

**MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
May 16, 2023

The Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was held at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on May 16, 2023.

**NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Brian Geye, Chair	California Speedway Corporation
Bob Bowcock, Vice-Chair	CalMat Co.

**NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Kathleen Brundage	California Steel Industries
Alexis Mascarinas	City of Ontario

**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Joe Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Ruby Favela Quintero	Administrative Analyst
Kelli Hills	Office Specialist/Receptionist
David Huynh	Sr. Field Operations Specialist
Alonso Jurado	Sr. Field Operations Specialist

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

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

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
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**OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Tarren Alicia Torres	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
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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**

(00:00:12) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call.

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. BUSINESS ITEMS - ROUTINE**

**A. MINUTES**

Receive and File:

1. Minutes of the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on April 13, 2023

(00:02:12)

*Motion by Mr. Bob Bowcock, seconded by Ms. Alexis Mascarinas. 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 March 2023
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of March 2023
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023
6. Cash Disbursements for April 2023 (Information Only)

(00:02:35)

*Motion by Mr. Bob Bowcock, seconded by Ms. Alexis Mascarinas. 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. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve Chino Basin Water Conservation District's application for recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for the same.

(00:04:09)

*Motion by Mr. Bob Bowcock, seconded by Ms. Alexis Mascarinas. 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. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)**

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the proposed agreements.

(00:04:37)

*Motion by Mr. Bob Bowcock, seconded by Ms. Alexis Mascarinas. 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. WATERMASTER FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Watermaster Fiscal Year 2023/24 Proposed Budget as presented.

(00:05:11) Mr. Joswiak gave a presentation. A discussion ensued. No formal action was taken by the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee other than to give the Pool's representatives direction to use their best judgment when considering this item during Advisory Committee and Board meetings.

### **B. ARUNA REDDY OVERLYING (AGRICULTURAL) POOL INTERVENTION REQUEST**

The staff report will be distributed separately.

(00:14:13) Mr. Kavounas indicated the item was not yet ready to be heard by the Committees and will be brought back to future meeting once more information is obtained by the well owner. 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.

(00:14:47) Ms. Moore reported that on May 16, 2023, staff received an email from Ms. Kathleen Brundage of California Steel Industries indicating that there is a change to Ms. Alma Heustis and her email address. Ms. Brundage's new email is now [kathleen.brundage@nucor.com](mailto:kathleen.brundage@nucor.com) and Ms. Heustis' new email is now [alma.heustis@nucor.com](mailto:alma.heustis@nucor.com). The official company name (California Steel industries, Inc.) remains unchanged.

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. May 12, 2023 Hearing (Watermaster Motion for Receipt and Filing of Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report; City of Ontario Motion re 2022-23 Assessment Package)
2. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021-22 Assessment Package)
4. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
5. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:16:12) Mr. Herrema gave a report. A discussion ensued.

**B. ENGINEER**

1. 2023 Storage Framework Investigation
2. Data Collection and Evaluation Report for FY 2021/2022
3. Board-Requested Recharge Project Analysis

(00:23:14) Mr. Rapp gave a report on items 1 and 3, and a presentation on item 2.

**C. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

None

**D. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. 2022/23 DYY Operation
2. Available Grant Opportunities
3. Other

(00:36:21) Mr. Kavounas gave a report on item 1, indicating that Watermaster received a letter from Metropolitan Water District with the intent to recharge up to 25 KAF in the current fiscal year and 25 KAF next fiscal year, and that approximately 900 AF has been recharged at about 75+ CFS. On item 2, he reported that the available grant opportunities table has been updated and is available on the Watermaster website should parties wish to review it. Mr. Kavounas indicated that staff will provide an update on the construction issue at San Sevaine Basin once more information becomes available. He also reminded parties about the Chino Basin Watermaster and Chino Basin Conservation District Stakeholder BBQ on May 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Conservation's offices.

**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.

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Geye adjourned the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Secretary: 

Approved: June 8, 2023