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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10 FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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12 CHINO BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT,
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Plaintiff,
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vs.
15 CITY OF CHINO, ET AL.,
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Defendants.

Case No: RCVRS 51010
*Assigned for All Purposes to:
Honorable Stanford E. Reichert*
**DECLARATION OF COURTNEY JONES
IN SUPPORT OF JOINDER FILED BY
THE CITY OF ONTARIO IN CHINO'S
MOTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES
PAID TO THE AGRICULTURAL POOL**

[Concurrently Filed with Ontario's Joinder in
Chino's Motion for Reimbursement; Proposed
Order]

Date: February 4, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Department: S35

1 **DECLARATION OF COURTNEY JONES**

2 I, Courtney Jones, declare:

3 1. I am the Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs Director for the City of Ontario
4 (“Ontario”), a member agency of the Appropriative Pool (“AP”) and a party in the above-
5 captioned case. I have held this position with Ontario for nine months and worked for Ontario
6 for three and a half years. I am a licensed Civil Engineer in California. As the Water Resources
7 and Regulatory Affairs Director, I am responsible for Ontario’s water resources, production, and
8 water quality. In connection with my management role for Ontario, I closely follow and
9 regularly participate in matters involving the Chino Basin Watermaster. I attend Watermaster
10 meetings, including meetings of the Watermaster Board of Directors, the Advisory Committee,
11 and the AP Committee. I am well-familiar with matters involving the Watermaster and the AP,
12 including Watermaster proceedings pertaining to the Agricultural Pool Committee’s
13 (“Agricultural Pool’s”) legal and other expenses incurred in recent years and the resulting Court
14 proceedings. I am familiar with the Watermaster budgeting process and personally review
15 Watermaster budgets and assessment invoices issued to Ontario based on the information
16 provided by Watermaster. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if
17 called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the facts stated herein.

18 2. Despite many objections made and the legal challenge brought by AP member
19 agencies including Ontario to the Agricultural Pool’s legal expenses, as discussed at length in
20 various papers filed with the Court by AP members and the AP starting in September 2020, the
21 Agricultural Pool has never provided unredacted or minimally redacted invoices supporting its
22 claims for legal expenses. Ontario takes the position that it has a responsibility as a public
23 entity and public water supplier to ensure that expenses passed along to the public through its
24 water rates are adequately documented and justified as being appropriate and payable by
25 Ontario.

26 3. Ontario pays Watermaster assessments invoiced to Ontario, which include
27 amounts assessed under Paragraph 5.4(a) of the Peace Agreement to support Agricultural Pool
28 Special Projects. Ontario fully paid such amounts to support Agricultural Pool Special Projects

1 in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Ontario also pays assessments invoiced to Ontario that
2 help fund other Watermaster activities. For example, Ontario paid assessments supporting the
3 Watermaster administrative reserve fund in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. (The
4 Agricultural Pool does not pay assessments to support the administrative reserve fund.) To the
5 extent Watermaster used assessments paid by Ontario to cover legal expenses incurred by the
6 Agricultural Pool in fiscal years 2019-20 and/or 2020-21, Ontario is seeking reimbursement,
7 refunding, and/or repayment of such funds by the Agricultural Pool.

8 4. Watermaster transmits notices of assessment to AP members including Ontario
9 for Agricultural Pool legal expenses. These assessments are based solely on the Agricultural
10 Pool's unilateral budget determinations. Watermaster asserted to the Court, and the Court
11 agreed, that Watermaster serves as the "mailman" for purposes of these assessments.
12 Watermaster does not approve the Agricultural Pool's legal expense budget, as shown by the
13 highlighted language on page 5 of **Exhibit "A"** hereto, which is a true and correct copy of a
14 Watermaster staff report from an Appropriative Pool meeting that I attended on May 13, 2021.

15 5. For fiscal year 2019-20, the Agricultural Pool initially budgeted \$300,000 for its
16 legal expenses. At that time, as confirmed by Exhibit A, it was not Watermaster's practice or
17 procedure to issue assessment invoices showing each AP member's individual amount or share
18 for the Agricultural Pool's legal expenses. Agricultural Pool legal expenses were lumped in
19 with other amounts invoiced to AP members including Ontario.

20 6. Ontario fully paid Watermaster assessments that included Ontario's share of the
21 \$300,000 initial Agricultural Pool legal budget for fiscal year 2019-20. Based on information
22 provided by Watermaster and presented with the motion for reimbursement filed by the City of
23 Chino on January 3, 2021 – specifically, the supporting Declaration of John Schatz and its
24 attached email from Watermaster's General Manager Peter Kavounas – Ontario paid \$61,132 to
25 Watermaster for Ontario's share of the \$300,000.

26 7. Throughout 2020 efforts to resolve the dispute regarding the Agricultural Pool's
27 legal expenses were ineffectual. Representatives of Ontario participated in meetings with
28 Agricultural Pool representatives and wrote multiple letters to the Agricultural Pool and

1 Watermaster objecting to the Agricultural Pool's legal expenses and requesting documentation.
2 When the Agricultural Pool sought additional amounts totaling approximately \$229,009 for its
3 legal expenses incurred in fiscal year 2019-20, the AP formally objected. **Exhibit "B"** hereto is
4 a true and correct copy of the minutes of an AP meeting that I attended on August 13, 2021,
5 where the AP's objection was reported out of closed session.

6 8. Despite such objections, in 2020 Watermaster transferred \$63,314 from the
7 Special Projects Fund (8471) to the Agricultural Pool's legal budget to pay for the Agricultural
8 Pool's increased legal services in fiscal year 2019-20.

9 9. In addition to making an objected-to internal budget transfer of \$63,314, in
10 September 2020 Watermaster mailed invoices for new assessments to AP members in the total
11 amount of \$165,694.75, all of which was earmarked specifically for Agricultural Pool legal
12 expenses. Ontario paid its share of these new assessments into escrow.

13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
14 foregoing is true and correct.

15 Executed this 10th day of January, 2022, at Ontario, California.

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17 *Courtney Jones*

18 _____
19 Courtney Jones

EXHIBIT “A”



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PETER KAVOUNAS, P.E.
General Manager

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 13, 2021
TO: AP/ONAP/OAP Committee Members
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget (Business Item II.C.)
SUMMARY:

Issue: A budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 needs to be approved.

Recommendation: Recommend Advisory Committee approval of the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget as presented.

Financial Impact: The Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget expenses are \$8,249,309 (excluding any Carryover Funds).

Future Consideration

Appropriative Pool – May 13, 2021: Review and recommend
Non-Agricultural Pool – May 13, 2021: Review and recommend
Agricultural Pool – May 13, 2021: Review and recommend
Advisory Committee – May 20, 2021: Approval
Watermaster Board – May 27, 2021: Adoption (Advisory Committee Approval Required)

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – May 13, 2021:
Non-Agricultural Pool – May 13, 2021:
Agricultural Pool – May 13, 2021:
Advisory Committee – May 20, 2021:
Watermaster Board – May 27, 2021:

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BACKGROUND

To prepare a budget of anticipated expense each year, Watermaster staff conducts meetings internally and with consultants to discuss upcoming projects and anticipated work. As the budget is developed, the related budgeted expenses are continually refined. The following budget related meetings were held during the past few months:

- The Personnel Committee met on November 4, 2020 to discuss and review the current organization structure, staffing levels, compensation and benefits structure, anticipated FY 2021/22 labor costs, personnel policies and other related items.
- In early February 2021, the Executive Manager of Finance and Administration/AGM of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Ms. Christina Valencia, was contacted via email and requested the Debt Service budget for FY 2021/22 be provided to Watermaster in mid-March.
- Peter Kavounas, Joseph Joswiak, Edgar Tellez Foster, Justin Nakano, and Anna Nelson met with the West Yost Associates staff on February 16, 2021 for an Engineering Services budget workshop to discuss the ongoing engineering-related activities required by the Judgment, the Peace Agreements, Court orders, the Basin Plan, as well as other upcoming engineering activities.
- During the period of March through April 2021, Watermaster staff held numerous additional meetings and discussions with staff from West Yost Associates regarding the Engineering Services budget and expected engineering activities for FY 2021/22.
- Watermaster staff has had numerous meetings and discussions with staff from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck regarding the Legal Services budget and expected legal activities for FY 2021/22.
- The Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee has met on a quarterly basis to review the anticipated costs of operations and maintenance activities and develop the scope of activities for the upcoming FY 2021/22 budget as recommended by IEUA. The last meeting was held on February 23, 2021.
- The Ground Level Monitoring Committee met on March 4, 2021 to review and recommend a scope and budget for the Ground Level Monitoring Program for FY 2021/22. The Technical Memorandum issued regarding the proposed recommendation for the scope and budget for the Ground Level Monitoring Committee for FY 2021/22 was issued on February 26, 2021 with a revised Technical Memorandum issued on March 25, 2021.
- The Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee met on March 10, 2021 to review and recommend a scope and budget for the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program for FY 2021/22. The Technical Memorandum issued regarding the proposed recommendation for the scope and budget for the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program for FY 2021/22 was issued on February 24, 2021.
- The Recharge Investigations and Projects Committee RIPComm (formerly IEUA/CBWM Joint Projects Committee and RMPU Steering Committee) has met every third Thursday of the month since November 2013, with the last monthly meeting being held on September 21, 2017. At this meeting, it was decided that the committee would meet every quarter, with most recent quarterly meetings being held on January 21, 2021 and April 15, 2021. The purpose of these meetings is to review ongoing capital projects and future years' capital expense projections, and SRF loan and other financing activities.

From all these various committees and groups, and other input from operations staff, Watermaster developed the Proposed FY 2021/22 Budget versions dated March 23, 2021, April 6, 2021, and the April 16, 2021 Corrected version. The March 23, 2021 version proposed a budget amount of \$9,492,375; the April 6, 2021 version proposed a budget of \$8,561,475; while the April 16, 2021 Corrected version proposed a budget amount of \$8,249,309.

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DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, Watermaster conducted the Budget Release to the Advisory Committee meeting using GoToMeeting video conference technology. The meeting started at 10:00am and provided an overview of the Proposed FY 2021/22 Budget (March 23, 2021 version) of \$9,492,375 and provided information on the highlights of the proposed budget.

The presentation provided instruction on where to locate the budget files on the Watermaster website and how they could be reviewed and downloaded, the drivers and how those drivers become expenses, the assessment process, how the budget is developed, budget highlights, various budget comparison tables, the estimated assessment calculation, and future actions.

The three Category sections of the budget were described as Administrative, OBMP, and OBMP Implementation Projects (Program Elements 1-9). A comparison of the proposed budget to the previous year budget was provided. The presentation continued and detailed the five Classification sections of the budget which are Labor/Burden, Legal Services, Engineering Services, Debt Service, Recharge Basin O&M, and All Other Expenses. The methodology of how Watermaster calculates the estimated assessment amounts (Admin and OBMP) along with other items to be on the assessment invoice was provided and explained.

Attendees at the meeting were requested to email their budget related questions or comments to Joseph Joswiak, similar to the process that has been followed for the last several years. Watermaster received several questions on the proposed budget from Monte Vista Water District via email on April 1, 2021. Watermaster prepared responses to the MVWD emails and posted these to the Watermaster website on Friday, April 2, 2021.

The Watermaster Budget Workshop #1 was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 using GoToMeeting video conference technology. Representatives from West Yost Associates, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, and IEUA were available at the meeting to discuss and answer any questions related to their specific areas of activities within the proposed budget. The meeting started at 1:00pm and the Proposed Budget of \$8,561,475 for FY 2021/22 (April 6, 2021 version) was presented in detail. The presentation provided instruction on where to locate the budget files on the Watermaster website and how they could be reviewed and downloaded, the drivers and how those drivers become expenses, a commitments chart, how the budget is developed, the assessment process, an explanation of how the three Pool funds their legal services and that these amounts are not part of the Watermaster budget, various budget comparison tables, and the Engineering services.

The April 6, 2021 version shows a reduction of \$930,900 from the March 23, 2021 version which is the result of removing the AP, ONAP, and OAP Legal Services, Special Fund, and Meeting Compensation (if applicable) from the Watermaster administrative budget. Each Pool acts independently as to its own Legal Services, Special Fund, and Meeting Compensation (if applicable). These costs are not part of the Watermaster's Administrative budget. Moving forward, all of these costs will be billed as a separate item(s) on the invoices. For clarity of tracking, each Pool will have its own Fund account. The Fund balances will be provided as part of the monthly B-5 Financial report. When the balance in a Pool's Fund account reaches zero, no further payments will be issued. Each Pool may replenish its Fund accounts at its discretion.

The first budget workshop was scheduled for two hours and at the end of the allotted time, the discussion had not been completed regarding the Engineering Services budget. It was agreed that the remaining sections of the Engineering Services budget, as well as all of the other components of the budget, would be discussed at Workshop #2. Attendees at the meeting were requested to email their budget related questions or comments to Joseph Joswiak, similar to the process that has been followed for the last several years.

The Watermaster Budget Workshop #2 was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 using GoToMeeting video conference technology. Representatives from West Yost Associates, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck,

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and IEUA were available on the meeting to discuss and answer any questions related to their specific areas of activities within the proposed budget. The meeting started at 1:00pm and the Proposed Budget of \$8,562,475 for FY 2021/22 (April 6, 2021 version) was continued from Workshop #1. The remaining sections of the Engineering Services budget were completed, and the presentation continued with discussion on the Legal Services, Labor Costs, Recharge Debt Service, Recharge O&M, Estimated Assessment, and Future Actions.

A "Corrected" April 16, 2021 version was created which removed \$312,166 of Carry-Over funding that had been inadvertently included in the Engineering Services budget .

The chart below provides a comparison between the March 23, 2021 Proposed FY 2021/22 budget totaling \$9,492,375 and the April 16, 2021 Proposed FY 2021/22 budget totaling \$8,249,309.

EXHIBIT “B”

MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEETING
August 13, 2020

The Appropriative Pool meeting was held by GoToMeeting (conference call and web meeting) on August 13, 2020.

APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT ON CALL

John Bosler, Chair	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cris Fealy, Vice Chair	Fontana Water Company
Cris Fealy	Nicholson Family Trust
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Steven Ledbetter for Rosemary Hoerning	City of Upland
Steven Ledbetter for Rosemary Hoerning	West End Consolidated Water Co.
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Josh Swift	Fontana Union Water Company
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company
Justin Scott-Coe for Van Jew	Monte Vista Water District
Justin Scott-Coe for Van Jew	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Ben Lewis	Golden State Water Company
Todd Minten	Santa Ana River Water Company

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Peter Kavounas	General Manager
Vanessa Aldaz	Administrative Assistant
Janine Wilson	Senior Accountant

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT ON CALL

Joseph Joswiak	Chief Financial Officer
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Dir.
Anna Nelson	Executive Services Director
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON CALL

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Samantha Adams	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc
Carolina Sanchez	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc

OTHERS PRESENT ON CALL

John Schatz	John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law
Kevin O'Toole	Orange County Water District
Randall Reed	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Praseetha Krishnan	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino
Marilyn Levin	State of California – DOJ
Joshua Aguilar	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Pete Hall	State of California – CIM
Sylvie Lee	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jimmy Gutierrez	Jimmy L. Gutierrez, A Law Corporation
Amanda Coker	City of Chino
Brian Geye	California Speedway Corporation

Christopher Quach
Scott Burton
David De Jesus
Eduardo Espinoza
Kaitlyn Dodson-Hamilton
Shawnda Grady
Steve Nix
Tom O'Neill
Mark Gibboney

City of Ontario (Non-Ag)
City of Ontario
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Tom Dodson & Associates
Ellison Schneider Harris & Donlan LLP
City of Upland
Chino Basin Desalter Authority
Cucamonga Valley Water District

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bosler called the Appropriative Pool meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(0:01:25) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

(0:04:10) Mr. Kavounas announced that there was a request from the Pool for Business Item II.C., 2020 OBMP CEQA – Increased Scope of Work (Discussion Only) to be given first during the Business Item portion of the agenda.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Note: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless any members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Special Meeting held July 1, 2020
2. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Meeting held July 9, 2020
3. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Special Meeting held July 14, 2020
4. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Special Meeting held July 20, 2020

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of June 2020
2. Watermaster VISA Check Detail for the month of June 2020
3. Combining Schedule for the Period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
4. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020
5. Budget vs. Actual Report for the Period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
6. Cash Disbursements for July 2020 (Information Only)

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction:

The purchase of 66.4 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company's Excess Carryover Account. Golden State Water Company is utilizing this transaction to produce its West End Consolidated Water Company shares. Date of application: June 18, 2020.

(0:04:36)

Motion by Mr. Ron Craig, seconded by Mr. Cris Fealy, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. OAP LEGAL EXPENSE INCREASE

Offer advice and assistance to Watermaster on issuing invoices to the Appropriative Pool Parties for the \$167,000 unreimbursed increase, allocated on the basis of the "Ag Pool Reallocation".

(0:42:42) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued. See reportable action provided under Confidential Session below.

B. FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET TRANSFER FORM (T-20-06-01)

Recommend Advisory Committee Approve Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget Transfer Form (T-20-06-01) as presented.

(0:44:35) Mr. Joswiak gave a report. A discussion ensued. See reportable action provided under Confidential Session below.

C. 2020 OBMP CEQA – INCREASED SCOPE OF WORK (DISCUSSION ONLY)

No recommendation at this time.

(0:05:38) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report. A discussion ensued. No action was taken on this item.

D. DATA AND MODELING REVIEW OF THE CHINO VALLEY MODEL

Offer advice and assistance toward the proposed process.

(0:55:57) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report.

E. PROCEDURE AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CHINO VALLEY MODEL

Offer advice and assistance on the proposed draft procedure.

(0:58:45) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

F. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2020 OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Offer advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board.

(1:03:08) Mr. Tellez Foster gave a report.

G. THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBMPU STATUS REPORT

Offer advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board.

(1:06:20) Mr. Kavounas gave a report. A discussion ensued.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. San Bernardino County Superior Court Emergency Order
2. July 10, 2020 Hearing
3. September 25, 2020 Hearing
4. Ely 3 Basin Update

(1:10:46) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER REPORT

1. Ground-Level Monitoring Committee – Meeting Summary
2. OCWD Monitoring Wells in Prado Basin
3. 97-005 Study Results

(1:15:19) Mr. Malone gave a report.

C. CFO REPORT

None

D. GM REPORT

- 1. Status report: OAP Contest
- 2. Watermaster Business Plan
- 3. Other

(1:22:51) Mr. Kavounas gave a report.

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 Bosler called for a confidential session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 1. Ag Expenses
- 2. Ag Contest
- 3. OBMP IP/PAA and Related Matters

(1:26:08) Confidential session concluded at 11:55 a.m. with the following reportable actions:

Business Item II.A., OAP Legal Expense Increase, and Business Item II.B., Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget Transfer Form (T-20-06-01):

Consistent with the purpose of the Pools offering advice and assistance to Watermaster pursuant to the Special Joint Pool Committee April 11, 2009 memorandum, because the Agricultural Pool's budget increase remains in dispute and the Appropriative Pool continues to extend invitations to the Ag Pool to meet regarding Ag's expenses, pending a meeting, response to requests for information relating to Ag's expenses or other resolution of the dispute, the Appropriative Pool is opposed to the budget increase and related funds transfer.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bosler adjourned the Appropriative Pool meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: September 10, 2020

Attachment:

- 1. 20200813 Appropriative Pool Confidential Session Motion for Business Items II.A. and II.B.

**Attachment 1 - 20200813 Appropriative Pool Confidential Session Motion
Business Items II.A. and II.B**

From: John Schatz <jschatz13@cox.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:49 PM

To: Anna Nelson <atruongnelson@cbwm.org>; Peter Kavounas <PKavounas@cbwm.org>

Cc: John Bosler <JohnB@cvwdwater.com>; Cris Fealy <cifealy@fontanawater.com>

Subject: Chino Basin; Confidential Session Reportable Action

Consistent with the purpose of the Pools offering advice and assistance to Watermaster pursuant to the Special Joint Pool Committee April 11, 2009 memorandum, because the Agricultural Pool's budget increase remains in dispute and the Appropriative Pool continues to extend invitations to the Ag Pool to meet regarding Ag's expenses, pending a meeting, response to requests for information relating to Ag's expenses or other resolution of the dispute, the Appropriative Pool is opposed to the budget increase and related funds transfer.

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Case No. RCVRS 51010

Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I declare that:

I am employed in the County of San Bernardino, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730; telephone (909) 484-3888.

On January 11, 2022 I served the following:

1. DECLARATION OF COURTNEY JONES IN SUPPORT OF JOINDER FILED BY THE CITY OF ONTARIO IN CHINO'S MOTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES PAID TO THE AGRICULTURAL POOL

/ X / BY MAIL: in said cause, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed with postage thereon fully prepaid, for delivery by United States Postal Service mail at Rancho Cucamonga, California, addresses as follows:

See attached service list: Mailing List 1

/ ___ / BY PERSONAL SERVICE: I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the addressee.

/ ___ / BY FACSIMILE: I transmitted said document by fax transmission from (909) 484-3890 to the fax number(s) indicated. The transmission was reported as complete on the transmission report, which was properly issued by the transmitting fax machine.

/ X / BY ELECTRONIC MAIL: I transmitted notice of availability of electronic documents by electronic transmission to the email address indicated. The transmission was reported as complete on the transmission report, which was properly issued by the transmitting electronic mail device.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on January 11, 2022 in Rancho Cucamonga, California.



By: Janine Wilson
Chino Basin Watermaster

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