

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
WEST DISTRICT

CHINO BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
CITY OF CHINO, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. RCV 51010  
(Specially Assigned to the Honorable J.  
Michael Gunn)

SPECIAL REFEREE COMMENTS  
TO WATERMASTER QUARTERLY  
PROGRESS REPORT

On October 1, 1998, Special Referee received the Chino Basin Watermaster's Quarterly Progress Report for the period ending September 30, 1998. Special Referee provides these brief comments in response.

The Quarterly Report provides that a more detailed list of "problems" will be presented to the Court at the November 5<sup>th</sup> hearing (Quarterly Report at 2:9-10). It would be more useful, however, to receive the detailed list prior to the November 5<sup>th</sup> hearing in order to provide an opportunity for review and comment by the Special Referee and the Court.

Tasks 1, 2 and 3 are described as being the same as the first three sections of the Optimum Basin Management Plan ("OBMP") (Quarterly Report at 2:18-20). Based on the previously submitted scope of work and the draft sections 1 and 2, tasks 1 and 2 are separate documents from sections 1 and 2. Special Referee has not been provided a draft of tasks 1 and 2. Section 3 and task 3, Special Referee understands, have been condensed into one document.

Watermaster has also indicated that it will act on a staff recommendation regarding production data from well meters in the near future (Quarterly Report at 3:14-16). The Report should reflect that the Judgment directs Watermaster to meter the wells (1978 Judgment at ¶¶ 21 and 47).

The Quarterly Report also references a current water quality monitoring program (Quarterly Report at 3:17-19). Special Referee is not aware of any current water quality monitoring program.

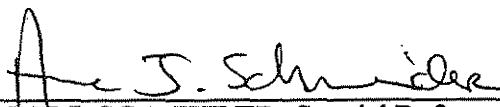
1 The Watermaster then indicates water quality monitoring can begin prior to OBMP approval. It is  
2 unclear how this water quality monitoring differs from the "current water quality monitoring  
3 program."

4 Watermaster further indicates groundwater level monitoring can currently be conducted;  
5 however, there is no start date provided for the monitoring (Quarterly Report at 4:5). Water quality  
6 monitoring and groundwater level monitoring would be useful in the development of the OBMP and  
7 there does not appear to be any impediment to conducting the monitoring.

8 Generally, the Watermaster continues to work diligently on the OBMP.

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10 DATED: October 8, 1998

11 Respectfully submitted,

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