

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
March 14, 2024

The Non-Agricultural Pool committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on March 14, 2024.

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
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WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Bill Velto	City of Upland
Mike Gardner	Western Water

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Edgar Tellez Foster	Acting General Manager
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
Alexandria Moore	Executive Assistant I/Board Clerk
Alonso Jurado	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Ruby Favela	Administrative Assistant
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist
Rudy Nunez	Office Specialist/Receptionist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Andy Malone	West Yost
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Scott Nelsen	Eide Bailly, LLP
Veva Weamer	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Peter Dopulos	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Lewis Callahan	State of CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Geye called the Non-Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:13) Ms. Moore conducted the roll call.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. BUSINESS ITEMS - ROUTINE

A. MINUTES

Receive and File:

Minutes of the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on February 8, 2024

(00:02:09)

Motion by Ms. Kathleen Brundage, seconded by Mr. Bob Bowcock. 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:

Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended January 31, 2024

(00:02:32)

Motion by Ms. Kathleen Brundage, seconded by Mr. Bob Bowcock. 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 2023-2

Recommend to the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2023-2, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

(00:03:01)

Motion by Ms. Kathleen Brundage, seconded by Mr. Bob Bowcock. 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 Items 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 2023

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

(00:03:25)

Motion by Ms. Kathleen Brundage, seconded by Mr. Bob Bowcock. 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 Items 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. 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.

There were no changes to note.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. Watermaster Court Department Change
2. May 31, 2024 Court Hearing (Watermaster 46th Annual Report)
3. Court of Appeal Case No. E079052 (City of Chino, MVIC, MVWD, City of Ontario appeal re OAP Expenses and Attorney Fees)
4. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re 2021- 22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
5. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re 2022-23 Watermaster budget expenses to support CEQA analysis)
6. Kaiser Permanente Lawsuit

(00:03:59) Mr. Herrema gave a report and stated that Judge Ochoa has transitioned from the San Bernardino courthouse to Department R17 of the Rancho Cucamonga courthouse effective immediately.

B. ENGINEER

1. SGMA Reporting for Water Year 2023
2. Ground-Level Monitoring Program
3. Data Collection and Evaluation
4. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
5. Emerging Contaminants Monitoring Plan

(00:07:19) Mr. Malone gave a report on items 1-4, and Ms. Weamer gave a report on item 5. A discussion ensued.

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget Release
2. Status Report: Exhibit G Physical Solution Transfers
3. Other

(00:17:07) Mr. Tellez Foster commented that the budget process is different this year; staff streamlined the process and thoroughly reviewed all line items to ensure the most cost savings to the parties. He invited Ms. Uriarte to give a report on item 1, Mr. Yoo on item 2. Mr. Tellez Foster mentioned the Engineering contract expires in June 2024, and that a resources consultant, PSMJ, is helping Watermaster to review the services performed and compare for budget alignment.

IV. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

(00:22:32) Mr. Tellez Foster indicated that the Board has selected Mr. Todd Corbin as Watermaster's new General Manager and would be extending a contract at this month's Board meeting.

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 11:24 a.m.

Secretary:  _____

Approved: _____ April 11, 2024