Actual Fiscal Year 2020/21 Production, when assessment invoices are issued.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Geyse adjourned the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: April 8, 2021