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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

CHINO BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF CHINO, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No. RCV RS 51010

[Assigned for All Purposes to the Honorable Stanford E. Reichert]

DECLARATION OF BRADLEY J. HERREMA IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR COURT APPROVAL OF UPDATE TO WATERMASTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Date: April 8, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept.: S35

[Notice of Motion and Motion for Court Approval of Update to Watermaster Rules and Regulations; and [Proposed] Order filed concurrently herewith]

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DECLARATION OF BRADLEY J. HERREMA

I, Bradley J. Herrema, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before all of the courts of this State, and am a shareholder in the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, counsel of record for Chino Basin Watermaster (“Watermaster”). I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration, except where stated on information and belief, and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to them under oath. I make this declaration in support of the above-referenced request.

2. As legal counsel for Watermaster, I am familiar with Watermaster’s practices and procedures, as well as actions taken by the Pool Committees, Advisory Committee, and Watermaster Board.

3. Watermaster’s Rules and Regulations were previously most recently updated in October 2019, pursuant to the approval of the Advisory Committee and the Watermaster Board. The 2019 Update to the 2001 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations is the version of the Rules and Regulations presently in effect.

4. Following the Court’s July 21, 2021 Order Regarding Implementation of the Local Storage Limitation Solution (“LSLS Order”), Watermaster initiated an effort to update its Rules and Regulations pursuant to and consistent with the LSLS Order. Watermaster also proposed updates to the Rules and Regulations consistent with this Court’s Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Resent, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 (“Safe Yield Order”).

5. Watermaster staff prepared and circulated a draft of the 2022 Update to the 2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations (“2022 Update”) to the Parties to the Judgment on November 10, 2021, and requested submittal of any comments by December 10, 2021.

6. The State of California and the City of Ontario submitted comments on the draft 2022 Update to Watermaster on December 10, 2021. (See attached Exhibit C.) Watermaster responded to these comments by revising the draft where appropriate. Watermaster included the revised draft in the agenda package for the January Pool and Advisory Committee meetings.

1 Watermaster received no additional comments prior to the deadline.

2 7. On January 11, 2022, the City of Chino and Monte Vista Water District submitted
3 comments to the 2022 Update. (See attached Exhibit C.) Watermaster staff responded to these
4 comments at the January 13, 2022 Appropriative Pool Committee meeting. These comment
5 letters did not result in any changes to the draft of the 2022 Update. Watermaster presented the
6 draft 2022 Update to the Pool Committees at their January 13 meetings. The Pool Committee
7 members did not comment further at these meetings.

8 8. At the Advisory Committee meeting on January 20, 2022, the City of Chino stated
9 that it was not satisfied with Watermaster staff's response to its comment letter at the January 13,
10 2021 Appropriative Pool Committee meeting and that its concerns were not addressed.

11 9. The Advisory Committee approved the 2022 Update by a 95.83% majority vote at
12 its January 20, 2022 meeting, with the City of Chino dissenting.

13 10. Watermaster General Manager Peter Kavounas and I met with the City of Chino's
14 representative and its counsel to further discuss its concerns on January 21, 2022.

15 11. The Watermaster Board considered and unanimously approved the 2022 Update at
16 its January 27, 2022 regular meeting. No Party expressed opposition at that time and I am not
17 aware of any unresolved concerns or opposition to the 2022 Update.

18 12. The 2022 Update deletes references to pre-existing groundwater storage
19 agreements because these quantities are the subject of storage agreements that have been
20 approved since the 2001 Rules and Regulations were adopted and because the Maximum Local
21 Storage Quantity includes all of the Parties' projected managed storage (carryover, excess
22 carryover, and supplemental water) through June 30, 2035.

23 13. A copy of Watermaster's proposed 2022 Update is attached as Exhibit A.

24 14. A redline comparison of the 2022 Update to the current version is attached as
25 Exhibit B.

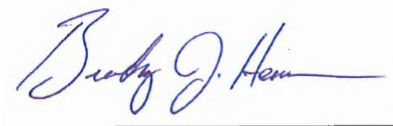
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 4th day of February, 2022, at Redondo Beach, California.



Bradley J. Herrema

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EXHIBIT A

*Declaration of Bradley J. Herrema ISO Watermaster's Motion for Court Approval of Update to Watermaster Rules and Regulations
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**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

2022 Update to October 2019 version

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**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.0 Title.

This document shall be known and may be referred to as the "2022 Update to the 2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations" adopted pursuant to the Judgment.

1.1 Definitions.

As used in these Rules and Regulations, these terms, including any grammatical variations thereof shall have the following meanings.

- (a) "Active Parties" means all parties to the Judgment other than those who have filed a written waiver of service of notices with Watermaster, pursuant to Paragraph 58 of the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(a).]
- (b) "Adjusted Physical Production" shall have the definition given in section 7.5(b)(iv).
- (c) "Agricultural Pool" shall have the meaning of Overlying (Agricultural) Pool as used in the Judgment and shall include all its members. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(a).]
- (d) "Agricultural Pool Committee" shall mean the designated representatives and alternates who serve on behalf of the Agricultural Pool.
- (e) "Annual or Year" means a fiscal year, July 1 through June 30 following, unless the context shall clearly indicate a contrary meaning. [Judgment ¶ 4(b).]
- (f) "Annual Production Right" means the total amount of water available to the Appropriative Pool in any year from all available sources (e.g., Carry-Over Water, assigned share of Operating Safe Yield, Transfers, New Yield, water Recaptured from Storage, land-use conversions, Early Transfer) which Watermaster shall determine can be Produced by the members of the Appropriative Pool free of a Replenishment Obligation.
- (g) "Answer" means the written response that may be filed to a Complaint or the reply to a Contest pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (h) "Applicant" means a person that files an Application for Watermaster approval of an action pursuant to Article X.
- (i) "Application" means a request filed by any person pursuant to the provisions of Article X, seeking (i) Watermaster approval of Recharge, Transfer, Recapture or Qualifying Storage operations or activities or (ii) for Watermaster approval of a credit or reimbursement.

- (j) "Appropriative Pool" shall have the meaning as used in the Judgment and shall include all its members. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(b).]
- (k) "Basin Water" means Groundwater within the Chino Basin which is part of the Safe Yield, Operating Safe Yield, New Yield), or Replenishment Water in the Basin as a result of operations under the Physical Solution decreed in the Judgment. Basin Water does not include "Stored Water" under the Judgment and the Peace Agreement. [Judgment ¶ 4(d).]
- (l) "Best Efforts" means reasonable diligence and reasonable efforts under the totality of the circumstances. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(d).] Note: a rule of construction applies to this definition. See section 1.2(e) below.
- (m) "CBWCD" means the Chino Basin Water Conservation District. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(e).]
- (n) "Carry-Over Right" means the annual unpumped share of Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield that is reserved to be pumped first the following year by the members of the Non-Agricultural Pool and the Appropriative Pool respectively. [Based on the Judgment Exhibit "G" ¶ 7 and Exhibit "H" ¶ 12.]
- (o) "Carry-Over Water" means the un-Produced water in any year that may accrue to a member of the Non-Agricultural Pool or the Appropriative Pool and that is Produced first each subsequent Fiscal Year or stored as Excess Carry-Over. (Judgment Exhibit H ¶ 12.)
- (p) "CEQA" means the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq; 14 California Code of Regulations 15000 et seq. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(f).]
- (q) "Chino Basin" or "Basin" means the Groundwater basin underlying the area shown on Exhibit "B" to the Judgment and within the boundaries described on Exhibit "K" to the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(f) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(g).]
- (r) "Chino Basin Watershed" means the surface drainage area tributary to and overlying Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 4(g) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(h).]
- (s) "Chino I Desalter," also known as the SAWPA Desalter, means the Desalter owned and operated by PC 14 with a present capacity of approximately eight (8) million gallons per day (mgd) and in existence on the Effective Date. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(i).]
- (t) "Chino I Desalter Expansion" means the planned expansion of the Chino I Desalter from its present capacity of approximately eight (8) mgd to a capacity of up to fourteen (14) mgd. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(j).]

- (u) "Chino II Desalter" means a new Desalter not in existence on the Effective Date with a design capacity of approximately ten (10) mgd, to be constructed and operated consistent with the OBMP and to be located on the eastside of the Chino Basin. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(k).]
- (v) "Chino North Management Zone" means the Chino North Management Zone, as it is illustrated in the 2004 Basin Plan amendment (Regional Water Quality Control Board Resolution R8-2004-0001, "Resolution Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin to Incorporate an Updated Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Nitrogen Management Plan for the Santa Ana Region Including Revised Groundwater Subbasin Boundaries, Revised TDS and Nitrate-Nitrogen Quality Objectives for Groundwater, Revised TDS and Nitrogen Wasteload Allocations, and Revised Reach Designations, TDS and Nitrogen Objectives and Beneficial Uses for Specific Surface Waters").
- (w) "Committee(s)" means any of the Pool Committees or the Watermaster Advisory Committee as the context may compel.
- (x) "Complainant" means a party to the Judgment that files a Complaint pursuant to Article X.
- (y) "Complaint" means a claim filed by a party to the Judgment with Watermaster pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (z) "Contest" means an objection filed by a party to the Judgment pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (aa) "Contestant" means a party to the Judgment that files a Contest pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (bb) "Court" means the court exercising continuing jurisdiction under the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(1).]
- (cc) "Court's Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021" shall mean the Court's Findings and Order Re Motion Regarding Implementation of the Local Storage Limitation Solution, dated July 21, 2021.
- (dd) "Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019" shall mean the Court's Findings and Order Regarding Amendments to Restated Judgment, Peace Agreement, Peace II Agreement, and Re-Operation Schedule, dated March 15, 2019.
- (ee) "Date of Execution" means the first day following the approval and execution of the Peace Agreement by the last Party to do so which date is August 1, 2000. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(m).]

- (ff) "Desalter" and "Desalters" means the Chino I Desalter, Chino I Desalter Expansion, the Chino II Desalter, related facilities and Future Desalters, consisting of all the capital facilities and processes that remove salt from Basin Water, including extraction wells, transmission facilities for delivery of groundwater to the Desalter, Desalter treatment and delivery facilities for the desalted water including pumping and storage facilities, and treatment and disposal capacity in the SARI System. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(n).]
- (gg) "Early Transfer" means the reallocation of Safe Yield in accordance with the Peace Agreement where water from the Agricultural Pool is made available to the Appropriative Pool on an annual basis. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(o).]
- (hh) "Effective Date" refers to the Effective Date of the Peace Agreement and means October 1, 2000. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(p).]
- (ii) "Excess Carry-Over Water" means Carry-Over Water which in aggregate quantities exceeds a party's share of Safe Yield in the case of the Non-Agricultural Pool, or the assigned share of Operating Safe Yield in the case of the Appropriative Pool, in any year.
- (jj) "Future Desalters" means enlargement of the Chino I Desalter to a capacity greater than the Chino I Expansion or enlargement of the Chino II Desalter and any other new Desalter facilities that may be needed to carry out the purposes of the OBMP over the term of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(q).]
- (kk) "General law" means all applicable state and federal laws. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(r).]
- (ll) "Groundwater" means all water beneath the surface of the ground. [Judgment ¶ 4(h) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(s).]
- (mm) "Groundwater Storage Agreement" means either a Local Storage Agreement or an agreement in connection with a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (nn) "Hydraulic Control" means the reduction of groundwater discharge from the Chino North Management Zone to the Santa Ana River to de minimus quantities. [Peace II Agreement § 1.1(b).]
- (oo) "Hydrologic Balance" means the maintenance of total inflow at a level generally equivalent to total outflow as measured over an appreciable period of time that is sufficient to account for periodic changes in climate and watershed, basin and land management conditions.
- (pp) "IEUA" means the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, referred to in the Judgment as Chino Basin Municipal Water District. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(t).]

- (qq) "In-lieu Recharge" means taking supplies of Supplemental Water in lieu of pumping groundwater otherwise subject to Production as an allocated share of Operating Safe Yield, as provided in Exhibit "H" Paragraph 11 of the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(u).]
- (rr) "Judgment" means the Judgment dated January 27, 1978, in San Bernardino County Case No. 164327 (redesignated as San Bernardino County Case No. RCV RS51010) as restated pursuant to Order Adopting Restated Judgment, dated September 27, 2012, amended pursuant to Order Approving Amendments to Restated Judgment and Rules and Regulations Regarding Compensation of Watermaster Board Members, dated August 22, 2014, Orders for Watermaster's Motion Regarding 2015 Safe Yield Reset Agreement, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated April 28, 2017, Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019, Order Granting Motion for Court Approval of Amendments to Restated Judgment Regarding Compensation of Watermaster Pool and Advisory Committee Members, dated June 26, 2020, Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020, and other such amendments. [See Peace Agreement § 1.1(v).]
- (ss) "Leave Behind" means a contribution to the Basin from water held in storage within the Basin under a Storage and Recovery Agreement that may be established by Watermaster from time to time that may reflect any or all of the following: (i) actual losses; (ii) equitable considerations associated with Watermaster's management of storage agreements; and (iii) protection of the long-term health of the Basin against the cumulative impacts of simultaneous recovery of groundwater under all storage agreements. [Peace II Agreement § 1.1(c).]
- (tt) "Local Imported Water" is water from any origin, native or foreign which was not available for use or included in the calculation of Safe Yield of the Chino Basin at the time the Judgment was entered. [Based on Judgment 49(c).] Local Imported Water is reported by Watermaster in its annual report.
- (uu) "Local Storage" means water held in a storage account pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement between a party to the Judgment and Watermaster. Local Storage accounts may consist of: (i) a Producer's unproduced Excess Carry-Over Water or (ii) a party to the Judgment's Supplemental Water, up to a cumulative maximum of one hundred thousand (100,000) acre-feet for all parties to the Judgment stored in the Basin on or after July 1, 2000 or (iii) that amount of Supplemental Water previously stored in the Basin on or before July 1, 2000 and quantified in accordance with the provisions and procedures set forth in Section 7.2 of these Rules and Regulations, or (iv) that amount of water which is or may be stored in the Basin pursuant to a Storage Agreement with Watermaster which exists and has not expired before July 1, 2010. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(x).] As to that portion of the Maximum Local Storage Quantity in excess of the initial 500,000 AF Safe

Storage Capacity, Local Storage accounts may consist of Producers' Excess Carry-Over Water or parties' to the Judgment's Supplemental Water.

- (vv) "Local Storage Agreement" means a Groundwater Storage Agreement for Local Storage.
- (ww) "Material Physical Injury" means material injury that is attributable to the Recharge, Transfer, Storage and Recovery, management, movement or Production of water, or implementation of the OBMP, including, but not limited to, degradation of water quality, liquefaction, land subsidence, increases in pump lift (lower water levels) and adverse impacts associated with rising Groundwater. Material Physical Injury does not include "economic injury" that results from other than physical causes. Once fully mitigated, physical injury shall no longer be considered to be material. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(y).]
- (xx) "Maximum Local Storage Quantity" means the maximum quantity of water that may be held in Local Storage, when combined with Carry-Over Water, is 700,000 acre-feet until June 30, 2030. After June 30, 2030, the Maximum Local Storage Quantity shall be reduced to 620,000 acre-feet until June 30, 2035. [Court's Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021.]
- (yy) "Metropolitan Water District" or "MWD" means the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(z).]
- (zz) "Minimal Producer" means any producer whose Production does not exceed ten (10) acre-feet per year. [Judgment ¶ 4(j).]
- (aaa) "New Yield" means proven increases in yield in quantities greater than historical amounts from sources of supply including, but not limited to, capture of rising water, capture of available storm flow, operation of the Desalters and related facilities, induced Recharge and other management activities implemented and operational after June 1, 2000. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(aa).]
- (bbb) "Non-Agricultural Pool" shall have the meaning as used in the Judgment for the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool and shall include all its members. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(bb).]
- (ccc) "OBMP" means the Optimum Basin Management Program, which consists of the OBMP Phase I Report and the OBMP Implementation Plan, which shall be implemented consistent with the provisions of Article V of the Peace Agreement. [July 13, 2000 Court Order.]
- (ddd) "OBMP Assessments" means assessments levied by Watermaster for the purpose of implementing the OBMP. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(cc).] Note: a rule of construction applies to this definition. See section 1.2(f) below.

- (eee) "OBMP Implementation Plan" means Exhibit "B" to the Peace Agreement, as supplemented by the 2007 Supplement thereto.
- (fff) "OCWD" means the Orange County Water District. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(dd).]
- (ggg) "Operating Safe Yield" means the annual amount of Groundwater which Watermaster shall determine, pursuant to criteria specified in Exhibit "I" to the Judgment, can be Produced from Chino Basin by the Appropriative Pool parties free of Replenishment obligation under the Physical Solution. [Judgment ¶ 4(1) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ee).]
- (hhh) "Overdraft" means a condition wherein the total annual Production from the Basin exceeds the Safe Yield thereof, as provided in the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(m) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ff).]
- (iii) "Overlying Right" means the appurtenant right of an owner of lands overlying Chino Basin to Produce water from the Basin for overlying beneficial use on such lands. [Judgment ¶ 4(n).]
- (jjj) "PC 14" means Project Committee No. 14, members of SAWPA, composed of IEUA, WMWD, and OCWD, pursuant to Section 18 of the SAWPA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement which now constitutes the executive Authority through which SAWPA acts with respect to the Chino I Desalter and other facilities, programs and projects. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(ll).]
- (kkk) "Party" or "Parties" means a Party to the Peace Agreement or Peace II Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(gg); Peace II Agreement § 1.1(e).]
- (lll) "Party" or "parties to the Judgment" means a party to the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(hh).]
- (mmm) "Peace Agreement" means the agreement dated June 29, 2000 among various parties to the Judgment identified therein and approved by Watermaster, as amended by the First Amendment to Peace Agreement dated September 2, 2004, the Second Amendment to Peace Agreement, dated September 21, 2007, and as shown in Attachment A to the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019.
- (nnn) "Peace II Agreement" means the agreement dated September 21, 2007 among various parties to the Judgment identified therein and approved by Watermaster, as amended as shown in Attachment A to the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019.
- (ooo) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, governmental authority, water district and other entity of whatever nature including

but not limited to the State of California and the Department of Water Resources. [Judgment ¶ 4(o).]

- (ppp) "Physical Solution" shall have the meaning of the Physical Solution as described in the Judgment.
- (qqq) "Produce" or "Produced" means to pump or extract groundwater from the Chino Basin. [Judgment 4(q) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ii).]
- (rrr) "Producer" means any person who Produces water from the Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 4(r) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(jj).]
- (sss) "Production" means the annual quantity, stated in acre-feet, of water Produced from the Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 4(s) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(kk).]
- (ttt) "Public Hearing" means a hearing of Watermaster held pursuant to the Judgment other than as provided in Article X herein.
- (uuu) "Qualifying Storage" means the storage of Supplemental Water, Excess Carry-Over Water after July 1, 2010 or to participate in a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (vvv) "Qualifying Storage Agreement" means an agreement with Watermaster to store Supplemental Water, Excess Carry-Over Water after July 1, 2010 or to store water by participation in a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (www) "Recapture" and "Recover" means the withdrawal of water stored in the Basin under a Groundwater Storage Agreement.
- (xxx) "Recharge" and "Recharge Water" means the introduction of water into the Basin, directly or indirectly, through injection, percolation, delivering water for use in-lieu of Production or other method. Recharge references the physical act of introducing water into the Basin. Recharge includes Replenishment Water but not all Recharge is Replenishment Water. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(nn).] Note: a rule of construction applies to this definition. See section 1.2(g) below.
- (yyy) "Recycled Water" means water which, as a result of treatment of wastewater, is suitable for a direct beneficial use or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is therefore considered a valuable resource, referred to as "reclaimed water" in the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(u) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(pp).]
- (zzz) "Re-Operation" means the controlled overdraft of the Basin by the managed withdrawal of groundwater Production for the Desalters and the potential increase in the cumulative un-replenished Production from 200,000 acre-feet authorized by paragraph 3 of the Engineering Appendix Exhibit I to the Judgment, to 600,000 acre-feet for the express purpose of securing and maintaining Hydraulic Control as a component of the Physical Solution. [Peace II Agreement § 1.1(d).] The Court-

approved schedule for access to Re-Operation water during the period of 2013-14 through 2029-30 is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

- (aaaa) "Reset Technical Memorandum" means the memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A," which sets forth the methodology pursuant to which the Safe Yield is evaluated or reset.
- (bbbb) "Replenishment Obligation" means the quantity of water that Watermaster must purchase to replace Production by any Pool during the preceding Fiscal Year which exceeds that Pool's allocated share of Safe Yield or Operating Safe Yield in the case of the Appropriative Pool. The quantity of a Producer's Over-Production and the Replenishment Obligation is determined after Watermaster takes into account any Transfers of water or any Recovery from storage in the same year, and takes into account the Appropriative Pool obligation as a result of the implementation of the Peace Agreement, if any. [Judgment ¶ 45.]
- (cccc) "Replenishment Water" means Supplemental Water used to Recharge the Basin pursuant to the Physical Solution, either directly by percolating the water into the Basin or indirectly by delivering the water for use in-lieu of Production and use of Safe Yield or Operating Safe Yield. [Judgment ¶ 4(v) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(oo).]
- (dddd) "Responsible Party" means the owner, co-owner, lessee or other person(s) designated by multiple parties interested in a well as the person responsible for purposes of filing reports with Watermaster pursuant to the Judgment ¶ 4(w). [Judgment, ¶ 4(w).]
- (eeee) "Rules and Regulations" means this 2022 Update to the 2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations as authorized pursuant to the Judgment, adopted by the Watermaster on January 27, 2022 and as they may be amended from time to time. They are to be distinguished from the previous Watermaster Rules and Regulations that were repealed and replaced by the same action adopting and approving these Rules and Regulations.
- (ffff) "Safe Yield" means the long-term average annual quantity of groundwater (excluding Replenishment Water or Stored Water but including return flow to the Basin from use of Replenishment or Stored Water) which can be Produced from the Basin under cultural conditions of a particular year without causing an undesirable result. [Judgment ¶ 4(x) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(qq).]
- (gggg) "SAWPA" means the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(ss).]
- (hhhh) "Sphere of Influence" has the same meaning as set forth in Government Code Section 56076.

- (iii) "Storage and Recovery Program" means the use of the available storage capacity of the Basin by any person under the direction and control of Watermaster pursuant to a Court approved Groundwater Storage Agreement but excluding "Local Storage," including the right to export water for use outside the Chino Basin and typically of broad and mutual benefit to the parties to the Judgment. [Peace Agreement §1.1(uu).]
- (jjjj) "Stored Water" means Supplemental Water held in storage, as a result of direct spreading, injection or in-lieu delivery, for subsequent withdrawal and use pursuant to a Groundwater Storage Agreement with Watermaster. [Judgment ¶ 4(aa) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(vv).]
- (kkkk) "Supplemental Water" means water imported to Chino Basin from outside the Chino Basin Watershed and Recycled Water. [Judgment ¶ 4(bb) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(wv).]
- (llll) "Transfer" means the assignment (excepting an assignment by a member of the Non-Agricultural Pool or the Agricultural Overlying Pool), lease, or sale of a right to Produce water to another Producer within the Chino Basin or to another person or entity for use outside the Basin upon the person's intervention in conformance with the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(xx).]
- (mmmm) "TVMWD" means Three Valleys Municipal Water District (referred to in the Judgment as Pomona Valley Municipal Water District). [Peace Agreement § 1.1(yy).]
- (nnnn) "Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations" (UGRR) means the Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations that were in effect on December 31, 2000.
- (oooo) "Watermaster" means Watermaster as the term is used in the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1 (zz).]
- (pppp) "WMWD" means Western Municipal Water District. [Judgment ¶ 4(cc) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(bbb).]

1.2 Rules of Construction

- (a) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
 - (i) The plural and singular forms include the other;
 - (ii) "Shall," "will," "must," and "agrees" are each mandatory;
 - (iii) "may" is permissive;
 - (iv) "or" is not exclusive;

- (v) "includes" and "including" are not limiting; and
- (vi) "between" includes the ends of the identified range.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to any agreement, document, instrument, or report means such agreement, document, instrument or report as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof
- (d) Except as specifically provided herein, reference to any law, statute, ordinance, regulation or the like means such law as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part and in effect from time to time, including any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. [Peace Agreement § 1.2.]
- (e) "Best Efforts" as defined in section 1.1 (k) above, shall be construed to mean that indifference and inaction do not constitute Best Efforts. However, futile action(s) are not required. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(d).]
- (f) OBMP Assessments as defined in section 1.1(zz) above, shall be deemed Administrative Expenses under Paragraph 54 of the Judgment. OBMP Assessments do not include assessments levied as provided in Section 5.1(g) of the Peace Agreement. Upon the expiration of the Peace Agreement, no conclusion of "general benefit" may be drawn based upon the manner in which the assessments have been made during the term of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(cc).]
- (g) The definition of the terms Recharge and Recharge Water in section 1.1(ttt) above, shall not be construed to limit or abrogate the authority of CBWCD under general law. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(nn).]
- (h) The right of a party to receive a credit if Watermaster compels a Groundwater Production facility to be shut down and/or moved under section 4.5 below, shall not be construed in determining the extent of Watermaster's authority under the Judgment, if any, to compel the shut-down of a well.
- (i) These Rules and Regulations should not be construed as placing any limitation on the export of Supplemental Water other than as may be provided in the Judgment, except as may be necessary as a condition to prevent Material Physical Injury (see specifically section 8.3 below).

1.3 Consistency with Judgment, Peace Agreement, and Peace II Agreement. These Rules and Regulations shall be construed consistent with the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, and the Peace II Agreement. In the event of a conflict between these Rules and Regulations and the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, or the Peace II Agreement, the Judgment, the Peace

Agreement, and Peace II Agreement shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between the Peace Agreement, or the Peace II Agreement and the Judgment, the Judgment shall control.

- 1.4 No Prejudice. No provision of these Rules and Regulations shall be used to construe the power and authority of the Advisory Committee or the Watermaster Board inter-se under the Judgment.
- 1.5 Amendment of Rules. These Rules and Regulations may be amended by Watermaster only upon the prior approval of the Watermaster Advisory Committee.
- 1.6 Repeal of Existing Rules and Regulations. Watermaster's existing Rules and Regulations are repealed upon the adoption of this 2022 Update to the 2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations and along with the previously repealed Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations, they will have no further force and effect. However, all other rules and regulations, which includes the Rules for the Advisory Committee and for each of the three Pools, shall remain in effect.

ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATION

- 2.0 Principal Office. The principal office of Watermaster shall be the Chino Basin Watermaster business office, currently located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730, telephone number 909-484-3888, fax number 909-484-3890, and e-mail info@cbwm.org, or at such other location or locations as may be designated from time to time by Watermaster Resolution and filed with the Court.
- 2.1 Records. The minutes of Watermaster meetings shall be open to inspection and maintained at the principal office. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37(d).] Copies of minutes may be obtained upon payment of the duplication costs thereof. Copies of other records may be obtained on the payment of the duplication costs thereof and pursuant to Watermaster policy. Watermaster shall maintain a website (presently www.cbwm.org). Watermaster Staff shall publish those records and other matters that it deems to be of interest to the parties to the Judgment, the general public or the Court on its website.
- 2.2 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held at the principal office of Watermaster pursuant to Watermaster policy at such time(s) as may be contained in the necessary notice(s) thereof [Based on Judgment ¶ 37 (b).] As a matter of policy, Watermaster shall generally operate in accordance with the provisions of the California Open Meetings Law (Brown Act). However, in the event of conflict, the procedures set forth in these Rules and Regulations shall control.
- 2.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of the Watermaster Board by delivering notice thereof at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time of each such meeting in the case of personal delivery (including faxes and e-mail), and ninety-six (96) hours in the case of mail. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37 (c).]
- 2.4 Adjournment. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum may so adjourn from time to time. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted forthwith on or near the door of the place where the meeting was held. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37 (e).]
- 2.5 Public Meetings/Hearings. All meetings, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public unless they are properly designated as a confidential session. Whenever a Public Hearing shall be required therein, written notice of such public hearing containing the time, date and place of Public Hearing, together with the matter to be heard thereat, shall be given to all Active Parties and each such person who has requested, in writing, notice of such meeting, at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing. At such Public Hearing, evidence shall be taken with regard to only the matters noticed, unless a sufficient urgency shall exist to the contrary, and full findings and decisions shall be issued and made available for public inspection. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section 2.5, the provisions of Article X shall control when applicable.

2.6 Confidential Sessions.

- (1) The Watermaster Board may hold confidential sessions authorized by this Rule .A confidential session may be held by the Watermaster Board and, at a minimum, the chairs of the three Pools (Appropriative, Agricultural and Non-Agricultural) to, in a manner consistent with the Judgment:
 - (i) meet with counsel to discuss or act on pending or threatened litigation involving Watermaster; or
 - (ii) discuss personnel matters of Watermaster employees involving individual employees; or
 - (iii) discuss contract negotiations involving Watermaster.
- (2) Minutes shall not be taken for confidential sessions of the Watermaster Board, but a confidential memorandum shall be prepared to describe attendance and votes on decisions.
- (3) Notice of confidential sessions of the Watermaster Board shall be as provided in section 2.7.
- (4) A report on any action taken at the confidential session of the Watermaster Board shall be given both immediately following the conclusion of the confidential session and at the next regular meeting of the Watermaster Board.
- (5) The Advisory Committee may hold a confidential session on any matter authorized by its own resolution.

2.7 Notice. Notices shall be given in writing to all Active Parties and each such person who has requested notice in writing, and shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting. Notice may be provided by either facsimile or e-mail delivery if the party so consents to such delivery. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37(c).] Delivery of notice shall be deemed made on the date personally given or within ninety-six (96) hours of deposit thereof in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to the designee and at the address in the latest designation filed by such person. Copies of all notices shall be published on the Watermaster website. Watermaster will maintain a current list of the names of active parties and their addresses for the purpose of providing service, and will maintain a current list of the names and addresses of all parties to the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 58.]

2.8 Quorum. A majority of the Board acting as Watermaster shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the affairs or business. [Based on Judgment ¶ 35.]

2.9 Voting Procedures. Only action by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Watermaster Board present and acting as Watermaster shall be effective. All actions may

be adopted by voice vote, but upon demand of any member of a Board acting as Watermaster, the roll shall be called and the ayes and noes recorded in the minutes of the proceedings. Every member of a Board acting as Watermaster, in attendance, unless disqualified by reason of an opinion of the Watermaster counsel that the member of the board has a conflict of interest, shall be required to vote.

2.10 Conflict of Interest. Watermaster is an interest based governing structure in which various interests must be represented in decision-making. It is expected and preferred that each interest be allowed to participate in Watermaster decisions except as provided in these Rules and Regulations. Each member of the Watermaster Board or the Advisory Committee shall vote on matters before the Board or Advisory Committee unless that member has a conflict of interest as described in this Rule or other provision of general law. No member of the Watermaster Board or Advisory Committee may vote, participate in meetings or hearings pertaining to, or otherwise use his or her position to influence a Watermaster decision in which he knows or has reason to know he has both a direct personal and financial interest.

(a) Subject to the qualification provided for in section 2.10(b) herein, a member of the Watermaster Board or Advisory Committee is deemed to have a direct personal and financial interest in a decision where it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material effect on the Watermaster member, members of his or her immediate family, or the Watermaster member's other business, property, and commercial interests.

(b) To be classified as a direct personal and financial interest, the particular matter must be distinguishable from matters of general interest to the respective pool (Appropriative, Non-Agricultural, or Agricultural) or party to the Judgment, which the Watermaster member has been appointed to represent on the Watermaster Board or Advisory Committee. The member must stand to personally gain discrete and particular advantage from the outcome of the decision beyond that generally realized by any other person or the interests he or she represents. Moreover, Watermaster representatives are expressly intended to act in a representative capacity for their constituents. A member of the Board or Advisory Committee shall not be considered to have a discrete and particular financial advantage unless a decision may result in their obtaining a financial benefit that is not enjoyed by any other person. In those instances where the Board member or Advisory Committee member does have a conflict of interest, that respective interest may be represented by that interest's designated alternate and the Board or Advisory Committee member with the identified conflict of interest may address the Board or Committee or participate in the hearing or meeting as a party to the Judgment.

2.11 Minutes. The secretary (or in the absence thereof any person so designated at said meeting) shall cause the preparation and subscription of the minutes of each meeting and make available a copy thereof to all Active Parties and each person who has filed a request for copies of all minutes or notices in writing. The minutes shall constitute notice of all actions

therein reported. Unless a reading of the minutes is ordered by a majority of the members of the Board acting as Watermaster, minutes may be approved without reading. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37(d).] Watermaster shall publish a copy of its minutes on the Watermaster website.

- 2.12 Rules of Order. Except as may be provided herein, the procedures of the conduct of any meeting shall be governed by the latest revised edition of Roberts' Rules of Order. However, such rules, adopted to expedite the transaction of the business in an orderly fashion, are deemed to be procedural only and failure to strictly observe such rules shall not affect the jurisdiction or invalidate any action taken at a meeting that is otherwise held in conformity with law.
- 2.13 Compensation. Members of Watermaster shall receive compensation from Watermaster for attendance at meetings, regular or special, in an amount as approved by the Court, together with reasonable expenses related to the respective activities thereof, subject to applicable provisions of law. A Watermaster Board member has three Options with regard to payment of compensation. Option 1 is have the payment payable directly to the Board member under the Board member's name; Option 2 is to have the payment payable directly to the Board member's employer/agency; and Option 3 is for the Board member to waive the compensation payment. Option 1 or 2 requires completion and submission of a signed W •9 form. [Based on Judgment ¶ 18 (as amended).]
- 2.14 Employment of Experts and Agents. Watermaster may employ or retain such administrative, engineering, geologic, accounting, legal or other specialized personnel and consultants as it may deem appropriate and shall require appropriate bonds from all officers and employees handling Watermaster funds. Watermaster shall maintain records for purposes of allocating costs of such services as well as of all other expenses of Watermaster administration as between the several pools established by the Physical Solution of the Judgment. No member of the Watermaster Advisory Committee or any Pool Committee may be employed or compensated by Watermaster for professional or other services rendered to such committee or to Watermaster other than as provided in section 2.13 above. [Based on Judgment ¶ 20.]
- 2.15 Acquisition of Facilities. Watermaster may purchase, lease, acquire and hold all necessary facilities and equipment; provided, that it is not the intent of the Judgment that Watermaster acquire any interest in real property or substantial capital assets. [Judgment ¶ 19 and Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).]
- 2.16 Investment of Funds. Watermaster may hold and invest all Watermaster funds in investments authorized from time to time for public agencies of the State of California, taking into consideration the need to increase the earning power of such funds and to safeguard the integrity thereof. [Based on Judgment ¶ 23.]
- 2.17 Borrowing. Watermaster may borrow from time to time, amounts not to exceed the annual anticipated receipts of Watermaster during such year. [Judgment ¶ 24.]

- 2.18 Contracts. Watermaster may enter into contracts and agreements for the performance of any of its powers pursuant to the Judgment.
- 2.19 Cooperation with Other Agencies. Watermaster may, subject to the prior recommendation of the Advisory Committee, act jointly or cooperate with agencies of the United States of America, and the State of California or any political subdivisions, municipalities, districts or any person to the end that the purpose of the Physical Solution of the Judgment may be fully and economically carried out. [Based on Judgment ¶ 26.]
- 2.20 Annual Administrative Budget. Watermaster shall submit to the Advisory Committee, after Pool Committee review and approval, an administrative budget and recommendation for action for each subsequent Fiscal Year on or before March 1. The Advisory Committee shall review and submit the budget and their recommendations to Watermaster on or before April 1, next following. Watermaster shall hold a public hearing on the budget which was approved by Advisory Committee at an April meeting of each year and adopt the annual administrative budget which shall include the administrative items for each committee. The administrative budget shall set forth budgeted items in sufficient detail as necessary to make a proper allocation of expenses among the several pools, together with Watermaster's proposed allocation. The budget shall contain such additional comparative information or explanation as the Advisory Committee may recommend from time to time. Expenditures within the budgeted items may thereafter be made by Watermaster in the exercise of its powers, as matter of course. Any budget transfer in excess of 20% of a budget category, or modification of the administrative budget during any year shall be first submitted to the Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. [Based on Judgment ¶ 30.]
- 2.21 Annual Report. Watermaster shall prepare and make available an annual report, which shall be filed on or before January 31 of each year and shall contain details as to the operation of each of the pools, a certified audit of all assessments and expenditures pursuant to the Physical Solution of the Judgment and a review of Watermaster activities. [Based on Judgment ¶ 48.] The annual report shall generally include an update on the status of the parties' efforts to implement the OBMP. On a biannual basis, the annual report shall include an engineering appendix which contains a more specific "state of the Basin" report including an update on the status of individual OBMP related activities such as monitoring results and Watermaster's analysis of Hydrologic Balance. The annual report shall also include a compilation of any amendments to these Rules and Regulations made by Watermaster during the prior twelve (12) months and serve as notice to the Court of the amendments.
- 2.22 Studies. Watermaster may, with concurrence of the Advisory Committee or affected Pool Committee and in accordance with Paragraph 54(b) of the Judgment, undertake relevant studies of hydrologic conditions, both quantitative and qualitative, and operating aspects of implementation of the Chino Basin OBMP. [Judgment ¶ 27.]
- 2.23 Demonstrated CEQA Compliance. Watermaster shall not approve any request made under the Judgment or these Rules and Regulations where the proposed action also constitutes a

"project" within the meaning of CEQA unless the Watermaster finds that the person requesting Watermaster approval has demonstrated CEQA compliance.

- 2.24 Notice of Litigation. Watermaster shall provide reasonable notice to the parties to the Judgment of any threatened or existing litigation affecting Watermaster or that challenges the legality, validity, or enforceability of the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the OBMP Implementation Plan or the Rules and Regulations.
- 2.25 Defense of Judgment. Watermaster shall reasonably defend the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, the OBMP Implementation Plan, and these Rules and Regulations against challenges brought by persons who are not parties to the Judgment. These costs incurred by Watermaster in defending the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, the OBMP Implementation Plan, and these Rules and Regulations shall be considered a Watermaster general administrative expense. However, the State of California shall not be obligated to reimburse Watermaster for any legal or administrative costs incurred in such defense. [Based on Peace Agreement § 4.1.]
- 2.26 Written Reports. All reports required to be provided by Watermaster under these Rules and Regulations shall be provided in written form unless the context requires otherwise.
- 2.27 Interventions. Watermaster will receive and make recommendations regarding petitions for intervention and accumulate them for filing with the Court from time to time. [Judgment ¶ 60 and Order re Intervention Procedures, July 14, 1978.]
- 2.28 Advisory Committee and Pool Administration. Administration of each of the three Pools is not governed by these Rules and Regulations. Each of these entities has its own rules and shall thereby be governed by those rules. The Advisory Committee shall also be governed by its own rules and procedures. However, when these Rules and Regulations make express reference to the Advisory Committee and the context requires such a construction, these Rules and Regulations shall control.

ARTICLE III MONITORING

- 3.0 Scope. Watermaster will carry out the monitoring activities described under Program Element 1 of the OBMP and, as described in the OBMP Implementation Plan. Monitoring procedures not described by this Article III, shall be implemented through the development of appropriate Watermaster policies and procedures as necessary. Any such policies and procedures adopted by resolution or minute action shall be reported to the Court in Watermaster's annual report.
- 3.1 Meters. This section sets forth Watermaster's rules and procedures for monitoring Groundwater Production by metering.
- (a) Reporting. Any person Producing in excess of ten (10) acre-feet per year shall install and maintain in good operating condition, at the cost of each such person except as provided in (b) below, such meters as Watermaster may deem necessary. Any such measuring device shall be subject to regular inspection and testing as the Watermaster may, from time to time, require, but at a minimum every two years. [Judgment ¶ 21.]
 - (b) Watermaster shall provide a meter testing service with a complete line of carefully calibrated test equipment. Any Producer may request an evaluation of any or all of its water meters at any time. Watermaster shall only pay for tests initiated by Watermaster and for all tests on meters owned by Watermaster
 - (c) Agricultural Pool Meters.
 - (i) Any assessment levied by Watermaster on the members of the Agricultural Pool to fund the installation of meters which is set forth in the Judgment, paragraph 21 regarding metering, shall be paid by the Appropriative Pool. Members of the Agricultural Pool, shall have no obligation to pay for or assume any duty with regard to the installation of meters. The obligation to install and maintain and replace meters on wells owned or operated by members of the Agricultural Pool shall be that of the Watermaster. [Peace Agreement § 5.6(a).]
 - (ii) Agricultural Pool meters shall be installed within thirty-six (36) months of the Date of Execution. Watermaster shall be responsible for providing the meter, as well as paying the cost of any installation, maintenance, inspection, testing, calibrating and repairing. The members of the Agricultural Pool shall provide reasonable access during business hours to a location reasonably appropriate for installation, inspection, testing, calibrating and repairing of a meter. [Peace Agreement § 5.6(b).] However, the State of California reserves its right to continue to install, operate, maintain, inspect, test and repair its own meters on wells owned or operated

by the State, unless it consents to installation by Watermaster in which case Watermaster assumes the cost. [Peace Agreement § 5.6(c).]

- (iii) Watermaster shall test every Agricultural Pool meter other than those owned by the State of California on an active well under Watermaster's jurisdiction at least once every two years.

3.2 Reporting by Producers. Each party, or Responsible Party Producing water from the Basin, shall file with Watermaster on forms provided therefore, a quarterly report of the total water Production of that Producer during the preceding calendar quarter, together with such additional information as Watermaster and/or the affected Pool Committee may require. The report shall be due on the 15th day of the month next succeeding the end of each respective calendar quarter, i.e., April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15, except for minimal Producers, whose reports are due annually by July 15. [Judgment ¶ 47.] Watermaster shall annually estimate the quantity of water Produced by "minimal producers" by any reasonable means, including but not limited to the use of a water duty factor dependent upon the type of use and/or acreage.

3.3 Error Corrections. All reports or other information submitted to Watermaster by the parties shall be subject to a four-year limitations period regarding the correction of errors contained in such submittals. In addition, all information generated by Watermaster shall be subject to the same four-year limitations period. All corrections to errors shall apply retroactively for no more than four years.

**ARTICLE IV
ASSESSMENTS, REIMBURSEMENTS AND CREDITS**

- 4.0 Scope. This Article sets forth Watermaster's rules and procedures regarding, assessments, reimbursements and credits.
- 4.1 Assessments. Watermaster shall levy assessments against the parties (other than Minimal Producers complying herewith) based upon Production during the preceding Production period. The assessment shall be levied by Watermaster pursuant to the pooling plan adopted for the applicable pool. [Based on Judgment ¶ 53.] Assessments shall cover the cost of Replenishment Water and the expenses of Watermaster administration which shall be categorized as either (a) general, or (b) special project expense.
- (a) General Administrative Watermaster Expense shall include office rental, general personnel expense, supplies and office equipment and related incidental expense and general overhead. [Judgment ¶ 54(a).]
 - (b) Special Project Expense shall consist of special engineering, economic or other studies, litigation expense, meter testing or other major operating expenses. Each such project shall be assigned a task order number and shall be separately budgeted and accounted for. [Judgment ¶ 54(b).]
 - (c) General Watermaster administrative expense shall be allocated and assessed against the respective pools based upon allocations made by the Watermaster, who shall make such allocations based upon generally-accepted cost accounting methods. [Judgment ¶ 54.]
 - (d) Special project expense shall be allocated to a specific pool, or any portion thereof, only upon the basis of prior express assent and finding of benefit by the appropriate Pool Committee, or pursuant to written order of the Court. [Judgment ¶ 54.]
 - (e) Minimal Producers shall be exempted from payment of assessments upon filing of the Production reports referred to in section 3.2 hereof and payment of an annual five dollar (\$5.00) administrative fee with the annual Production report. [Based on Judgment ¶ 52.] In addition, any Minimal Producer who is a member of the Appropriative Pool or the Non-Agricultural Pool and who has no quantified right to Produce water, shall pay a replenishment assessment upon the water that it Produces.
 - (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Watermaster shall levy assessments for the 6,500 acre-feet per year as provided in section 5.1(g) of the Peace Agreement and the cost and allocation of this Supplemental Water shall be apportioned pro rata among the members of the Appropriative Pool under the Judgment according to the Producer's assigned share of Operating Safe Yield. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(g)(ii) (inclusion

of word "Operating" to correct mis-phrasing of Peace Agreement as required by the context in the Peace Agreement).]

- 4.2 OBMP Assessments. Watermaster Assessments for implementation of the OBMP shall be considered a Watermaster Administrative Expense pursuant to paragraph 54 of the Judgment.
- 4.3 Assessment - Procedure. Assessments shall be levied and collected as follows:
- (a) Notice of Assessment. Watermaster shall give written notice of all applicable assessments to each party as provided in the Judgment not later than October 31 of each year [Judgment ¶ 55(a).];
 - (b) Payment. Each assessment shall be payable on or before thirty (30) days after the date of invoice, and shall be the primary obligation of the party or successor owning the water Production facility at the time written notice of assessment is given, even though prior arrangement for payment by others has been made in writing and filed with Watermaster [Judgment ¶ 55(b).]; and
 - (c) Delinquency. Any delinquent assessment shall incur a late charge of ten (10%) percent per annum (or such greater rate as shall equal the average current cost of borrowed funds to the Watermaster) from the due date thereof. Delinquent assessments and late charge may be collected in a show-cause proceeding instituted by the Watermaster, in which case the Court may allow Watermaster's reasonable cost of collection, including attorney's fees. [Judgment ¶ 55(c).]
- 4.4 Assessment Adjustments. The Watermaster shall make assessment adjustments in whole or in part for assessments to any Producer as a result of erroneous Production reports or otherwise as necessary for the reporting period as either a credit or debit in the next occurring assessment package unless otherwise decided by Watermaster.
- (a) All assessments will be based on the assumption that appropriate, timely filed and pending Applications will be approved by Watermaster. If any such Applications are not approved, a supplemental assessment may be levied.
 - (b) Assessment adjustments may be necessary due to overstated Production, understated Production, or errors in the assessment package discovered after the assessments have been approved.
 - (c) Watermaster may cause an investigation and report to be made concerning questionable reports of Production from the Basin.
 - (d) Watermaster may seek to collect delinquent assessments and interest in a show-cause proceeding in which case the Court may allow Watermaster its reasonable costs of collection, including attorney's fees. [Judgment ¶ 55(c).] Alternately,

Watermaster may bring suit in a court having jurisdiction against any Producer for the collection of any delinquent assessments and interest thereon. The court, in addition to any delinquent assessments, may award interest and reasonable costs including attorney's fees.

- 4.5 Credits Against OBMP Assessments and Reimbursements. Watermaster shall exercise reasonable discretion in making its determination regarding credits against OBMP Assessments and reimbursements, considering the importance of the project or program to the successful completion of the OBMP, the available alternative funding sources, and the professional engineering and design standards as may be applicable under the circumstances. However, Watermaster shall not approve such a request for reimbursement or credit against future OBMP Assessments under this section where the Producer or party to the Judgment was otherwise legally compelled to make the improvement. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(d).]
- (a) Any party to the Judgment may make Application for credits against OBMP assessments or for reimbursement by filing a timely Application pursuant to the provisions of this section and Article X of these Rules and Regulations.
 - (b) A party to the Judgment is eligible to be considered for credits or reimbursement for those documented capital, operations and maintenance expenses, including the cost of shutting down and/or relocating Groundwater Production facilities, that are reasonably incurred in the implementation of any project or program that carries out the purposes of the OBMP and specifically relates to the prevention of subsidence in the Basin, upon approval of the request by Watermaster. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(d), as amended.] The purposes of the OBMP shall be those goals set forth in the Phase I Report as implemented through the OBMP Implementation Plan in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. [July 13, 2000 Court Order.]
 - (c) Any Producer that Watermaster compels to shut down and/or move a Groundwater Production facility that is in existence on August 1, 2000 shall have the right to receive a credit against future Watermaster assessments or reimbursement up to the reasonable cost of the replacement Groundwater Production facility, including the legal rate of interest on California Judgments. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(e).] In its sole discretion, Watermaster may determine to issue full reimbursement upon approval of the Application or to issue a credit against future Watermaster assessments. However, in the event Watermaster elects to provide a credit in lieu of reimbursement, it must have fully compensated the Producer for the reasonable cost of the replacement Groundwater Production facility through any combination of credits and reimbursements within five years from the date of the Application, unless the Producer consents in writing to a longer period. Note: this section is subject to a rule of construction. See section 1.2(h) above.
 - (d) An Application to Watermaster for reimbursement or a credit against OBMP Assessments shall be considered timely, if and only if the Application has been

approved by Watermaster in advance of construction or the offer by a party to dedicate the facility to carry out the purposes of the OBMP as described in (b) above. [Based on Peace Agreement § 5.4(d).]

- 4.6 Agricultural Pool Assessments and Expenses. During the term of the Peace Agreement, all Assessments and expenses of the Agricultural Pool including those of the Agricultural Pool Committee shall be paid by the Appropriative Pool. This includes but is not limited to OBMP Assessments, assessments pursuant to paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 30, 42, 51, 53, 54 (both general administrative expenses and special project expenses), 55, and Exhibit F (Agricultural Pool Pooling Plan) of the Judgment except however in the event the total Agricultural Pool Production exceeds 414,000 acre-feet in any five consecutive year period as defined in the Judgment, the Agricultural Pool shall be responsible for its Replenishment Obligation pursuant to paragraph 45 of the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(a).]
- 4.7 Replenishment Assessments. Watermaster shall levy and collect assessments in each year, pursuant to the respective pooling plans, in the amount of the Replenishment Obligation (including any Desalter Replenishment) for any pool during the preceding year. [Based on Judgment ¶ 51.]
- 4.8 Desalter Replenishment Assessments and Credits. The price of Desalted water to a purchaser of Desalted water does not include the cost of Replenishment. The source of Replenishment shall be those provided in Article VII herein, Article VII of the Peace Agreement, and Article VI of the Peace II Agreement. However, a purchaser of Desalted water may elect to obtain a reduced Assessment levied by Watermaster by dedicating by Transfer, or assignment, some or all of its Production rights to Watermaster for the purpose of satisfying Desalter Replenishment. The amount of the credit granted by Watermaster shall be equal to the value of the cost of Replenishment Water then available from the MWD as interruptible, untreated water or the then prevailing value of the avoided Replenishment Obligation, whichever is less. For purposes of determining Replenishment assessments, water Produced by the Desalters shall be considered Production by the Appropriative Pool.
- 4.9 Consistency with Peace Agreement. The procurement of Replenishment Water and the levy of Assessments shall be consistent with the provisions of section 5.4(a) of the Peace Agreement.
- 4.10 OBMP Committee. Watermaster shall establish a subcommittee (OBMP Committee) for the purpose of coordinating fund raising efforts in furtherance of the OBMP.
- (a) The subcommittee shall hold a regularly scheduled meeting a minimum of once every quarter.
 - (b) Prior to each subcommittee meeting, Watermaster shall prepare a summary of the funds, loans or grants secured for the purpose of implementing the OBMP over the

past three months and distribute any information it may possess regarding the availability of other potential funds, loans or grants.

**ARTICLE V
PHYSICAL SOLUTION**

- 5.0 Scope. This Article generally sets forth the standards for Watermaster implementation of the Physical Solution established by the Judgment, including the application of these standards to Watermaster conduct and decisions under the Judgment, these Rules and Regulations and the OBMP.
- 5.1 Physical Solution. It is essential that this Physical Solution provide maximum flexibility and adaptability to use existing future, technological, social, institutional and economic options to maximize beneficial use of the waters of the Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 40.]
- 5.2 Watermaster Control. Watermaster, with the advice of the Advisory and Pool Committees, is granted discretionary powers in order to develop its OBMP. [Based on Judgment ¶ 41.]
- 5.3 Basin Management Parameters. Watermaster shall consider the following parameters in implementing the Physical Solution under Articles VI - X of these Rules and Regulations:
- (a) Pumping Patterns. Chino Basin is a common supply for all persons and agencies utilizing its waters. It is an objective in management of the Basin's waters that no Producer be deprived of access to said waters by reason of unreasonable pumping patterns, nor by regional or localized Recharge of Replenishment Water, insofar as such result may be practically avoided. [Judgment Exhibit "I".]
 - (b) Water Quality. Maintenance and improvement of water quality is a prime consideration and function of management decisions by Watermaster. [Judgment Exhibit "I".]
 - (c) Economic Considerations. Financial feasibility, economic impact and the cost of optimum use of the Basin's resources and the physical facilities of the parties are objectives and concerns equal in importance to water quantity and quality parameters. [Judgment Exhibit "I".]

ARTICLE VI
SAFE YIELD AND OPERATING SAFE YIELD

- 6.0 Scope. This Article sets forth the rules and procedures that are applicable to Watermaster's regulation, control, and management of Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield.
- 6.1 Annual Production Right. The Annual Production Right shall be calculated by Watermaster pursuant to the Judgment and the Peace Agreement.
- 6.2 New Yield. The Judgment provides that Safe Yield may need to be periodically adjusted based on more accurate and updated data and based on evidence of increased capture of native water and increased return flow from use of Replenishment or Stored Water. Safe Yield can only be re-determined periodically when long-term data or evidence is developed in support thereof. In order to encourage maximization of Basin Water under the Physical Solution, New Yield shall be accounted for by Watermaster in interim periods between re-determinations of Safe Yield.
- (a) Proven increases in yield in quantities greater than the historical level of contribution from certain Recharge sources may result from changed conditions including, but not limited to, the increased capture of rising water, increased capture of available storm flow, and other management activities. These increases are considered New Yield.
 - (b) To the extent the New Yield arises from conditions, programs or projects implemented and operational after July 1, 2000, it is available for allocation by Watermaster as a component of the Annual Production Right for each member of the Appropriative Pool.
 - (c) As part of the documentation for the assessments and annual report for each year, Watermaster will provide a summary and analysis of the historical recharge and whether there are changed conditions that have resulted in a quantity of New Yield.
 - (d) Except as described in section 6.2(f) below, pursuant to the Peace Agreement and the Peace II Agreement, any New Yield shall first be assigned to offsetting Desalter Replenishment Obligations in the immediately following year and as reasonably required to satisfy expected future Replenishment Obligations arising from the Desalter. If there is water in the Watermaster Desalter Replenishment Account to satisfy the Desalter Replenishment Obligation for the year, the New Yield shall be made available to the Appropriative Pool to satisfy a Replenishment Obligation consistent with section 7.5(a)(3) herein.
 - (e) New Yield is expected to result from a variety of conditions, including but not limited to enhanced Basin management, increased stormwater Recharge, induced Recharge from operation of the Desalters, injection, and changes in land use patterns. Watermaster has established an initial baseline quantity of stormflow

Recharged in the Basin under historical conditions in the amount of 5,600 acre-feet per year. Any party to the Judgment may request Watermaster to re-examine this initial estimate of the baseline quantity and to adjust the quantity in accordance with best available technology and substantial evidence.

- (f) The storm flow component of Recharge determined by Watermaster to be part of New Yield shall be allocated to the Appropriators according to their percentages of Safe Yield under the Judgment. Notwithstanding section 7.5(c) of the Peace Agreement, those amounts will continue to be dedicated in those percentages to the Appropriators if that storm flow Recharge is subsequently determined to be Safe Yield. [First Amendment to Peace Agreement, ¶ 2.]

6.3 Accounting of Unallocated Agricultural Portion of Safe Yield.

- (a) In each year, the 82,800 acre-feet being that portion of the Safe Yield made available to the Agricultural Pool under the Judgment, shall be made available in the following sequence:
 - (i) To the Agricultural Pool to satisfy all demands for overlying Agricultural Pool lands;
 - (ii) To supplement, in the particular year, water available from Operating Safe Yield to compensate for any reduction in the Safe Yield by reason of recalculation thereof;
 - (iii) To land use conversions that were completed prior to October 1, 2000;
 - (iv) To land use conversions that have been completed after October 1, 2000; and
 - (v) To the Early Transfer of the quantity of water not Produced by the Agricultural Pool that is remaining after all the land use conversions are satisfied pursuant to section 5.3(h) of the Peace Agreement from the Agricultural Pool to the Appropriative Pool in accordance with their pro-rata assigned share of Operating Safe Yield.
- (b) In the event actual Production by the Agricultural Pool exceeds 414,000 acre-feet in any five years, the Agricultural Pool shall procure sufficient quantities of Replenishment Water to satisfy over-Production obligations, whatever they may be.

6.4 Conversion Claims. The following procedures may be utilized by any Appropriator:

- (a) Record of Unconverted Agricultural Acreage. Watermaster shall maintain on an ongoing basis a record, with appropriate related maps, of all agricultural acreage

within the Chino Basin subject to being converted to appropriative water use pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph.

- (b) Record of Water Service Conversion. Any Appropriator who undertakes to permanently provide water service to any portion of a legal parcel subject to conversion shall report such change to Watermaster. Watermaster shall ensure that when a partial conversion occurs, that the water use on the acreage is properly metered. For all or any portion of the legal parcel that is proposed for conversion, Watermaster shall thereupon verify such change in water service and shall maintain a record and account for each Appropriator of the total acreage involved. Should, at any time, all or any portion of the converted acreage return to agricultural overlying use, Watermaster shall return such acreage that returns to agricultural use to unconverted status and correspondingly reduce or eliminate any allocation accorded to the Appropriator involved.

6.5 Recalculation of Safe Yield.

- (a) Prior Safe Yield Resets. Pursuant to the Court's Orders for Watermaster's Motion Regarding 2015 Safe Yield Reset Agreement, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated April 28, 2017, effective July 1, 2010 and continuing until June 30, 2020, the Safe Yield for the Basin was reset at 135,000 AFY. Pursuant to the Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020, effective July 1, 2020 and continuing until June 30, 2030, the Safe Yield for the Basin was reset at 131,000 AFY. For all purposes arising under the Judgment, the Peace Agreements and the OBMP Implementation Plan, the Safe Yield shall be 131,000 AFY, without exception, unless and until Safe Yield is reset in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 6.5, and determined by the Court pursuant to its retained continuing jurisdiction.
- (b) Scheduled Resets. Watermaster will initiate a process to evaluate and reset the Safe Yield by July 1, 2030 as further provided in this Section 6.5. Subject to the provisions of Section 6.5(c) below, the Safe Yield, as it is reset effective July 1, 2030 will continue until June 30, 2040. Watermaster will initiate the reset process, taking into account then prevailing best management practices and advances in hydrological science, no later than July 1, 2028, in order to ensure that the Safe Yield, as reset, may be approved by the court no later than June 30, 2030. (Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 at 15.) Watermaster must present its evaluation and recommendation regarding Safe Yield for the period July 1, 2030, and ending June 30, 2040, to the Parties to the Judgment no later than January 1, 2030. (Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 at 15.) Consistent with the provisions of the OBMP Implementation Plan, thereafter Watermaster will conduct a Safe Yield evaluation

and reset process no less frequently than every ten years. This Section 6.5(b) is deemed to satisfy Watermaster's obligation, under Paragraph 3.(b) of Exhibit "I" to the Judgment, to provide notice of a potential change in Operating Safe Yield.

- (c) Interim Correction. In addition to the scheduled reset set forth in Section 6.5(b) above, the Safe Yield may be reset in the event that:
 - (i) with the recommendation and advice of the Pools and Advisory Committee and in the exercise of prudent management discretion described in Section 6.5(e)(iii), below, Watermaster recommends to the court that the Safe Yield must be changed by an amount greater (more or less) than 2.5% of the then-effective Safe Yield.
 - (ii) The California State Water Resources Control Board develops water conservation measures prior to June 30, 2030, that result in a reduction in urban irrigation in the Chino Basin (i.e., reduced Evapotranspiration Adjustment Factors), as required by Water Code § 10609, et seq., that is reasonably likely to materially reduce recharge in the Chino Basin and such measures are determined to change the Safe Yield by more than 2.5% of the then-effective Safe Yield, and Watermaster moves the Court to reset the Safe Yield accordingly.(Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 at 15.)
- (d) Safe Yield Reset Methodology. The Safe Yield shall be subsequently evaluated pursuant to the methodology set forth in the Reset Technical Memorandum. The reset will rely upon long-term hydrology and will include data from 1921 to the date of the reset evaluation. The long-term hydrology will be continuously expanded to account for new data from each year, through July 2030, as it becomes available. This methodology will thereby account for short-term climatic variations, wet and dry. Based on the best information practicably available to Watermaster, the Reset Technical Memorandum sets forth a prudent and reasonable professional methodology to evaluate the then prevailing Safe Yield in a manner consistent with the Judgment, the Peace Agreements, and the OBMP Implementation Plan. In furtherance of the goal of maximizing the beneficial use of the waters of the Chino Basin, Watermaster, with the recommendation and advice of the Pools and Advisory Committee, may supplement the Reset Technical Memorandum's methodology to incorporate future advances in best management practices and hydrologic science as they evolve over the term of this order.
- (e) Annual Data Collection and Evaluation. In support of its obligations to undertake the reset in accordance with the Reset Technical Memorandum and this Section 6.5, Watermaster shall annually undertake the following actions:

- (i) Ensure that, unless a Party to the Judgment is excluded from reporting, all production by all Parties to the Judgment is metered, reported, and reflected in Watermaster's approved Assessment Packages;
 - (ii) Collect data concerning cultural conditions annually with cultural conditions including, but not limited to, land use, water use practices, production, and facilities for the production, generation, storage, recharge, treatment, or transmission of water;
 - (iii) Evaluate the potential need for prudent management discretion to avoid or mitigate undesirable results including, but not limited to, subsidence, water quality degradation, and unreasonable pump lifts. Where the evaluation of available data suggests that there has been or will be a material change from existing and projected conditions or threatened undesirable results, then a more significant evaluation, including modeling, as described in the Reset Technical Memorandum, will be undertaken; and,
 - (iv) As part of its regular budgeting process, develop a budget for the annual data collection, data evaluation, and any scheduled modeling efforts, including the methodology for the allocation of expenses among the Parties to the Judgment. Such budget development shall be consistent with section 5.4(a) of the Peace Agreement.
- (f) Modeling. Watermaster shall cause the Basin model to be updated and a model evaluation of Safe Yield, in a manner consistent with the Reset Technical Memorandum, to be initiated no later than January 1, 2024, in order to ensure that the same may be completed by June 30, 2025.
- (g) Peer Review. The Pools shall be provided with reasonable opportunity, no less frequently than annually, for peer review of the collection of data and the application of the data collected in regard to the activities described in Section 6.5(d), (e), and (f) above.
- (h) No Retroactive Accounting. Notwithstanding that the initial Safe Yield reset, described in Section 6.5(a) above, was effective as of July 1, 2010, Watermaster will not, in any manner, including through the approval of its Assessment Packages, seek to change prior accounting of the prior allocation of Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield among the Parties to the Judgment for Production Years prior to July 1, 2014.

ARTICLE VII RECHARGE

7.0 Scope. This Article sets forth the standards that are applicable to Watermaster's review of Recharge actions by all persons that may be subject to the Judgment as well as Watermaster's efforts to administer, direct, and arrange for Recharge in accordance with the Judgment.

7.1 In General

- (a) Watermaster shall administer, direct and arrange for the Recharge of all water in a manner pursuant to the Judgment, the Peace and Peace II Agreements and the OBMP in a manner that causes no Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Chino Basin. Nothing herein shall be construed as committing a Party to provide Supplemental Water upon terms and conditions that are not deemed acceptable to that party. This means that no party to the Judgment shall be individually and independently obligated to purchase or acquire Supplemental Water on behalf of another party to the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).] Applications to engage in Recharge activities shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Article X using the forms provided by Watermaster attached hereto as Appendix 1.
- (b) Watermaster shall exercise its Best Efforts to:
 - (i) Protect and enhance the Safe Yield of the Chino Basin through Replenishment and Recharge [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).];
 - (ii) Ensure there is sufficient Recharge capacity for Recharge water to meet the goals of the OBMP and the future water supply needs within the Chino Basin [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).];
 - (iii) Evaluate the long term Hydrologic Balance within all areas and subareas of the Chino Basin;
 - (iv) Make its initial report on the then existing state of Hydrologic Balance by July 1, 2003, including any recommendations on Recharge actions which may be necessary under the OBMP. Thereafter Watermaster shall make written reports on the long term Hydrologic Balance in the Chino Basin every two years;
 - (v) Use and consider the information provided in the reports under (iv) above, when modifying or updating the Recharge Master Plan and in implementing the OBMP;

- (vi) Evaluate the potential or threat for any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Chino Basin, including, but not limited to, any Material Physical Injury that may result from any Transfer of water in storage or water rights which is proposed in place of physical Recharge of water to Chino Basin in accordance with the provisions of section 5.3 of the Peace Agreement [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).];
 - (vii) Cooperate with owners of existing Recharge facilities to expand/improve/preserve Recharge facilities identified in the Recharge Master Plan; arrange for the construction of the works and facilities necessary to implement the quantities of Recharge identified in the OBMP Implementation Plan [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(ix)] and cooperate with appropriate entities to construct and operate the new Recharge facilities that are identified in the Recharge Master Plan;
 - (viii) Ensure that its Recharge efforts under the Recharge Master Plan are consistent with the Judgment, and the Peace Agreement;
 - (ix) Establish and periodically update criteria for the use of water from different sources for Replenishment purposes [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(v).];
 - (x) Ensure a proper accounting of all sources of Recharge to the Chino Basin [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(vi).];
 - (xi) Recharge the Chino Basin with water in any area where Groundwater levels have declined to such an extent that there is an imminent threat of Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(vii).];
 - (xii) Maintain long-term Hydrologic Balance between total Recharge and discharge within all areas and sub-areas [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(viii).]; and
 - (xiii) Use water of the lowest cost and the highest quality, giving preference as far as possible to the augmentation and the Recharge of native storm water. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(f).]
- (c) Recharge Master Plan. The Recharge Master Plan will address how the Basin will be contemporaneously managed to secure and maintain Hydraulic Control and subsequently operated at a new equilibrium at the conclusion of the period of Re-Operation. The Recharge Master Plan will be jointly approved by IEUA and Watermaster and shall contain recharge estimations and summaries of the projected water supply availability as well as the physical means to accomplish the recharge projections. Specifically, the Recharge Master Plan will reflect an appropriate schedule for planning, design, and physical improvements as may be required to

provide reasonable assurance that following the full beneficial use of the groundwater withdrawn in accordance with the Basin Re-Operation and authorized controlled overdraft, that sufficient Replenishment capability exists to meet the reasonable projections of Desalter Replenishment obligations. With the concurrence of IEUA and Watermaster, the Recharge Master Plan will be updated and amended as frequently as necessary with Court approval and not less than every five (5) years. [Peace II Agreement § 8.1.]

- (i) Coordination. The members of the Appropriative Pool will coordinate the development of their respective Urban Water Management Plans and Water Supply Master Plans with Watermaster as follows. [Peace II Agreement § 8.2.]
 - a) Each Appropriator that prepares an Urban Water Management Plan and Water Supply Plans will provide Watermaster with copies of its existing and proposed plans.
 - b) Watermaster will use the Urban Water Management Plans in evaluating the adequacy of the Recharge Master Plan and other OBMP Implementation Plan program elements.
 - c) Each Appropriator will provide Watermaster with a draft in advance of adopting any proposed changes to its Urban Water Management Plans and in advance of adopting any material changes to their Water Supply Master Plans respectively in accordance with the customary notification routinely provided to other third parties to offer Watermaster a reasonable opportunity to provide informal input and informal comment on the proposed changes.
 - d) Any Party that experiences the loss or the imminent threatened loss of a material water supply source will provide reasonable notice to Watermaster of the condition and the expected impact, if any, on the projected groundwater use.
- (ii) In preparation of the Recharge Master Plan, Watermaster will consider whether existing groundwater production facilities owned or controlled by producers within Management Zone 1 may be used in connection with an aquifer storage and recovery ("ASR") project so as to further enhance recharge in specific locations and to otherwise meet the objectives of the Recharge Master Plan. [Peace II Agreement § 8.4(d)(2).]
- (d) Watermaster shall not own Recharge projects, including but not limited to spreading grounds, injection wells, or diversion works. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).]

- (e) Watermaster may own and hold water rights in trust for the benefit of the parties to the Judgment. Subject to this exception, Watermaster shall not own land or interests in real property. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).] Watermaster shall obtain Court approval prior to acquiring any water rights in trust for the benefit of the parties to the Judgment. In addition, Watermaster shall conform all existing permits to ensure that title is held in trust for the benefit of the parties to the Judgment.
- (f) Watermaster shall arrange, facilitate and provide for Recharge by entering into contracts with appropriate persons, which may provide facilities and operations for physical Recharge of water as required by the Judgment and the Peace Agreement, or pursuant to the OBMP. Any such contracts shall include appropriate terms and conditions, including terms for the location and payment of costs necessary for the operation and maintenance of facilities, if any. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).]
- (g) Watermaster shall provide an annual accounting of the amount of Recharge and the location of the specific types of Recharge. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(j).]

7.2 Recharge of Supplemental Water. All Recharge of the Chino Basin with Supplemental Water shall be subject to Watermaster approval obtained by Application made to Watermaster in accordance with provisions of Article X. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(a).] In reviewing any such Application, Watermaster shall comply with the following.

- (a) Watermaster will ensure that any person may make Application to Watermaster to Recharge the Chino Basin with Supplemental Water pursuant to Article X, including the exercise of the right to offer to sell In-Lieu Recharge Water to Watermaster as provided in the Judgment and the Peace Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the OBMP and the law. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(b).]
- (b) Watermaster shall not approve an Application by any party to the Judgment under Article X if it is inconsistent with the terms of the Peace Agreement, or will cause any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(b).]
- (c) Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the Recharge of Supplemental Water shall be fully and reasonably mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be fully and reasonably mitigated, the request for Recharge of Supplemental Water must be denied. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(b).]
- (d) Absent a clear showing as to peculiar circumstances or changes, Recharge of the Chino Basin with Supplemental Water conducted through spreading grounds shall be assessed: (i) a 1.5% evaporation loss if the Recharge occurs in November through March; or (ii) a 4.2% evaporation loss if the Recharge occurs in April through October. Such loss shall be a one-time adjustment applicable to the Party

engaging in Recharge. Losses for Recharge through injection wells shall be determined on a case by case basis. [Judgment at ¶41.]

7.3 Recharge of 6,500 Acre-Feet of Supplemental Water in Management Zone 1. Consistent with its overall obligations to manage the Chino Basin to ensure hydrologic balance within each management zone, for the duration of the Peace Agreement (until June of 2030), Watermaster will ensure that a minimum of 6,500 acre-feet of wet water recharge occurs within Management Zone 1 on an annual basis. However, to the extent that water is unavailable for recharge or there is no replenishment obligation in any year, the obligation to recharge 6,500 acre-feet will accrue and be satisfied in subsequent years. [Peace II Agreement § 8.4(d).]

- (a) Watermaster will implement this measure in a coordinated manner so as to facilitate compliance with other agreements among the parties, including but not limited to the Dry-Year Yield Agreements.
- (b) Five years from the effective date of the Peace II Measures, Watermaster will cause an evaluation of the minimum recharge quantity for Management Zone 1. After consideration of the information developed, the observed experiences in complying with the Dry Year Yield Agreements as well as any other pertinent information, Watermaster may increase the minimum requirement for Management Zone 1 to quantities greater than 6,500 acre-feet per year. In no circumstance will the commitment to recharge 6,500 acre-feet be reduced for the duration of the Peace Agreement. [Peace II Agreement § 8.4(e).]

7.4 Sources of Replenishment Water. Supplemental Water may be obtained by Watermaster from any available source. Watermaster shall, however, seek to obtain the best available quality of Supplemental Water at the most reasonable cost for recharge in the Basin. It is anticipated that Supplemental Water for Replenishment of Chino Basin may be available at different rates to the various pools to meet their Replenishment Obligations. If such is the case, each pool will be assessed only that amount necessary for the cost of Replenishment Water to that pool, at the rate available to the pool, to meet its Replenishment Obligation. In this connection, available resources may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Maximum beneficial use of Recycled Water, which shall be given a high priority by Watermaster [Judgment ¶ 49(a).];
- (b) State Project Water subject to applicable service provisions of the State's water service contracts [Judgment ¶ 49(b).];
- (c) Local Imported Water through facilities and methods for importation of surface and Groundwater supplies from adjacent basins and watersheds [Judgment ¶ 49(c).]; and

- (d) Available supplies of Metropolitan Water District water from its Colorado River Aqueduct. [Judgment ¶ 49(d).]

7.5 Desalter Replenishment. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7.4, above, for the initial term of the Peace Agreement, the Replenishment obligation attributable to Desalter production in any year will be determined by Watermaster as follows [Peace Agreement § 7.5; Peace II Agreement § 6.2.]:

- (a) Watermaster will calculate the total Desalter Production for the preceding year and then apply a credit against the total quantity from:
 - (i) the Watermaster Desalter replenishment account composed of 25,000 acre-feet of water abandoned by Kaiser Ventures pursuant to the "Salt Offset Agreement" dated October 21, 1993, between Kaiser Ventures and the RWQCB, and other water previously dedicated by the Appropriative Pool [Peace Agreement § 7.5(a).];
 - (ii) dedication of water from the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool Storage Account or from any contribution arising from an annual authorized Physical Solution Transfer in accordance with amended Exhibit G to the Judgment;
 - (iii) New Yield that may be made available to Watermaster through a combination of management programs, actions or facilities, other than the Stormwater component of New Yield, as determined on an annual basis [Peace Agreement § 7.5(b)];
 - (iv) any declared losses from storage in excess of actual losses enforced as a "Leave Behind";
 - (v) Safe Yield that may be contributed by the parties [Peace Agreement § 7.5(c)];
 - (vi) any Production of groundwater attributable to the controlled overdraft authorized pursuant to Exhibit I to the Judgment, as amended.
- (b) To the extent available credits are insufficient to fully offset the quantity of groundwater production attributable to the Desalters, Watermaster will use water or revenue obtained by levying the following assessments among the members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool and the Appropriative Pool to meet any remaining replenishment obligation as follows.
 - (i) A Special OBMP Assessment against the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool as more specifically authorized and described in amendment to Exhibit "G" paragraph 5 (c) to the Judgment will be dedicated by Watermaster to

further off-set replenishment of the Desalters. However, to the extent there is no remaining replenishment obligation attributable to the Desalters in any year after applying the off-sets set forth in 7.5(a), the OBMP Special Assessment levied by Watermaster will be distributed as provided in Section 9.2 of the Peace II Agreement. The Special OBMP Assessment will be assessed pro-rata on each member's share of Safe Yield.

- (ii) The members of the Appropriative Pool will contribute a total of 10,000 afy toward Desalter replenishment, allocated among Appropriative Pool members as follows:
- 85% of the total (8,500 afy) will be allocated according to the Operating Safe Yield percentage of each Appropriative Pool member; and
 - 15% of the total (1,500 afy) will be allocated according to each land use conversion agency's percentage of the total land use conversion claims, based on the actual land use conversion allocations of the year.

The annual desalter replenishment obligation contribution of each Appropriative Pool member will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Desalter replenishment obligation contribution} &= (8,500 * \% \\ &\text{Appropriator's share of total initial 49,834 afy Operating Safe Yield)} \\ &+ (1,500 * \% \text{ Appropriator's proportional share of that year's total} \\ &\text{conversion claims}) \end{aligned}$$

A sample calculation of the desalter replenishment obligation contribution for each Appropriative Pool member is shown on Exhibit 4 to the Peace II Agreement, as amended.

- (iii) A Replenishment Assessment against the Appropriative Pool for any remaining Desalter replenishment obligation after applying both 6(b)(i) and 6(b)(ii), allocated pro-rata to each Appropriative Pool member according to the combined total of the member's share of Operating Safe Yield and the member's Adjusted Physical Production, as defined below. Desalter Production is excluded from this calculation. A sample calculation of the allocation of the remaining desalter obligation is shown in Exhibit 4 to the Peace II Agreement.¹
- (iv) Adjusted Physical Production is the Appropriative Pool member's total combined physical production (i.e., all groundwater pumped or produced

¹ This sample calculation is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

by the Appropriative Pool member's groundwater wells in the Chino Basin, including water transferred from the Non- Agricultural Pool under Exhibit G, ¶9 of the Judgment), with the following adjustments:

- (1) In the case of assignments among Appropriative Pool members, or between Appropriative Pool members and Non-Agricultural Pool members under Exhibit G, ¶6 of the Judgment, resulting in pumping or production by one party to the Judgment for use by another party to the Judgment, the production for purposes of Adjusted Physical Production shall be assigned to the party making beneficial use of the water, not the actual producer.
 - (2) Production offset credits pursuant to voluntary agreements under section 5.3(i) of the Peace Agreement are calculated at 50% of the total voluntary agreement credit in the determination of Adjusted Physical Production for an Appropriative Pool member participating in a voluntary agreement for that year. In the determination of Adjusted Physical Production, the voluntary agreement credit is subtracted from physical production. Reduction of the voluntary agreement credit from 100% to 50% is applicable only to the calculation of the Adjusted Physical Production hereunder; but in all other applications, the voluntary agreement credit shall remain unchanged (i.e. remain at 100%).
 - (3) Production associated with approved storage and recovery programs (e.g., Dry Year Yield recovery program with MWD) is not counted in Adjusted Physical Production, except for in-lieu participation in such programs: in-lieu put quantities shall be added to physical production, and in-lieu take quantities shall be subtracted from physical production.
 - (4) Metered pump-to-waste Production that is determined by Watermaster to be subsequently recharged to the groundwater basin is deducted from physical production; unmetered pump-to-waste production that is determined by Watermaster not to be subsequently recharged to the groundwater basin is added to physical production.
 - (5) The Appropriative Pool may approve, by unanimous vote, the inclusion of other items in the determination of Adjusted Physical Production, with the exception of Non- Agricultural Pool water assigned or transferred under Exhibit G, ¶6 or ¶10 of the Judgment.
- (v) Any member of the Non-Agricultural Pool that is also a member of the Appropriative Pool may elect to transfer (a) some or all of the annual share

of Operating Safe Yield of the transferor in and for the year in which the transfer occurs (except that such transfer shall exclude any dedication to the Watermaster required by section 6.2(b)(1) of the Peace II Agreement), and (b) any quantity of water held in storage by the transferor (including without limitation carryover and excess carryover) to any member of the Appropriative Pool, in either case at any price that the transferor and transferee may deem appropriate and for the purpose of satisfying the transferee's desalter replenishment obligation. The transferee's desalter replenishment obligation shall be credited by the number of acre-feet so transferred.

(vi) For the purposes of this section 7.5(b), the quantification of any Party's share of Operating Safe Yield does not include either land use conversions or Early Transfers.

- 7.6 Method of Replenishment. Watermaster may accomplish Replenishment by any reasonable method, including spreading and percolation, injection of water into existing or new facilities, in-lieu procedures and acquisition of unproduced water from members of the Non-Agricultural and Appropriative Pools. [Judgment ¶ 50.]
- 7.7 Accumulations. In order to minimize fluctuations in assessments and to give Watermaster flexibility in the purchase and spreading of Replenishment Water, Watermaster may make reasonable accumulations of Replenishment Water assessment proceeds. Interest earned on such retained funds shall be added to the account of the pool from which the funds were collected and shall be applied only to the purchase of Replenishment Water. [Judgment ¶ 56.]
- 7.8 In-Lieu and Other Negotiated Procedures. To the extent good management practices dictate that recharge of the Basin be accomplished by taking surface supplies of Supplemental Water in lieu of Groundwater otherwise subject to Production as an allocated share of Operating Safe Yield, the following in-lieu procedures or other additional procedures as may be negotiated by Watermaster and approved by the Watermaster Advisory Committee shall prevail [Judgment Exhibit "H" ¶ 11.]:
- (a) Designation of In-Lieu Areas. In-lieu areas may be designated by order of Watermaster upon recommendation or approval of the Watermaster Advisory Committee. Watermaster has previously designated the entire Chino Basin as an in-lieu area. In-lieu areas may be enlarged, reduced or eliminated by subsequent order; provided, however, that designation of an in-lieu area shall be for a minimum fixed term sufficient to justify necessary capital investment. However, should in-lieu Area No.1, which has been established by the Court, be reduced or eliminated, it shall require prior order of the Court.
- (b) Method of Operation. Any member of the Appropriative Pool Producing water within a designated in-lieu area who is willing to abstain for any reason from

Producing any portion of its share of Operating Safe Yield in any year, may offer such unpumped water to Watermaster on a form to be provided therefor. In such event, Watermaster shall purchase said water in place, in lieu of spreading Replenishment Water, which may be otherwise required to make up for over Production. The purchase price for in-lieu water shall be the lesser of:

- (i) Watermaster's current cost of Replenishment Water, plus the cost of spreading; or
- (ii) The cost of supplemental surface supplies to the Appropriator, less
 - a) said Appropriator's average cost of Groundwater Production, and
 - b) the applicable Production assessment where the water is Produced.

ARTICLE VIII STORAGE

8.0 Scope. This Article sets forth Watermaster's obligations and responsibilities regarding the management, regulation and control of storage within the Basin.

8.1 In General.

- (a) Watermaster Control. A substantial amount of available Groundwater storage capacity exists in the Basin that is not used for storage or regulation of Basin Waters. It is essential that the use of storage capacity of the Basin be undertaken only under Watermaster control and regulation so as to protect the integrity of the Basin. Watermaster will exercise regulation and control of storage primarily through the execution of Groundwater Storage Agreements. [Judgment ¶ 11.]
- (b) Categories of Groundwater Storage Agreements. There are different categories of storage and different types of Groundwater Storage agreements. Only those Groundwater Storage agreements defined as "Qualifying Storage agreements" require new Watermaster approval. Qualifying Storage agreements will be processed by Watermaster in accordance with the forms provided by Watermaster and attached hereto as Appendix 1.
- (c) Court Notification and Approval. Before it is effective, any Storage and Recovery Agreement entered into pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Program shall first receive Court Approval. With respect to all other Groundwater Storage Agreements, Watermaster shall notify the Court after approval.
- (d) Relationship Between Recapture and Storage. Recapture of water held in a storage account will generally be approved by Watermaster as a component of and coincident with a Groundwater Storage Agreement for Qualifying Storage. However, an Applicant for Qualifying Storage may request, and Watermaster may approve, a Groundwater Storage Agreement where the plan for recovery is not yet known. In such cases, the Applicant may request Watermaster approval of the Qualifying Storage only and subsequently submit and process an independent Application for Recapture under the provisions of Article X.
- (e) Storage of Safe Yield as Carry-Over Water. Any member of the Appropriative Pool or member of the Non-Agricultural Pool who Produces less than its assigned share of Operating Safe Yield or Safe Yield, respectively, may carry such unexercised right forward for exercise in subsequent years. Watermaster shall be required to keep an accounting of Carry-Over Water in connection with said Carry-Over Rights. The first water Produced in any subsequent year, shall be deemed to be in exercise of that Carry-Over Right. If the aggregate remaining Carry-Over Water available to any member of the Appropriative Pool, or member of the Non-Agricultural Pool with Safe Yield, in a given year exceeds its assigned share of

Operating Safe Yield after its demands are met, such Producer shall, as a condition of preserving such Excess Carry-Over Water execute a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster. A member of the Appropriative Pool shall have the option to pay the gross assessment applicable to said Carry-Over Right in the year in which it occurred. [Judgment Exhibit "G," and Exhibit "H" ¶ 12.]

- (f) Storage of Supplemental Water. The rules and procedures for the storage of Supplemental Water are set forth as follows.
 - (i) Supplemental Water. Each party, its officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, has been enjoined and restrained from storing Supplemental Water in Chino Basin for withdrawal, or causing withdrawal of water stored, except pursuant to the terms of a Groundwater Storage Agreement with Watermaster. Any Supplemental Water recharged by any person within Chino Basin, except pursuant to these Rules and Regulations and a Groundwater Storage Agreement, is deemed abandoned and shall not be considered Stored Water. [Judgment ¶ 14.]
 - (ii) Application for Storage of Supplemental Water. Watermaster will ensure that any person, including but not limited to the State of California and the Department of Water Resources may make Application to Watermaster to store and Recover water from the Chino Basin as provided herein in a manner that is consistent with the OBMP and the law. Watermaster shall not approve an Application to store and Recover water if it is inconsistent with the terms of the Peace Agreement or will cause any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the storage and Recovery of water shall be reasonably and fully mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be mitigated, the request for storage and Recovery must be denied. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(a)(iii).] Applications for the storage of Supplemental Water shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Article X.
- (g) Rules and Procedures in General.
 - (i) Any person desiring to store Supplemental Water in the Basin shall make appropriate Application therefor with the Watermaster pursuant to the provisions of this Article and Article X. Supplemental Water stored or Recharged in the Basin, except pursuant to a Groundwater Storage Agreement with Watermaster, shall be deemed abandoned and not classified as Stored Water. [Judgment ¶ 14.]
 - (ii) Guidelines and Criteria. Any person, whether a party to the Judgment or not, may make reasonable beneficial use of the available groundwater

storage capacity of Chino Basin for storage of Water pursuant to written agreement with the Watermaster as provided herein. [Judgment ¶ 12.]

- (iii) In the allocation of storage capacity, the needs and requirements of lands overlying Chino Basin and the owners of rights in the Safe Yield or Operating Safe Yield of the Basin shall have priority and preference over storage for export. [Judgment ¶ 12.]
 - (iv) It is an objective in management of the Basin's waters that no Producer shall be deprived of access to the Basin's waters by reason of unreasonable pumping patterns, nor by regional or localized Recharge of Replenishment Water, insofar as such result may be practically avoided. [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 1(a).]
 - (v) Maintenance and improvement of water quality shall be given prime consideration. [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 1(b).]
 - (vi) Financial feasibility, economic impact and the cost and optimum utilization of the Basin's resources and the physical facilities of the parties to the Judgment shall be considered equal in importance to water quantity and quality parameters. [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 1(c).]
- (h) Contents of Groundwater Storage Agreements. Each Groundwater Storage Agreement shall include but not be limited to the following components [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 3.]:
- (i) The quantities and the term of the storage right, which shall specifically exclude credit for any return flows;
 - (ii) A statement of the priorities of the storage right as against overlying, Safe Yield uses, and other storage rights;
 - (iii) The delivery rates, together with schedules and procedures for spreading, injection or in-lieu deliveries of Supplemental Water for direct use;
 - (iv) The calculation of storage water losses and annual accounting for water in storage; and
 - (v) The establishment and administration of withdrawal schedules, locations and methods.
- (i) Accounting. Watermaster shall calculate additions, extractions and losses of all Stored Water in Chino Basin, and any losses of water supplies or Safe Yield of Chino Basin resulting from such Stored Water, and keep and maintain for public record, an annual accounting thereof. [Judgment ¶ 29.]

- (j) No Material Physical Injury. Watermaster will ensure that any party to the Judgment may Recapture water in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement, the OBMP, the Judgment and these Rules and Regulations. Watermaster shall not approve a Recapture plan if it is inconsistent with the terms of Peace Agreement or will cause Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the Recapture of water by any person shall be fully and reasonably mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be fully and reasonably mitigated, the request for Recapture must be denied.

8.2 Local Storage: Special Considerations. Under a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster, every party to the Judgment shall be permitted to store its Excess Carry-Over Water and Supplemental Water in the Chino Basin according to the following provisions:

- (a) For the term of the Peace Agreement, Watermaster shall ensure that: (a) the quantity of water actually held in local storage under a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster is confirmed and protected and (b) each party to the Judgment shall have the right to store its Excess Carry-Over Water. Thereafter, a party to the Judgment may continue to Produce the actual quantity of water held pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement, subject only to the loss provisions set forth herein.
- (b) For the term of the Peace Agreement, any party to the Judgment may make Application to Watermaster for a Local Storage Agreement pursuant to the provisions of this Article and Article X, whereby it may store Supplemental Water in the Chino Basin. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(ii).]
- (c) In accordance with Article X, Watermaster shall provide written notice to all interested parties of the proposed Local Storage Agreement prior to approving the agreement.
- (d) Watermaster shall approve the storage of Supplemental Water under a Local Storage Agreement so long as: (1) the total quantity of Supplemental Water authorized to be held in Local Storage under all then-existing Local Storage Agreements, other than amounts classified as Supplemental Water under the procedure set forth in section 8.1 above, for all parties to the Judgment does not exceed the Maximum Local Storage Quantity; (2) the party to the Judgment making the request provides their own Recharge facilities for the purpose of placing the Supplemental Water into Local Storage; (3) the agreement will not result in any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Watermaster may approve a proposed agreement with conditions that mitigate any threatened or potential Material Physical Injury. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(iv); Second Amendment to Peace Agreement.]

- (e) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the Local Storage Agreement for Supplemental Water does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(v).]
- (f) In the event more than one party to the Judgment submits a request for an agreement to store Supplemental Water pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement, Watermaster shall give priority to the first party to file a bona fide written request which shall include the name of the party to the Judgment, the source, quantity and quality of the Supplemental Water, an identification of the party to the Judgment's access to or ownership of the Recharge facilities, the duration of the Local Storage and any other information Watermaster shall reasonably request. Watermaster shall not grant any person the right to store more than the then-existing amount of available Local Storage. The amount of Local Storage available for the storage of Supplemental Water shall be determined by subtracting the previously approved and allocated quantity of storage capacity for Supplemental Water and Excess Carryover Water from the Maximum Local Storage Quantity. [Court's Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021.] This means Watermaster shall not approve requests for the storage of Supplemental Water and Excess Carryover Water in excess of the Maximum Local Storage Quantity. Priorities among the parties to the Judgment shall be on the basis that the completed Applications filed first in time under the provisions of Article X shall have a priority in right up to the amount of the quantity approved by Watermaster.
- (g) After July 1, 2035, Watermaster shall have discretion to place reasonable limits on the further accrual of Excess Carry-Over Water and Supplemental Water in Local Storage. However, during the term of the Peace Agreement, Watermaster shall not limit the accrual of Excess Carry-Over Water for Fontana Union Mutual Water Company and Cucamonga County Water District when accruing Excess Carry-Over Water in Local Storage pursuant to the Settlement Agreement Among Fontana Union Water Company, Kaiser Steel Resources Inc., San Gabriel Valley Water Company and Cucamonga County Water District dated February 7, 1992, to a quantity less than 25,000 acre-feet for the term of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(x).]
- (h) Watermaster shall evaluate the need for limits on water held in Local Storage to determine whether the accrual of additional Local Storage by the parties to the Judgment should be conditioned, curtailed or prohibited if it is necessary to provide priority for the use of storage capacity for those Storage and Recovery Programs that provide broad mutual benefits to the parties to the Judgment as provided in this paragraph and section 5.2(c) of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(xi).]
- (i) Watermaster will impose a uniform loss against all water in storage in an amount of 2 (two) percent where the Party holding the storage account: (i) has previously contributed to the implementation of the OBMP as a Party to the Judgment, is in

compliance with their continuing covenants under the Peace and Peace II Agreements or in lieu thereof they have paid or delivered to Watermaster “financial equivalent” consideration to offset the cost of past performance prior to the implementation of the OBMP and (ii) promised continued future compliance with Watermaster’s Rules and Regulations. Where a Party has not satisfied the requirements of subsection (i)(i) and (i)(ii) herein, Watermaster will assess a 6 (six) percent loss. Following a Watermaster determination that Hydraulic Control has been achieved, Watermaster will assess losses of less than 1 (one) percent where the Party satisfies subsection (i)(i) and (i)(ii). [Peace II Agreement § 7.4.]

- (j) Watermaster shall allow water held in storage to be Transferred pursuant to the provisions of section 5.3 of the Peace Agreement as provided in Article X. Storage capacity is not Transferable. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(xiii).]
- (k) Monetary payment shall not be accepted as a form of mitigation for Material Physical Injury where the injury is not confined to a specific party or parties. Where the Material Physical Injury is confined to a specific party or parties, monetary payment may be accepted as a form of mitigation, if acceptable to the affected party or parties.
- (l) Applicants for Local Storage of Supplemental Water agreements shall submit such Application prior to initiation of the placement of the Supplemental Water into storage except as provided in sections 8.1 and 8.2 above.
- (m) Any Supplemental Water stored or recharged in the Basin, except pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement for Supplemental Water with Watermaster, shall be deemed abandoned and not classified as Stored Water. [Judgment ¶ 14.]

8.3 Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program; Special Considerations. The parties, through Watermaster, may initiate a regional Storage and Recovery (sometimes called "conjunctive use") Program, for the mutual benefit of the Appropriators and the Non-Agricultural Pool in the Chino Basin according to the following provisions:

- (a) Watermaster will ensure that no person shall store water in, and recover water from the Basin, other than pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement, without a Storage and Recovery agreement with Watermaster [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(i).];
- (b) A proposed Applicant for a Storage and Recovery Program must submit the information set forth in Article X to Watermaster prior to Watermaster's consideration of an Application for a Storage and Recovery agreement;
- (c) As a precondition of any project, program or contract regarding the use of Basin storage capacity pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Program, Watermaster shall first request proposals from qualified persons [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(iii).];

- (d) Watermaster shall be guided by the following criteria in evaluating any request to store and recover water from the Basin by a party to the Judgment or any person under a Storage and Recovery Program.
 - (i) The initial target for the cumulative quantity of water held in storage is 500,000 acre-feet in addition to the existing storage accounts. The 500,000 acre-feet target may be comprised of any combination of participants and is in excess of up to an additional 100,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water and Excess Carry-Over Rights that may be stored under Local Storage Agreements.
 - (ii) Watermaster shall prioritize its efforts to regulate and condition the storage and recovery of water developed in a Storage and Recovery Program for the mutual benefit of the parties to the Judgment and give first priority to Storage and Recovery Programs that provide broad mutual benefits. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(iv).];
- (e) The members of the Appropriative Pool and the Non-Agricultural Pool shall be exclusively entitled to the compensation paid for a Storage and Recovery Program irrespective of whether it be in the form of money, revenues, credits, proceeds, programs, facilities, or other contributions (collectively "compensation") with the benefits of such compensation to be spread as broadly as possible as directed by the Non-Agricultural and the Appropriative Pools [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(v).];
- (f) The compensation received from the use of available storage capacity under a Storage and Recovery Program, may be used to offset the Watermaster's cost of operation, to reduce any assessments on the parties to the Judgment within the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pools, and to defray the costs of capital projects as may be requested by the members of the Non-Agricultural Pools and the Appropriative Pool [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(vi).];
- (g) Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by storage and recovery of water, whether Local Storage and recovery or pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Program, shall be reasonably and fully mitigated as a condition of approval [Peace Agreement §§ 5.2(a)(iii) and 5.2(c)(viii) (labeled "(xiii)");
- (h) Watermaster reserves discretion to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions or to deny any request to enter into a Storage and Recovery Program Agreement. With respect to persons who are not parties to the Judgment, Watermaster reserves complete discretion to ensure that maximum compensation, as defined in section (e) above, is received. Watermaster shall base any decision to approve or disapprove any proposed Storage and Recovery Program Agreement upon the record as provided in Article X. However, it may not approve a proposed Storage and Recovery Program Agreement unless it has first imposed conditions to

reasonably and fully mitigate any threatened or potential Material Physical Injury [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(ix).];

- (i) Any party to the Judgment may seek review of the Watermaster's decision regarding a Storage and Recovery Program Agreement as provided in Article X;
- (j) Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the export of Supplemental Water stored under a Storage and Recovery Program and pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Agreement; and
- (k) The Parties shall indemnify and defend the State of California and the members of the Agricultural Pool against any lawsuit or administrative proceedings, without limitation, arising from Watermaster's adoption, approval, management, or implementation of a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (l) Any losses from storage assessed as a Leave Behind in excess of actual losses (“dedication quantity”) will be dedicated by Watermaster towards groundwater Production by the Desalters to thereby avoid a Desalter replenishment obligation that may then exist in the year of recovery. Any dedication quantity which is not required to offset Desalter Production in the year in which the loss is assessed, will be made available to the members of the Appropriative Pool. The dedication quantity will be pro-rated among the members of the Appropriative Pool in accordance with each Producer’s combined total share of Operating Safe Yield and the previous year’s actual production. However, before any member of the Appropriative Pool may receive a distribution of any dedication quantity, they must be in full compliance with the 2007 Supplement to the OBMP Implementation Plan and current in all applicable Watermaster assessments. [Peace II Agreement § 7.5.]

8.4 Recapture.

- (a) All Recapture of water held in a storage account under a Groundwater Storage Agreement shall be subject to the requirement that the Recovery of the water not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin.
- (b) Recapture of water held in a Local Storage Account that pre-exists the adoption of these Rules and Regulations and that was extended by Watermaster in accordance with Article V of the Peace Agreement and these Rules and Regulations until July 1, 2005, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the plan for Recapture previously approved by Watermaster. Any amendments to an approved Recapture plan shall require additional Watermaster's approval under the provisions of Article X.
- (c) A person with an approved plan for Recapture shall have the right to process amendments to the previously approved plan in accordance with the provisions of Article X.

ARTICLE IX TRANSFERS

- 9.0 Scope. Any Transfer shall be made only in accordance with the Judgment, the Peace Agreement section 5.3, the Peace II Agreement, the OBMP and this Article IX.
- 9.1 In General. Watermaster will ensure that any party to the Judgment may Transfer water in a manner that is consistent with the Judgment, the Peace and Peace II Agreements, the OBMP and the law. Watermaster shall approve a Transfer if it is consistent with the terms of the Peace Agreement and Peace II Agreement, and will not cause any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the Transfer of water shall be fully and reasonably mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be fully and reasonably mitigated, the request for Transfer must be denied. Upon receipt of written request by Watermaster, a party to the Judgment shall exercise Best Efforts to provide Watermaster with a preliminary projection of any anticipated Transfer of Production within the Year.
- 9.2 Application to Transfer. A party to the Judgment may make Application to Watermaster to Transfer water as provided in the Judgment under the procedures set forth in Article X.
- (a) Watermaster shall provide reasonable advance written notice to all the Active Parties of a proposed Transfer, prior to approving the Transfer as provided in Article X.
 - (b) Watermaster shall approve the Transfer of water as provided in the Judgment so long as the individual Transfer does not result in any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Watermaster may approve a proposed Transfer with conditions that fully and reasonably mitigate any threatened or potential Material Physical Injury.
 - (c) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the Transfer and the Production by the transferee does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin.
 - (d) Watermaster shall base any decision to approve or disapprove any proposed Transfer upon the record after considering potential impacts associated with the individual Transfer alone and without regard to impacts attributable to any other Transfers. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(b)(v).] However, nothing herein shall be construed as impairing or restraining Watermaster's duty and discretion with regard to cumulative impacts in the context of section 9.3.
 - (e) Transfers which occur between the same parties in the same year shall be considered as a single Transfer for the purpose of determining Material Physical Injury.

- 9.3 Integrated Watermaster Review. In reviewing Transfers under these Rules and Regulations, Watermaster shall exercise reasonable discretion. Watermaster shall review each proposed Transfer based upon the record before it and considering the potential impacts of the proposed Transfer alone. However, Watermaster shall also consider the cumulative impacts of Transfers generally when carrying out its responsibilities to implement the OBMP and Recharge and monitoring programs authorized by these Rules and Regulations or the Judgment.
- (a) Watermaster will evaluate the cumulative physical impact of Transfers on the Basin, if any, by July 1, 2003, and a minimum of once every two years thereafter.
 - (b) Watermaster will take the results of its evaluation into account when carrying out its obligations under section 7.1 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 9.4 Transfer of Non-Agricultural Pool Production Rights. Watermaster shall approve the Transfer or lease of the quantified Production rights of Non-Agricultural Producers within the Non-Agricultural Pool subject to the provisions of section 9.2(b) above. The members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool shall have the discretionary right to Transfer or lease their quantified Production rights and carry-over water held in storage accounts in quantities that each member may from time to time individually determine as Transfers in furtherance of the Physical Solution:
- (a) within the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool;
 - (b) to Watermaster in conformance with the procedures described in the Peace Agreement between the Parties therein, dated June 29, 2000; or
 - (c) to Watermaster and thence to members of the Appropriative Pool in accordance with the following guidelines set forth in the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool Pooling Plan:
 - (i) By December 31 of each year, the members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool shall notify Watermaster of the amount of water each member shall make available in their individual discretion for purchase by the Appropriators. The Pool Committee of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool may, by affirmative action of its members from time to time, establish a price for such water or a method pursuant to which such price will be established. By January 31 of each year, Watermaster shall provide a Notice of Availability of each Appropriator's pro-rata share of such water;
 - (ii) Except as they may be limited by paragraph 9.4(v) below, each member of the Appropriative Pool will have, in their discretion, a right to purchase its pro-rata share of the supply made available from the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool at the price at which the water is being offered. Each

Appropriative Pool member's pro-rata share of the available supply will be based on each Producer's combined total share of Operating Safe Yield and the previous year's actual Production by each party;

- (iii) If any member of the Appropriative Pool fails to irrevocably commit to their allocated share by March 1 of each year, its share of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool water will be made available to all other members of the Appropriative Pool according to the same proportions as described in 9.3(ii) above and at the price at which the water is being offered. Each member of the Appropriative Pool shall complete its payment for its share of water made available by June 30 of each year.
- (iv) Commensurate with the cumulative commitments by members of the Appropriative Pool pursuant to (ii) and (iii) above, Watermaster will purchase the surplus water made available by the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool water on behalf of the members of the Appropriative Pool on an annual basis at which the water is being offered and each member of the Appropriative Pool shall complete its payment for its determined share of water made available by June 30 of each year.
- (v) Any surplus water cumulatively made available by all members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool that is not purchased by Watermaster after completion of the process set forth herein will be pro-rated among the members of the Pool in proportion to the total quantity offered for transfer in accordance with this provision and may be retained by the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool member without prejudice to the rights of the members of the Pool to make further beneficial use or transfer of the available surplus.
- (vi) Each Appropriator shall only be eligible to purchase their pro-rata share under this procedure if the party is: (i) current on all their assessments; and (ii) in compliance with the OBMP.
- (vii) The right of any member of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool to transfer water in accordance with this Paragraph 9.3(i)-(iii) in any year is dependent upon Watermaster making a finding that the member of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool is using recycled water where it is both physically available and appropriate for the designated end use in lieu of pumping groundwater.
- (viii) Nothing herein shall be construed to affect or limit the rights of any Party to offer or accept an assignment as authorized by the Judgment Exhibit "G" paragraph 6 above, or to affect the rights of any Party under a valid assignment.

- (d) In addition, the parties to the Judgment with rights within the Non-Agricultural Pool shall have the additional right to Transfer their rights to Watermaster for the purposes of Replenishment for a Desalter or for a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (e) Any member of the Non-Agricultural Pool (including without limitation any member of the Non-Agricultural Pool that is also a member of the Appropriative Pool) may elect to transfer (a) some or all of the annual share of Operating Safe Yield of the transferor in and for the year in which the transfer occurs (except that such transfer shall exclude any dedication to Watermaster required by Section 5(c) of Exhibit "G" to the Judgment), and (b) any quantity of water held in storage by the transferor (including without limitation carryover and excess carryover) to any member of the Appropriative Pool, in either case at any price that the transferor and transferee may deem appropriate and for the purpose of satisfying the transferee's desalter replenishment obligation. Any such transfer shall be effective upon delivery by the transferor or transferee to Watermaster staff of written notice of such transfer in the form attached hereto as Form 12. The transferee's desalter replenishment obligation shall be credited by the number of acre feet so transferred.

9.5 Early Transfer.

- (a) Pursuant to the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approved an Early Transfer of the quantity of water not Produced by the Agricultural Pool that is remaining after all the land use conversions are satisfied pursuant to section 5.3(h) of the Peace Agreement to the Appropriative Pool. The quantity of water subject to Early Transfer under this section shall be the quantity of water not Produced by the Agricultural Pool that is remaining after all the land use conversions are satisfied pursuant to section 5.3(h) of the Peace Agreement.
 - (i) The Transfer shall not limit the Production right of the Agricultural Pool under the Judgment to Produce up to 82,800 acre-feet of water in any year or 414,000 acre-feet in any five years as provided in the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(g)(ii).]
 - (ii) The combined Production of all parties to the Judgment shall not cause a Replenishment assessment on the members of the Agricultural Pool. The Agricultural Pool shall be responsible for any Replenishment obligation created by the Agricultural Pool Producing more than 414,000 acre-feet in any five-year period. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(g)(iii).]
 - (iii) Nothing herein shall be construed as modifying the procedures or voting rights within or by the members of the Agricultural Pool. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(g)(v).]
- (b) The amount of water converted from agricultural use to urban use prior to execution of the Peace Agreement was 2.6 acre-feet per acre, with 1.3 acre-feet per acre being

allocated collectively to all members of the Appropriative Pool with an assigned share of Operating Safe Yield and 1.3 acre-feet per acre being allocated to that Appropriator providing service for that urban use. The rate of 2.6 acre-feet per acre shall be changed to a total of 2.0 acre-feet per acre, all of which shall be allocated upon the conversion of the land use to that party to the Judgment which is a member of the Appropriative Pool, on the Effective Date of the Peace Agreement, and whose Sphere of Influence or authorized service area contains the land ("purveyor"). Upon such conversion of water use the purveyor will pledge that the amount of water needed for such urban land use, when such urban land use is established, up to 2.0 acre-feet of water per acre of land per year will be made available for service for such converted land by purveyor under its then existing standard laws, regulations, rules and policies, or for service arranged by such purveyor, subject only to prohibition of such service by a federal, state agency or court with jurisdiction to enforce such prohibition. The owner of such converted land shall have the right to enforce such pledge by specific performance or writ of mandate under the terms of the Peace Agreement. No monetary damages shall be awarded.

- 9.6 Voluntary Agreement. The members of the Agricultural Pool, including the State of California, shall have the right to engage in a voluntary agreement with an Appropriator which has a service area contiguous to or inclusive of the agricultural land, to provide water allocated from the Agricultural Pool to the overlying land for agricultural use on behalf of the member of the Agricultural Pool unless otherwise prohibited by general law. The Appropriator providing service shall be entitled to a pumping credit to offset Production pursuant to the Peace Agreement section 5.3(i). This provision will be construed as permitting Watermaster to accept new voluntary agreements only to the extent that such voluntary agreements occur within areas eligible for conversion as described in Attachment 1 to the Judgment, previously added to the Judgment as an amendment of the Order of the Court dated November 17, 1995.
- 9.7 Assignment of Overlying Rights. In addition to the Voluntary Agreement under section 9.6 above, should an Appropriator take an assignment of rights from a Non-Agricultural Pool member, the agreement shall provide that the Appropriator may undertake to provide water service to such overlying land, but only to the extent necessary to provide water service to said overlying lands. Watermaster shall make available to members of the Non-Agricultural Pool and/or Appropriative Pool, a standard form which shall be completed and filed with Watermaster. Any assignment, lease and/or license shall be ineffective unless provided on the standard form approved by Watermaster and filed with Watermaster. [Based on Judgment Exhibit "H" ¶ 13; Exhibit "G" ¶ 6.]

**ARTICLE X
APPLICATIONS, CONTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

- 10.0 Purpose. This Article sets forth the Watermaster rules and procedures for processing requests by a person for: (i) Watermaster approval of Recharge and Transfer; (ii) Qualifying Storage and Recapture; (iii) amendments to previously approved Applications; (iv) reimbursement or a credit for costs incurred by a party to the Judgment in furtherance of the OBMP; and (v) a Complaint for redress arising from an alleged Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin. However, the procedures described in this Article X shall not be construed to apply to Watermaster actions, decisions, or rules other than as expressly set forth herein. All proceedings hereunder shall be conducted in an expeditious manner.
- 10.1 Notice and Opportunity to be Heard. Watermaster shall provide reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard to any person requesting Watermaster review or approval of any matter arising under this Article.
- 10.2 Judicial Review.
- (a) The Complaint procedures set forth in this Article X are not intended to constitute an exclusive remedy or constitute a requirement that a party to the Judgment exhaust this discretionary remedy. However, a party to the Judgment may elect to avail itself of the procedures set forth herein by filing a Complaint and requesting relief from any actual or threatened Material Physical Injury to any person or to the Basin where the alleged injury arises from the Recharge, Transfer or Qualifying Storage or Recapture of water by any person other than Watermaster.
- (b) Once a party to the Judgment elects to pursue redress under the provisions of this Article, it shall exhaust this process until conclusion unless there is a sudden, unexpected event or emergency that causes a need for immediate judicial review or in the event that the Watermaster has failed to take action on a longstanding request. Thus, other than in the event of an emergency or where Watermaster has engaged in undue delay, a party to the Judgment may not seek judicial review of a Watermaster action on a pending Application or Complaint until the Watermaster Board has taken final action under the provisions of this Article. However, the procedures described in this Article X shall not preclude any party from seeking judicial review of any action, decision or rule of Watermaster in accordance with paragraph 31 of the Judgment.
- 10.3 Applications for Watermaster Approval: In General. Any party to the Judgment requesting approval by Watermaster for the Recharge, Transfer, Qualifying Storage or Recapture of water in the Basin, or reimbursements or credits against OBMP Assessments, or any person requesting approval of an agreement to participate in a Storage and Recovery Program, may make Application to Watermaster as provided in these Rules and Regulations.

- (a) Requests for Watermaster approval shall be processed by Application to the Watermaster.
- (b) All Applications shall be submitted to Watermaster in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Article. Approved forms for use by persons requesting Watermaster approval pursuant to this section are attached hereto as Appendix 1. Watermaster shall have no obligation to process incomplete Applications.
- (c) No person shall obtain a right to engage in the activities subject to an Application to Watermaster under these Rules and Regulations or the Judgment unless and until the proposed action is approved by Watermaster as provided herein.
- (d) Upon approval by Watermaster, the person shall have the right to proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Watermaster approval. The rights of a party shall be construed consistent with the Judgment and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Watermaster's approval.

10.4 Recharge Applications. Any party to the Judgment may make a request for Watermaster approval to engage in Recharge by submitting an Application to Watermaster that includes the following information.

- (a) The identity of the person proposing to engage in Recharge;
- (b) The quantity of water to be Recharged;
- (c) The quality of water to be Recharged;
- (d) The duration of the Recharge;
- (e) The method of the Recharge; and
- (f) The facilities to be used in the Recharge, and their location.

10.5 Transfer Applications. Any party to the Judgment may request Watermaster's approval for a Transfer by submitting an Application to Watermaster. A party to the Judgment that Produces water may in the same Fiscal Year request approval of a Transfer to offset all or a portion of its Replenishment Obligation, subject to the Watermaster's authority to approve or reject the Application under the provisions of this Article. An Application for Transfer shall include the following information:

- (a) The identity of the transferee and transferor;
- (b) The maximum quantity of water to be Transferred;
- (c) The duration of the Recovery of the quantity of water Transferred;

- (d) The location of the Production facilities from which the water will be Transferred, if known;
- (e) The location of the Production facilities from which the Transferred water will be Recaptured and Produced, if known; and
- (f) The rate of extraction at which the Transferred water will be Recaptured and Produced.

10.6 Qualifying Storage Agreements. A party to the Judgment may request Watermaster's approval of a Local Storage Agreement to store Supplemental Water, or, after July 1, 2005, a party to the Judgment may request Watermaster's approval of the accumulation of Excess Carry-Over Water in the event the party's aggregate Carry-Over Water exceeds its share of assigned Operating Safe Yield or Safe Yield. Prior to July 1, 2005, a party to the Judgment shall also be required to obtain a Local Storage Agreement to store Excess Carry-Over Water, and Watermaster shall approve such agreements under uniform terms and conditions. In addition, so long as there is then less than 100,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water that was placed in Local Storage after July 1, 2000, a party to the Judgment's request to store Supplemental Water under a Local Storage Agreement shall be approved by Watermaster. The Applicant may include a plan for Recapture within the request for approval of the Qualifying Storage or subsequently identify the proposed plan for Recapture under an independent Application for Recapture or combine the request for subsequent approval in an Application for Transfer.

- (a) Any party to the Judgment may file an Application to store Supplemental Water pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement. The Application shall include the following information:
 - (i) The identity of the person(s) that will Recharge, Store and Recover the water;
 - (ii) The quantity of Supplemental Water to be Stored and Recovered;
 - (iii) The proposed schedule and method for the Recharge of water for Storage, if any;
 - (iv) The proposed schedule for Recovery, if any;
 - (v) The location of the Recharge facilities through which the Stored water will be Recharged, if any;
 - (vi) The location of the Production facilities through which the Stored water will be Recovered, if known; and
 - (vii) The water levels and water quality of groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the storage and Recovery.

- (b) Each Producer shall have the right to store its un-Produced Carry-Over Water in the Basin. Excess Carry-Over Water placed into Local Storage after July 1, 2005 shall require a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster. A Producer may file an Application prior to July 1, 2005 for a Local Storage Agreement for Excess Carry-Over Water that will be placed into Local Storage after July 1, 2005. Such an Application shall include the following information:
 - (i) The identity of the person(s) that will store and Recover the Carry-Over Water;
 - (ii) The quantity of Carry-Over Water to be stored and Recovered;
 - (iii) The proposed schedule for the Recovery, to the extent known;
 - (iv) The location of the Production facilities through which the stored Carry-Over Water will be Recovered, to the extent known; and
 - (v) The water levels and water quality of Groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the Production of the stored Carry-Over Water.

10.7 Storage and Recovery Program. Any person may request Watermaster's approval of an Agreement to participate in a Storage and Recovery Program by submitting an Application to Watermaster that, at a minimum, includes the following information:

- (a) The identity of the person(s) that will Recharge, store and Recover the water as well as its ultimate place of use;
- (b) The quantity of water to be Stored and Recovered;
- (c) The proposed schedule for the Recharge of water for storage, if any;
- (d) The proposed schedule and method for Recovery;
- (e) The location of the Recharge facilities through which the Stored Water will be Recharged;
- (f) The location of the Production facilities through which the Stored Water will be Recovered;
- (g) The water levels and water quality of the Groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the Storage and Recovery, if known; and
- (h) Any other information that Watermaster requires to be included.

10.8 Recapture. Any person may file an Application for approval of its Recovery of water held in storage. Recapture of water may be approved by Watermaster as a component of and

coincident with a request for approval of Qualifying Storage or a Transfer. However, an Applicant for Qualifying Storage may request, and Watermaster may approve, a Groundwater Storage Agreement where the plan for Recovery is not yet known. An Application for Recapture shall include the following information:

- (a) The identity of the person(s) that Recharged and stored the water;
- (b) The identity of the person(s) that will Recover the water as well as its ultimate place of use;
- (c) The quantity of water to be Recovered;
- (d) The proposed schedule for Recovery;
- (e) The location of the Production facilities through which the Stored Water will be Recovered;
- (f) The existing water levels and water quality of the Groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the Recovery; and
- (g) Any other information that Watermaster requires to be included.

10.9 Credits Against OBMP Assessments and Reimbursements. Any Producer, including the State of California, may make Application to Watermaster to obtain a credit against OBMP Assessments or for reimbursements by filing an Application that includes the following information:

- (a) The identity of the party to the Judgment;
- (b) The specific purposes of the OBMP satisfied by the proposed project;
- (c) The time the project is proposed to be implemented and a schedule for completion;
- (d) The projected cumulative project costs; and
- (e) The specific capital or operations and maintenance expenses incurred in the implementation of any project or program, including the cost of relocating Groundwater Production facilities.

10.10 Watermaster Summary and Notification of a Pending Application. Upon Watermaster's receipt of an Application for Recharge, Transfer, Storage, Recapture or for a credit or reimbursement, Watermaster shall prepare a written summary and an analysis (which will include an analysis of the potential for Material Physical Injury) of the Application and provide Active Parties with a copy of the written summary and advance notice of the date of Watermaster's scheduled consideration and possible action on any pending Applications. The notice shall be accompanied by the Watermaster summary and analysis and it shall

reasonably describe the contents of the Application and the action requested by the Applicant. Watermaster shall provide the following minimum notice to the Active Parties:

- (a) Applications for Recharge: 30 (thirty) days.
- (b) Applications for Transfer: 30 (thirty) days.
- (c) Applications for Storage and Recovery: 90 (ninety) days.
- (d) Local Storage Agreement or Recapture: 30 (thirty) days.

10.11 All Applications Considered by Pool Committees. All Applications shall be considered by the Pool Committees. Following its completion of the summary and analysis and the issuance of the required notice as provided in section 10.10, Watermaster Staff shall place the Application on the first available Pool Committee Agenda for each of the respective Pool Committees for consideration, discussion, recommendations or proposed conditions. The Application shall not be considered by the Advisory Committee until at least twenty-one (21) days after the last of the three Pool Committee meetings to consider the matter.

10.12 Watermaster Investigations of Applications. Watermaster may, in its discretion, cause an investigation of the Groundwater or the portion of the Basin affected by a pending Application. Any party to the proceeding may be requested to confer and cooperate with the Watermaster, its staff or consultants to carry out such investigations.

10.13 Contesting an Application. Following consideration of an Application by each Pool Committee, a Contest to the Application may be filed by any party to the Judgment. Contests to Applications filed by parties to the Judgment or other persons requesting Watermaster's approval pursuant to this Article shall be submitted in writing a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the date scheduled for Advisory Committee consideration and possible action. The Contest shall describe the basis for the Contest and the underlying facts and circumstances. Watermaster shall provide notice of the Contest to the Active Parties.

10.14 Contents of a Contest.

- (a) Each Contest shall include the name and address of the Contestant and show that the Contestant has read either the application or the related notice.
- (b) If the Contest is based upon the allegation that the proposed action may result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin, there shall be an allegation of the specific injury to the Contestant or to the Basin which may result from the proposed action and an identification of any then available evidence to support the allegation. If the Contest identifies documentary evidence other than Watermaster records or files, the Contestant shall serve copies of the documentary evidence on Watermaster and the Applicant seven (7) days prior to the hearing. If

relevant to the Contest, the Contestant shall provide Watermaster with the location of the Contestant's extraction and place of use. The location shall be described with sufficient accuracy so that the position thereof relative to the proposed action may be determined. If relevant to the Contest, the Contestant shall describe the Contestant's purpose of use.

- (c) If a Contest is based upon other grounds it shall summarize the grounds of the Contest.
- (d) The Contest shall set forth any conditions or amendments to the proposed action which, if agreed upon, would result in withdrawal of the Contest.
- (e) If Watermaster finds the Contest fails to comply with this provision, it may reject the Contest and deny the request for hearing if the Contestant fails to correct the defect and file a proper Contest within five (5) business days of the Watermaster's rejection. In any instance where a rebuttable presumption is applicable, the Watermaster shall include a statement in the rejection of the Contest that the Contestant has failed to reference any potential substantial evidence to overcome the presumption of no Material Physical Injury.

10.15 Extensions of Time and Continuance for Good Cause. An Applicant or Contestant may request an extension of time to file a Contest and Answer or for a continuance of a scheduled hearing and the request may be granted by Watermaster staff where good cause exists.

10.16 Applicant May Answer the Contest. An Applicant or project proponent may elect to file a written Answer to any Contest.

- (a) Contents. An Answer shall be responsive to the allegations contained in the Contest.
- (b) Time for Filing. Answers shall be filed at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing. If the Applicant intends to rely on documentary evidence other than Watermaster records or files, the Applicant shall serve copies of the documentary evidence upon Watermaster and the Contestant a minimum of three (3) days prior to the hearing.

10.17 Uncontested Applications by Parties to the Judgment.

- (a) The Advisory Committee and Board shall consider and may approve any uncontested Application. No hearing shall be required for an uncontested Application by a party to the Judgment unless there is good cause to hold a hearing. Where good cause appears, the Advisory Committee and the Board may deny, condition, or continue an uncontested Application. However, Watermaster shall not deny an Application until it has referred the matter to a hearing officer. In the case

of a proposed denial or conditional approval, and upon the request of the Applicant, Watermaster shall schedule an appropriate and timely hearing in general conformity with this Article X.

- (b) An uncontested Application shall be considered at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee following the expiration of the Contest period.
- (c) The Advisory Committee shall consider the Application, the staff Summary and Analysis and staff report and any rebuttable presumption that may be applicable and make any determinations under the Judgment in accordance with the provisions of section 10.25 herein.
- (d) Following consideration by the Advisory Committee, the matter shall be transmitted to the Board for consideration. The Board shall also consider the Application, the staff summary and Analysis and staff report and any rebuttable presumption that may be applicable, as well as the Advisory Committee action consistent with the Judgment. The Board's determination shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 10.25 herein.
- (e) In each case where Watermaster the Advisory Committee or Board denies or conditions an uncontested Application made by a party to the Judgment, it must support its determination by substantial evidence and act in a manner that is consistent with the Judgment and the Peace Agreement.

10.18 Contested Applications. In each case where a Contest is filed, the matter shall be set for hearing by Watermaster staff in coordination with the hearing officer and the parties to the proceeding.

10.19 Applications by Persons not Parties to the Judgment. In its sole discretion, Watermaster may review, consider, process and decide upon Applications made by persons not parties to the Judgment. However, Watermaster may not approve or conditionally approve such an Application without first holding a hearing in accordance with this Article X.

10.20 Complaints in General. Any party to the Judgment may file a Complaint with Watermaster alleging that the conduct of another person is causing or will cause Material Physical Injury in violation of these Rules and Regulations, the Judgment and the Peace Agreement.

- (a) The Complaint shall identify the name of the Complainant, the specific action or conduct that is causing or will or may cause Material Physical Injury, and any recommended mitigation measures or conditions that might avoid or reduce the alleged Material Physical Injury.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Complaint by Watermaster, it shall prepare a summary of the allegations and serve the summary along with a notice of the Complaint to the parties to the Judgment within 30 (thirty) days from filing.

- (c) Any party to the Judgment may file an Answer to the Complaint within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the notice of Complaint or other time as may be prescribed in the Watermaster notice of the Complaint.
- (d) Watermaster shall schedule a hearing on the Complaint within 30 (thirty) days of the notice of the Complaint.
- (e) A party to the Judgment's failure to appear or Contest a hearing on the approval of an Application of any matter before Watermaster shall not be a bar to the party's right to file a Complaint as provided herein. However, a party shall not be permitted to file a Complaint if it knew or should have known of a particular harm that that party would suffer and had a reasonable opportunity to object at the time of the original approval process but did not file such a Contest.
- (f) Any party to the Judgment may request an extension of time to file an Answer or to continue the hearing, which may be granted for good cause by Watermaster.
- (g) Any party to a Complaint proceeding that intends to rely upon documentary evidence at the hearing, other than Watermaster documents or files, shall serve copies of the evidence upon Watermaster and the other parties to the proceeding a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the hearing.
- (h) Watermaster may, in its discretion, cause an investigation of the injury alleged to exist by the pending Complaint. Any party to the proceeding may be requested to confer and cooperate with the Watermaster, its staff or consultants to carry out such investigations.

10.21 All Complaints Considered by Pool Committees. All Complaints shall be considered by the Pool Committees. Following consideration by the respective Pool Committees, if the Complaint is not dismissed any person(s) directly impacted by the Complaint may file an Answer in accordance with the provisions of section 10.16 and the Complaint shall be set for hearing.

10.22 Designation of Hearing Officer for Applications, Contests and Complaints. The Watermaster Board shall develop and maintain a panel of five individuals that have technical expertise and some familiarity with the Basin. The hearing officer shall be selected by the mutual agreement of each side. If mutual agreement cannot be reached, each side to any hearing on an Application or Complaint shall rank their preferred hearing officer from one (1) to five (5). The panel member receiving the highest total score shall be selected by the Watermaster Board as the Hearing Officer, unless he or she is unable to serve in which case the panel member receiving the next highest rank shall be selected. Ties shall be broken by vote of the Watermaster Board. Watermaster may add or remove new members to the five member panel from time to time or as circumstances may warrant. There shall be only two sides in any hearing and intervenors shall be assigned to a side.

10.23 Duty of the Hearing Officer. The hearing officer shall conduct the hearings in accordance with the provisions of this Article. It shall be the responsibility of the hearing officer to compile the record, develop proposed findings and recommendations supported by substantial evidence in the record within thirty days of the hearing and transmit the record to the Advisory Committee and thereafter the Watermaster Board for further action. The hearing officer shall have and shall exercise the power to regulate all proceedings in any matter before it, and to take and do all acts and measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of its duties.

10.24 Procedure at Hearings on Applications, Contests and Complaints

- (a) Parties Recognized at Hearing. Only the Applicant(s), Contestant(s), Watermaster staff and other party or parties to the Judgment which the hearing officer, in its discretion, allows to intervene as Applicant or Contestant, may be allowed to appear at the hearing.
- (b) Appearances. Persons appearing on their own behalf shall identify themselves at the beginning of the hearing. When a person is represented by an agent or attorney, such agent or attorney shall likewise enter an appearance before the hearing officer and thereafter will be recognized as fully controlling the case on behalf of that party to the proceeding.
- (c) Conduct of Hearings. Hearings shall be open to the public. The hearing officer has and shall exercise the power to regulate all proceedings in any manner before it, and to do all acts and take all measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of its duties. The hearing officer may rule on the admissibility of evidence and may exercise such further and incidental authority as necessary for the conduct of the proceedings.
- (d) Evidence. The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules of evidence and witnesses. Any relevant, non-repetitive evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining any direct evidence but shall not be sufficient by itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.
- (e) Rebuttable Presumption. A rebuttable presumption under these Rules and Regulations means that the presumption shall be sufficient to approve an Application, unless a party to the Judgment opposing the Application produces substantial evidence to rebut the presumption. Once the party to the Judgment opposing the Application produces substantial evidence in support of their contention that an action may cause Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin, the presumption shall be deemed rebutted.

- (f) Official Notice. Before or after submission of a matter for decision, official notice may be taken by the Hearing Officer of such facts as may be judicially noticed by the courts of this State.
- (g) Evidence by Reference. Public records of Watermaster which are relevant to the subject of the hearing and books, reports or other papers and pleadings which have been prepared by Watermaster and submitted previously to the Court, may in the discretion of the hearing officer, be received into evidence as exhibits without the need of supplying copies to Watermaster or other parties to the proceeding.
- (h) Examination of Witnesses. Each party to the proceeding shall have the right to call and examine witnesses and introduce exhibits. Watermaster staff and consultants may participate in the hearing as appropriate, using their technical knowledge and experience for the primary purpose of developing a full, fair and accurate record, including the questioning of any witness or the agents for any party to the proceeding
- (i) Order of Procedure. There shall be an opening statement by Watermaster staff, summarizing the subject matter and purpose of the hearing and the procedures to be followed. The designated hearing officer will then ask all persons wishing to participate in the hearing to identify themselves. Staff shall present any written reports, or summary of any findings resulting from an investigation of the Application or the Complaint. The Applicant or the Complainant shall then proceed in the case in chief, followed by the Contestant(s) or the Respondents. The Applicant and the Complainant will then be afforded an opportunity to present any responsive evidence. The hearing officer may allow further response as the interests of justice may require. Questions from the hearing officer or Watermaster staff shall be appropriate at any time.
- (j) Opening Statements and Closing Briefs. Prior to presenting their case, any party to the proceeding may file a written opening statement, or may make an oral opening statement, the length of which may be prescribed by the hearing officer. At the close of the hearing, if the hearing officer deems it advisable, time will be allowed for the filing of written briefs.
- (k) Record. The record of the hearing shall consist of all documents submitted for consideration as well as all testimony presented. Tape recordings of all testimony shall be made. Any party, at that party's sole expense, may have a court reporter present at the hearing.
- (l) Completion of Record. The Hearing Officer may request assistance from Watermaster staff and general counsel in completing the record, proposed findings and recommendations. The Hearing Officer shall transmit his or her proposed findings to the Advisory Committee within thirty days of the close of the hearing.

The proposed findings of the hearing officer shall be based upon substantial evidence in the record.

10.25 Watermaster Determinations.

- (a) Watermaster shall consider and may approve, deny, or condition any contested Application. Prior to rendering a determination on a contested Application or a Complaint, both the Advisory Committee or the Board may also each remand the matter for further findings by the hearing officer a maximum of one time each. The hearing officer shall conduct any additional hearings and complete its review and rehearing and transmit its subsequent report to the Advisory Committee within thirty days from the date of notice from Watermaster of the need for additional findings.
- (b) A contested Application or a Complaint shall be considered at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee following the transmittal of the record, proposed findings of fact and recommendations by the hearing officer and no later than 30 days from the date of the hearing. The Advisory Committee shall consider the Application, the staff summary and analysis and staff report, any rebuttable presumption, the Contest, Answer, the record, proposed findings of fact and any recommendations of the hearing officer. The Advisory Committee may amend, modify, accept or reject the report of the hearing officer, or it may direct the hearing officer to conduct a re-hearing to receive additional evidence, direct the filing of additional briefs or request oral argument.
 - (i) The findings and decision adopted by the Advisory Committee shall be supported by citations to substantial evidence in the record.
 - (ii) If the Advisory Committee fails to base its decision on substantial evidence in the record or fails to consider the proposed findings of fact developed by the Hearing Officer, subject to the right of the Advisory Committee to remand for further findings, any Advisory Committee mandate shall not be binding on the Watermaster Board. This provision shall not be considered in construing the power of the Watermaster Board or the Advisory Committee that may exist under the Judgment.
- (c) Following consideration by the Advisory Committee, the matter shall be transmitted to the Board for consideration within the next thirty (30) days. The Board shall also consider the Application, the staff summary, analysis and staff report, any rebuttable presumption that may be applicable, the Contest, the Answer, the record, the proposed findings of fact and recommendations of the hearing officer, as well as the Advisory Committee action consistent with the Judgment. The Watermaster Board may amend, modify, accept or reject the report of the hearing officer, or it may direct the hearing officer to conduct a re-hearing to receive additional evidence, direct the filing of additional briefs or request oral argument.

If the Board directs the hearing officer to conduct a re-hearing, then the proposed findings of fact and any recommendations shall be transmitted to the Advisory Committee for re-consideration prior to transmittal to the Board.

- (d) Watermaster Action. In acting upon a Complaint, or by approving, denying or conditioning in whole or in part any Application under this Article, the determinations made by the Watermaster Advisory Committee and Board shall be based upon substantial evidence in the record developed by the hearing officer and then before the Advisory Committee and Board. In making such determinations, the Advisory Committee and Board shall act in a manner consistent with the Judgment, the Peace Agreement and these Rules and Regulations. Each shall support its determinations by written findings. Each shall consider all relevant evidence presented and give due consideration to the policies and purposes set forth in the Judgment as well as Article X, section 2 of the Peace Agreement and the OBMP Implementation Plan.
- (e) No Restriction on Rights to Judicial Review Following Determination by Watermaster. Nothing herein shall be construed as imposing any limitation on any party's rights to seek judicial review of a Watermaster decision under this Article pursuant to paragraph 31 of the Judgment once Watermaster has rendered a decision on the respective Application or, in the case of a Complaint, to seek judicial review of a Watermaster decision where a party to the Judgment has elected to pursue Watermaster review of an action under this Article.
- (f) Emergency Review. In the event of a sudden, unforeseen and unexpected emergency impacting the health, safety and welfare of a party to the Judgment or the Basin, the party to the Judgment may seek immediate judicial review in accordance with the provisions of the Judgment and the Local Rules.
- (g) Undue Delay. Absent a Watermaster determination that extraordinary circumstances exist, Watermaster shall render its final decision on any Application filed under this Article within 180 days from the date the Application is deemed complete by Watermaster Staff. In the event Watermaster fails to offer a satisfactory response to repeated requests by a party to the Judgment to approve, deny or condition an Application or to rule on a Complaint, a party to the Judgment may request judicial review of the matter prior to the final Watermaster action.
- (h) Effective Date of Watermaster Action.
 - (i) For purposes of judicial review, any action determination or rule of Watermaster shall be the date on which the decision is filed.
 - (ii) For the purposes of determining the date on which an approved Application pursuant to Article X shall be considered effective, the approval shall relate back to date the completed Application is filed.

10.26 Application, Contests, Complaints Fees and Expenses.

- (a) Each party to the proceeding shall bear its own costs and expenses associated with the proceeding.
- (b) Watermaster's summary and analysis and participation in any hearing under this Article X shall be considered a general Watermaster administrative expense.
- (c) Upon request by the Agricultural Pool, Non-Agricultural Pool, or Appropriative Pool, the parties shall renegotiate this section 10.26. This renegotiation shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the adoption of a Court-approved resolution to address potential costs, fees and procedures incurred by parties to the Judgment and Watermaster in resolving frivolous and repetitiously unsuccessful similar contests.
- (d) Nothing herein shall be construed as precluding the right or claim by any party to the Judgment to request a reviewing Court under paragraph 31 of the Judgment to award litigation fees and costs to the extent such fees and costs may be available under general law.

EXHIBIT B

*Declaration of Bradley J. Herrema ISO Watermaster's Motion for Court Approval of Update to Watermaster Rules and Regulations
Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.
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**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.0 Title.

This document shall be known and may be referred to as the "~~2019~~2022 Update to the ~~2004~~2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations" adopted pursuant to the Judgment.

1.1 Definitions.

As used in these Rules and Regulations, these terms, including any grammatical variations thereof shall have the following meanings.

- (a) "Active Parties" means all parties to the Judgment other than those who have filed a written waiver of service of notices with Watermaster, pursuant to Paragraph 58 of the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(a).]
- (b) "Adjusted Physical Production" shall have the definition given in section 7.5(b)(iv).
- (c) "Agricultural Pool" shall have the meaning of Overlying (Agricultural) Pool as used in the Judgment and shall include all its members. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(a).]
- (d) "Agricultural Pool Committee" shall mean the designated representatives and alternates who serve on behalf of the Agricultural Pool.
- (e) "Annual or Year" means a fiscal year, July 1 through June 30 following, unless the context shall clearly indicate a contrary meaning. [Judgment ¶ 4(b).]
- (f) "Annual Production Right" means the total amount of water available to the Appropriative Pool in any year from all available sources (e.g., Carry-Over Water, assigned share of Operating Safe Yield, Transfers, New Yield, water Recaptured from Storage, land-use conversions, Early Transfer) which Watermaster shall determine can be Produced by the members of the Appropriative Pool free of a Replenishment Obligation.
- (g) "Answer" means the written response that may be filed to a Complaint or the reply to a Contest pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (h) "Applicant" means a person that files an Application for Watermaster approval of an action pursuant to Article X.
- (i) "Application" means a request filed by any person pursuant to the provisions of Article X, seeking (i) Watermaster approval of Recharge, Transfer, Recapture or

Qualifying Storage operations or activities or (ii) for Watermaster approval of a credit or reimbursement.

- (j) "Appropriative Pool" shall have the meaning as used in the Judgment and shall include all its members. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(b).]
- (k) "Basin Water" means Groundwater within the Chino Basin which is part of the Safe Yield, Operating Safe Yield, New Yield), or Replenishment Water in the Basin as a result of operations under the Physical Solution decreed in the Judgment. Basin Water does not include "Stored Water" under the Judgment and the Peace Agreement. [Judgment ¶ 4(d).]
- (l) "Best Efforts" means reasonable diligence and reasonable efforts under the totality of the circumstances. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(d).] Note: a rule of construction applies to this definition. See section 1.2(e) below.
- (m) "CBWCD" means the Chino Basin Water Conservation District. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(e).]
- (n) "Carry-Over Right" means the annual unpumped share of Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield that is reserved to be pumped first the following year by the members of the Non-Agricultural Pool and the Appropriative Pool respectively. [Based on the Judgment Exhibit "G" ¶ 7 and Exhibit "H" ¶ 12.]
- (o) "Carry-Over Water" means the un-Produced water in any year that may accrue to a member of the Non-Agricultural Pool or the Appropriative Pool and that is Produced first each subsequent Fiscal Year or stored as Excess Carry-Over. (Judgment Exhibit H ¶ 12.)
- (p) "CEQA" means the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq; 14 California Code of Regulations 15000 et seq. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(f).]
- (q) "Chino Basin" or "Basin" means the Groundwater basin underlying the area shown on Exhibit "B" to the Judgment and within the boundaries described on Exhibit "K" to the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(f) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(g).]
- (r) "Chino Basin Watershed" means the surface drainage area tributary to and overlying Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 4(g) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(h).]
- (s) "Chino I Desalter," also known as the SAWPA Desalter, means the Desalter owned and operated by PC 14 with a present capacity of approximately eight (8) million gallons per day (mgd) and in existence on the Effective Date. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(i).]

- (t) "Chino I Desalter Expansion" means the planned expansion of the Chino I Desalter from its present capacity of approximately eight (8) mgd to a capacity of up to fourteen (14) mgd. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(j).]
- (u) "Chino II Desalter" means a new Desalter not in existence on the Effective Date with a design capacity of approximately ten (10) mgd, to be constructed and operated consistent with the OBMP and to be located on the eastside of the Chino Basin. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(k).]
- (v) "Chino North Management Zone" means the Chino North Management Zone, as it is illustrated in the 2004 Basin Plan amendment (Regional Water Quality Control Board Resolution R8-2004-0001, "Resolution Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin to Incorporate an Updated Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Nitrogen Management Plan for the Santa Ana Region Including Revised Groundwater Subbasin Boundaries, Revised TDS and Nitrate-Nitrogen Quality Objectives for Groundwater, Revised TDS and Nitrogen Wasteload Allocations, and Revised Reach Designations, TDS and Nitrogen Objectives and Beneficial Uses for Specific Surface Waters").
- (w) "Committee(s)" means any of the Pool Committees or the Watermaster Advisory Committee as the context may compel.
- (x) "Complainant" means a party to the Judgment that files a Complaint pursuant to Article X.
- (y) "Complaint" means a claim filed by a party to the Judgment with Watermaster pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (z) "Contest" means an objection filed by a party to the Judgment pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (aa) "Contestant" means a party to the Judgment that files a Contest pursuant to the provisions of Article X.
- (bb) "Court" means the court exercising continuing jurisdiction under the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(1).]
- (cc) "Court's Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021" shall mean the Court's Findings and Order Re Motion Regarding Implementation of the Local Storage Limitation Solution, dated July 21, 2021.
- (dd) "Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019" shall mean the Court's Findings and Order Regarding Amendments to Restated Judgment, Peace

Agreement, Peace II Agreement, and Re-Operation Schedule, dated March 15, 2019.

~~(dd)~~(ee) "Date of Execution" means the first day following the approval and execution of the Peace Agreement by the last Party to do so which date is August 1, 2000. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(m).]

~~(ee)~~(ff) "Desalter" and "Desalters" means the Chino I Desalter, Chino I Desalter Expansion, the Chino II Desalter, related facilities and Future Desalters, consisting of all the capital facilities and processes that remove salt from Basin Water, including extraction wells, transmission facilities for delivery of groundwater to the Desalter, Desalter treatment and delivery facilities for the desalted water including pumping and storage facilities, and treatment and disposal capacity in the SARI System. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(n).]

~~(ff)~~(gg) "Early Transfer" means the reallocation of Safe Yield in accordance with the Peace Agreement where water from the Agricultural Pool is made available to the Appropriative Pool on an annual basis. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(o).]

~~(gg)~~(hh) "Effective Date" refers to the Effective Date of the Peace Agreement and means October 1, 2000. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(p).]

~~(hh)~~(ii) "Excess Carry-Over Water" means Carry-Over Water which in aggregate quantities exceeds a party's share of Safe Yield in the case of the Non-Agricultural Pool, or the assigned share of Operating Safe Yield in the case of the Appropriative Pool, in any year.

~~(ii)~~(jj) "Future Desalters" means enlargement of the Chino I Desalter to a capacity greater than the Chino I Expansion or enlargement of the Chino II Desalter and any other new Desalter facilities that may be needed to carry out the purposes of the OBMP over the term of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(q).]

~~(jj)~~(kk) "General law" means all applicable state and federal laws. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(r).]

~~(kk)~~(ll) "Groundwater" means all water beneath the surface of the ground. [Judgment ¶ 4(h) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(s).]

~~(ll)~~(mm) "Groundwater Storage Agreement" means either a Local Storage Agreement or an agreement in connection with a Storage and Recovery Program.

~~(mm)~~(nn) "Hydraulic Control" means the reduction of groundwater discharge from the Chino North Management Zone to the Santa Ana River to de minimus quantities. [Peace II Agreement § 1.1(b).]

~~(nn)~~(oo) "Hydrologic Balance" means the maintenance of total inflow at a level generally equivalent to total outflow as measured over an appreciable period of time that is sufficient to account for periodic changes in climate and watershed, basin and land management conditions.

~~(oo)~~(pp) "IEUA" means the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, referred to in the Judgment as Chino Basin Municipal Water District. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(t).]

~~(pp)~~(qq) "In-lieu Recharge" means taking supplies of Supplemental Water in lieu of pumping groundwater otherwise subject to Production as an allocated share of Operating Safe Yield, as provided in Exhibit "H" Paragraph 11 of the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(u).]

~~(qq)~~(rr) "Judgment" means the Judgment dated January 27, 1978, in San Bernardino County Case No. 164327 (redesignated as San Bernardino County Case No. RCV RS51010) as restated pursuant to Order Adopting Restated Judgment, dated September 27, 2012, amended pursuant to Order Approving Amendments to Restated Judgment and Rules and Regulations Regarding Compensation of Watermaster Board Members, dated August 22, 2014, Orders for Watermaster's Motion Regarding 2015 Safe Yield Reset Agreement, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated April 28, 2017, Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019, ~~and other such amendments.~~Order Granting Motion for Court Approval of Amendments to Restated Judgment Regarding Compensation of Watermaster Pool and Advisory Committee Members, dated June 26, 2020, Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020, and other such amendments. [See Peace Agreement § 1.1(v).]

~~(rr)~~(ss) "Leave Behind" means a contribution to the Basin from water held in storage within the Basin under a Storage and Recovery Agreement that may be established by Watermaster from time to time that may reflect any or all of the following: (i) actual losses; (ii) equitable considerations associated with Watermaster's management of storage agreements; and (iii) protection of the long-term health of the Basin against the cumulative impacts of simultaneous recovery of groundwater under all storage agreements. [Peace II Agreement § 1.1(c).]

~~(ss)~~(tt) "Local Imported Water" is water from any origin, native or foreign which was not available for use or included in the calculation of Safe Yield of the Chino Basin at the time the Judgment was entered. [Based on Judgment 49(c).] Local Imported Water is reported by Watermaster in its annual report.

~~(tt)~~(uu) "Local Storage" means water held in a storage account pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement between a party to the Judgment and Watermaster. Local Storage accounts may consist of: (i) a Producer's unproduced Excess Carry-Over Water or

(ii) a party to the Judgment's Supplemental Water, up to a cumulative maximum of one hundred thousand (100,000) acre-feet for all parties to the Judgment stored in the Basin on or after July 1, 2000 or (iii) that amount of Supplemental Water previously stored in the Basin on or before July 1, 2000 and quantified in accordance with the provisions and procedures set forth in Section 7.2 of these Rules and Regulations, or (iv) that amount of water which is or may be stored in the Basin pursuant to a Storage Agreement with Watermaster which exists and has not expired before July 1, 2010. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(x).] As to that portion of the Maximum Local Storage Quantity in excess of the initial 500,000 AF Safe Storage Capacity, Local Storage accounts may consist of Producers' Excess Carry-Over Water or parties' to the Judgment's Supplemental Water.

~~(uu)~~(vv) "Local Storage Agreement" means a Groundwater Storage Agreement for Local Storage.

~~(vw)~~(ww) "Material Physical Injury" means material injury that is attributable to the Recharge, Transfer, Storage and Recovery, management, movement or Production of water, or implementation of the OBMP, including, but not limited to, degradation of water quality, liquefaction, land subsidence, increases in pump lift (lower water levels) and adverse impacts associated with rising Groundwater. Material Physical Injury does not include "economic injury" that results from other than physical causes. Once fully mitigated, physical injury shall no longer be considered to be material. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(y).]

~~(xx)~~ "Maximum Local Storage Quantity" means the maximum quantity of water that may be held in Local Storage, when combined with Carry-Over Water, is 700,000 acre-feet until June 30, 2030. After June 30, 2030, the Maximum Local Storage Quantity shall be reduced to 620,000 acre-feet until June 30, 2035. [Court's Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021.]

~~(ww)~~(yy) "Metropolitan Water District" or "MWD" means the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(z).]

~~(xx)~~(zz) "Minimal Producer" means any producer whose Production does not exceed ten (10) acre-feet per year. [Judgment ¶ 4(j).]

~~(yy)~~(aaa) "New Yield" means proven increases in yield in quantities greater than historical amounts from sources of supply including, but not limited to, capture of rising water, capture of available storm flow, operation of the Desalters and related facilities, induced Recharge and other management activities implemented and operational after June 1, 2000. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(aa).]

~~(zzz)~~(bbb) "Non-Agricultural Pool" shall have the meaning as used in the Judgment for the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool and shall include all its members. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(bb).]

~~(aaa)~~(ccc) "OBMP" means the Optimum Basin Management Program, which consists of the OBMP Phase I Report and the OBMP Implementation Plan, which shall be implemented consistent with the provisions of Article V of the Peace Agreement. [July 13, 2000 Court Order.]

~~(bbb)~~(ddd) "OBMP Assessments" means assessments levied by Watermaster for the purpose of implementing the OBMP. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(cc).] Note: a rule of construction applies to this definition. See section 1.2(f) below.

~~(eee)~~(eee) "OBMP Implementation Plan" means Exhibit "B" to the Peace Agreement, as supplemented by the 2007 Supplement thereto.

~~(ddd)~~(fff) "OCWD" means the Orange County Water District. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(dd).]

~~(eee)~~(ggg) "Operating Safe Yield" means the annual amount of Groundwater which Watermaster shall determine, pursuant to criteria specified in Exhibit "I" to the Judgment, can be Produced from Chino Basin by the Appropriative Pool parties free of Replenishment obligation under the Physical Solution. [Judgment ¶ 4(1) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ee).]

~~(fff)~~(hhh) "Overdraft" means a condition wherein the total annual Production from the Basin exceeds the Safe Yield thereof, as provided in the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(m) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ff).]

~~(ggg)~~(iii) "Overlying Right" means the appurtenant right of an owner of lands overlying Chino Basin to Produce water from the Basin for overlying beneficial use on such lands. [Judgment ¶ 4(n).]

~~(hhh)~~(jjj) "PC 14" means Project Committee No. 14, members of SAWPA, composed of IEUA, WMWD, and OCWD, pursuant to Section 18 of the SAWPA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement which now constitutes the executive Authority through which SAWPA acts with respect to the Chino I Desalter and other facilities, programs and projects. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(ll).]

~~(iii)~~(kkk) "Party" or "Parties" means a Party to the Peace Agreement or Peace II Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(gg); Peace II Agreement § 1.1(e).]

~~(jjj)~~(lll) "Party" or "parties to the Judgment" means a party to the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(hh).]

~~(kkk)~~(mmm) "Peace Agreement" means the agreement dated June 29, 2000 among various parties to the Judgment identified therein and approved by Watermaster, as amended by the First Amendment to Peace Agreement dated September 2, 2004, the Second Amendment to Peace Agreement, dated September 21, 2007, and as shown in Attachment A to the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019.

~~(lll)~~(nnn) "Peace II Agreement" means the agreement dated September 21, 2007 among various parties to the Judgment identified therein and approved by Watermaster, as amended as shown in Attachment A to the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019.

~~(mmm)~~(ooo) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, governmental authority, water district and other entity of whatever nature including but not limited to the State of California and the Department of Water Resources. [Judgment ¶ 4(o).]

~~(nnn)~~(ppp) "Physical Solution" shall have the meaning of the Physical Solution as described in the Judgment.

~~(ooo)~~(qqq) "Produce" or "Produced" means to pump or extract groundwater from the Chino Basin. [Judgment 4(q) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ii).]

~~(ppp)~~(rrr) "Producer" means any person who Produces water from the Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 4(r) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(jj).]

~~(qqq)~~(sss) "Production" means the annual quantity, stated in acre-feet, of water Produced from the Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 4(s) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(kk).]

~~(rrr)~~(ttt) "Public Hearing" means a hearing of Watermaster held pursuant to the Judgment other than as provided in Article X herein.

~~(sss)~~(uuu) "Qualifying Storage" means the storage of Supplemental Water, Excess Carry-Over Water after July 1, 2010 or to participate in a Storage and Recovery Program.

~~(ttt)~~(vvv) "Qualifying Storage Agreement" means an agreement with Watermaster to store Supplemental Water, Excess Carry-Over Water after July 1, 2010 or to store water by participation in a Storage and Recovery Program.

~~(uuu)~~(www) "Recapture" and "Recover" means the withdrawal of water stored in the Basin under a Groundwater Storage Agreement.

~~(vvv)~~(xxx) "Recharge" and "Recharge Water" means the introduction of water into the Basin, directly or indirectly, through injection, percolation, delivering water for use

in-lieu of Production or other method. Recharge references the physical act of introducing water into the Basin. Recharge includes Replenishment Water but not all Recharge is Replenishment Water. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(nn).] Note: a rule of construction applies to this definition. See section 1.2(g) below.

~~(www)~~(yyy) "Recycled Water" means water which, as a result of treatment of wastewater, is suitable for a direct beneficial use or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is therefore considered a valuable resource, referred to as "reclaimed water" in the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 4(u) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(pp).]

~~(xxx)~~(zzz) "Re-Operation" means the controlled overdraft of the Basin by the managed withdrawal of groundwater Production for the Desalters and the potential increase in the cumulative un-replenished Production from 200,000 acre-feet authorized by paragraph 3 of the Engineering Appendix Exhibit I to the Judgment, to 600,000 acre-feet for the express purpose of securing and maintaining Hydraulic Control as a component of the Physical Solution. [Peace II Agreement § 1.1(d).] The Court-approved schedule for access to Re-Operation water during the period of 2013-14 through 2029-30 is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

~~(yyy)~~(aaaa) "Reset Technical Memorandum" means the memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A," which sets forth the methodology pursuant to which the Safe Yield is evaluated or reset.

~~(zzz)~~(bbbb) "Replenishment Obligation" means the quantity of water that Watermaster must purchase to replace Production by any Pool during the preceding Fiscal Year which exceeds that Pool's allocated share of Safe Yield or Operating Safe Yield in the case of the Appropriative Pool. The quantity of a Producer's Over-Production and the Replenishment Obligation is determined after Watermaster takes into account any Transfers of water or any Recovery from storage in the same year, and takes into account the Appropriative Pool obligation as a result of the implementation of the Peace Agreement, if any. [Judgment ¶ 45.]

~~(aaaa)~~(cccc) "Replenishment Water" means Supplemental Water used to Recharge the Basin pursuant to the Physical Solution, either directly by percolating the water into the Basin or indirectly by delivering the water for use in-lieu of Production and use of Safe Yield or Operating Safe Yield. [Judgment ¶ 4(v) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(oo).]

~~(bbbb)~~(dddd) "Responsible Party" means the owner, co-owner, lessee or other person(s) designated by multiple parties interested in a well as the person responsible for purposes of filing reports with Watermaster pursuant to the Judgment ¶ 4(w). [Judgment, ¶ 4(w).]

~~(cccc)~~(eeee) "Rules and Regulations" means this ~~2019~~2022 Update to the ~~2001~~2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations as authorized pursuant to the Judgment, adopted by the Watermaster on ~~October 24, 2019~~January 27, 2022 and as they may be amended from time to time. They are to be distinguished from the previous Watermaster ~~Rules and Regulations and the Uniform Groundwater~~ Rules and Regulations that were repealed and replaced by the same action adopting and approving these Rules and Regulations.

~~(dddd)~~(ffff) "Safe Yield" means the long-term average annual quantity of groundwater (excluding Replenishment Water or Stored Water but including return flow to the Basin from use of Replenishment or Stored Water) which can be Produced from the Basin under cultural conditions of a particular year without causing an undesirable result. [Judgment ¶ 4(x) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(qq).]

~~(eeee)~~(gggg) "SAWPA" means the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(ss).]

~~(ffff)~~(hhhh) "Sphere of Influence" has the same meaning as set forth in Government Code Section 56076.

~~(gggg)~~(iiii) "Storage and Recovery Program" means the use of the available storage capacity of the Basin by any person under the direction and control of Watermaster pursuant to a Court approved Groundwater Storage Agreement but excluding "Local Storage," including the right to export water for use outside the Chino Basin and typically of broad and mutual benefit to the parties to the Judgment. [Peace Agreement §1.1(uu).]

~~(hhhh)~~(jjjj) "Stored Water" means Supplemental Water held in storage, as a result of direct spreading, injection or in-lieu delivery, for subsequent withdrawal and use pursuant to a Groundwater Storage Agreement with Watermaster. [Judgment ¶ 4(aa) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(vv).]

~~(iiii)~~(kkkk) "Supplemental Water" means water imported to Chino Basin from outside the Chino Basin Watershed and Recycled Water. [Judgment ¶ 4(bb) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(ww).]

~~(jjjj)~~(llll) "Transfer" means the assignment (excepting an assignment by a member of the Non-Agricultural Pool or the Agricultural Overlying Pool), lease, or sale of a right to Produce water to another Producer within the Chino Basin or to another person or entity for use outside the Basin upon the person's intervention in conformance with the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(xx).]

~~(kkkk)~~(mmmm) "TVMWD" means Three Valleys Municipal Water District (referred to in the Judgment as Pomona Valley Municipal Water District). [Peace Agreement § 1.1(yy).]

~~(llll)~~(nnnn) "Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations" (UGRR) means the Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations that were in effect on December 31, 2000.

~~(mmmm)~~(oooo) "Watermaster" means Watermaster as the term is used in the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 1.1 (zz).]

~~(nnnn)~~(pppp) "WMWD" means Western Municipal Water District. [Judgment ¶ 4(cc) and Peace Agreement § 1.1(bbb).]

1.2 Rules of Construction

- (a) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
 - (i) The plural and singular forms include the other;
 - (ii) "Shall," "will," "must," and "agrees" are each mandatory;
 - (iii) "may" is permissive;
 - (iv) "or" is not exclusive;
 - (v) "includes" and "including" are not limiting; and
 - (vi) "between" includes the ends of the identified range.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to any agreement, document, instrument, or report means such agreement, document, instrument or report as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof
- (d) Except as specifically provided herein, reference to any law, statute, ordinance, regulation or the like means such law as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part and in effect from time to time, including any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. [Peace Agreement § 1.2.]
- (e) "Best Efforts" as defined in section 1.1 (k) above, shall be construed to mean that indifference and inaction do not constitute Best Efforts. However, futile action(s) are not required. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(d).]

- (f) OBMP Assessments as defined in section 1.1(zz) above, shall be deemed Administrative Expenses under Paragraph 54 of the Judgment. OBMP Assessments do not include assessments levied as provided in Section 5.1(g) of the Peace Agreement. Upon the expiration of the Peace Agreement, no conclusion of "general benefit" may be drawn based upon the manner in which the assessments have been made during the term of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(cc).]
 - (g) The definition of the terms Recharge and Recharge Water in section 1.1(ttt) above, shall not be construed to limit or abrogate the authority of CBWCD under general law. [Peace Agreement § 1.1(nn).]
 - (h) The right of a party to receive a credit if Watermaster compels a Groundwater Production facility to be shut down and/or moved under section 4.5 below, shall not be construed in determining the extent of Watermaster's authority under the Judgment, if any, to compel the shut-down of a well.
 - (i) These Rules and Regulations should not be construed as placing any limitation on the export of Supplemental Water other than as may be provided in the Judgment, except as may be necessary as a condition to prevent Material Physical Injury (see specifically section 8.3 below).
- 1.3 Consistency with Judgment, Peace Agreement, and Peace II Agreement. These Rules and Regulations shall be construed consistent with the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, and the Peace II Agreement. In the event of a conflict between these Rules and Regulations and the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, or the Peace II Agreement, the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, and Peace II Agreement shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between the Peace Agreement, or the Peace II Agreement and the Judgment, the Judgment shall control.
- 1.4 No Prejudice. No provision of these Rules and Regulations shall be used to construe the power and authority of the Advisory Committee or the Watermaster Board inter-se under the Judgment.
- 1.5 Amendment of Rules. These Rules and Regulations may be amended by Watermaster only upon the prior approval of the Watermaster Advisory Committee.
- 1.6 Repeal of Existing Rules and Regulations. Watermaster's existing Rules and Regulations ~~and the Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations shall be~~ are repealed upon the adoption of this ~~2019~~2022 Update to the ~~2004~~2019 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations and along with the previously repealed Uniform Groundwater Rules and Regulations, they will have no further force and effect. However, all other rules and regulations, which includes the Rules for the Advisory Committee and for each of the three Pools, shall remain in effect.

**ARTICLE II
ADMINISTRATION**

- 2.0 Principal Office. The principal office of Watermaster shall be the Chino Basin Watermaster business office, currently located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730, telephone number 909-484-3888, fax number 909-484-3890, and e-mail info@cbwm.org, or at such other location or locations as may be designated from time to time by Watermaster Resolution and filed with the Court.
- 2.1 Records. The minutes of Watermaster meetings shall be open to inspection and maintained at the principal office. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37(d).] Copies of minutes may be obtained upon payment of the duplication costs thereof. Copies of other records may be obtained on the payment of the duplication costs thereof and pursuant to Watermaster policy. Watermaster shall maintain a website (presently www.cbwm.org). Watermaster Staff shall publish those records and other matters that it deems to be of interest to the parties to the Judgment, the general public or the Court on its website.
- 2.2 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held at the principal office of Watermaster pursuant to Watermaster policy at such time(s) as may be contained in the necessary notice(s) thereof [Based on Judgment ¶ 37 (b).] As a matter of policy, Watermaster shall generally operate in accordance with the provisions of the California Open Meetings Law (Brown Act). However, in the event of conflict, the procedures set forth in these Rules and Regulations shall control.
- 2.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of the Watermaster Board by delivering notice thereof at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time of each such meeting in the case of personal delivery (including faxes and **electronic e-mail**), and ninety-six (96) hours in the case of mail. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37 (c).]
- 2.4 Adjournment. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum may so adjourn from time to time. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted forthwith on or near the door of the place where the meeting was held. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37 (e).]
- 2.5 Public Meetings/Hearings. All meetings, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public unless they are properly designated as a confidential session. Whenever a Public Hearing shall be required therein, written notice of such public hearing containing the time, date and place of Public Hearing, together with the matter to be heard thereat, shall be given to all Active Parties and each such person who has requested, in writing, notice of such meeting, at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing. At such Public Hearing, evidence shall be taken with regard to only the matters noticed, unless a sufficient urgency shall exist to the contrary, and full findings and decisions shall be issued and made available for public inspection. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section 2.5, the provisions of Article X shall control when applicable.

2.6 Confidential Sessions.

- (1) The Watermaster Board may hold confidential sessions authorized by this Rule .A confidential session may be held by the Watermaster Board and, at a minimum, the chairs of the three Pools (Appropriative, Agricultural and Non-Agricultural) to, in a manner consistent with the Judgment:
 - (i) meet with counsel to discuss or act on pending or threatened litigation involving Watermaster; or
 - (ii) discuss personnel matters of Watermaster employees involving individual employees; or
 - (iii) discuss contract negotiations involving Watermaster.
- (2) Minutes shall not be taken for confidential sessions of the Watermaster Board, but a confidential memorandum shall be prepared to describe attendance and votes on decisions.
- (3) Notice of confidential sessions of the Watermaster Board shall be as provided in section 2.7.
- (4) A report on any action taken at the confidential session of the Watermaster Board shall be given both immediately following the conclusion of the confidential session and at the next regular meeting of the Watermaster Board.
- (5) The Advisory Committee may hold a confidential session on any matter authorized by its own resolution.

2.7 Notice. Notices shall be given in writing to all Active Parties and each such person who has requested notice in writing, and shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting. Notice may be provided by either facsimile or ~~electronic e-mail~~ delivery if the party so consents to such delivery. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37(c).] Delivery of notice shall be deemed made on the date personally given or within ninety-six (96) hours of deposit thereof in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to the designee and at the address in the latest designation filed by such person. Copies of all notices shall be published on the Watermaster website. Watermaster will maintain a current list of the names of active parties and their addresses for the purpose of providing service, and will maintain a current list of the names and addresses of all parties to the Judgment. [Judgment ¶ 58.]

2.8 Quorum. A majority of the Board acting as Watermaster shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the affairs or business. [Based on Judgment ¶ 35.]

- 2.9 Voting Procedures. Only action by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Watermaster Board present and acting as Watermaster shall be effective. All actions may be adopted by voice vote, but upon demand of any member of a Board acting as Watermaster, the roll shall be called and the ayes and noes recorded in the minutes of the proceedings. Every member of a Board acting as Watermaster, in attendance, unless disqualified by reason of an opinion of the Watermaster counsel that the member of the board has a conflict of interest, shall be required to vote.
- 2.10 Conflict of Interest. Watermaster is an interest based governing structure in which various interests must be represented in decision-making. It is expected and preferred that each interest be allowed to participate in Watermaster decisions except as provided in these Rules and Regulations. Each member of the Watermaster Board or the Advisory Committee shall vote on matters before the Board or Advisory Committee unless that member has a conflict of interest as described in this Rule or other provision of general law. No member of the Watermaster Board or Advisory Committee may vote, participate in meetings or hearings pertaining to, or otherwise use his or her position to influence a Watermaster decision in which he knows or has reason to know he has both a direct personal and financial interest.
- (a) Subject to the qualification provided for in section 2.10(b) herein, a member of the Watermaster Board or Advisory Committee is deemed to have a direct personal and financial interest in a decision where it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material effect on the Watermaster member, members of his or her immediate family, or the Watermaster member's other business, property, and commercial interests.
- (b) To be classified as a direct personal and financial interest, the particular matter must be distinguishable from matters of general interest to the respective pool (Appropriative, Non-Agricultural, or Agricultural) or party to the Judgment, which the Watermaster member has been appointed to represent on the Watermaster Board or Advisory Committee. The member must stand to personally gain discrete and particular advantage from the outcome of the decision beyond that generally realized by any other person or the interests he or she represents. Moreover, Watermaster representatives are expressly intended to act in a representative capacity for their constituents. A member of the Board or Advisory Committee shall not be considered to have a discrete and particular financial advantage unless a decision may result in their obtaining a financial benefit that is not enjoyed by any other person. In those instances where the Board member or Advisory Committee member does have a conflict of interest, that respective interest may be represented by that interest's designated alternate and the Board or Advisory Committee member with the identified conflict of interest may address the Board or Committee or participate in the hearing or meeting as a party to the Judgment.

- 2.11 Minutes. The secretary (or in the absence thereof any person so designated at said meeting) shall cause the preparation and subscription of the minutes of each meeting and make available a copy thereof to all Active Parties and each person who has filed a request for copies of all minutes or notices in writing. The minutes shall constitute notice of all actions therein reported. Unless a reading of the minutes is ordered by a majority of the members of the Board acting as Watermaster, minutes may be approved without reading. [Based on Judgment ¶ 37(d).] Watermaster shall publish a copy of its minutes on the Watermaster website.
- 2.12 Rules of Order. Except as may be provided herein, the procedures of the conduct of any meeting shall be governed by the latest revised edition of Roberts' Rules of Order. However, such rules, adopted to expedite the transaction of the business in an orderly fashion, are deemed to be procedural only and failure to strictly observe such rules shall not affect the jurisdiction or invalidate any action taken at a meeting that is otherwise held in conformity with law.
- 2.13 Compensation. Members of Watermaster shall receive compensation from Watermaster for attendance at meetings, regular or special, in an amount as approved by the Court, together with reasonable expenses related to the respective activities thereof, subject to applicable provisions of law. A Watermaster Board member has three Options with regard to payment of compensation. Option 1 is have the payment payable directly to the Board member under the Board member's name; Option 2 is to have the payment payable directly to the Board member's employer/agency; and Option 3 is for the Board member to waive the compensation payment. Option 1 or 2 requires completion and submission of a signed W •9 form. [Based on Judgment ¶ 18 (as amended).]
- 2.14 Employment of Experts and Agents. Watermaster may employ or retain such administrative, engineering, geologic, accounting, legal or other specialized personnel and consultants as it may deem appropriate and shall require appropriate bonds from all officers and employees handling Watermaster funds. Watermaster shall maintain records for purposes of allocating costs of such services as well as of all other expenses of Watermaster administration as between the several pools established by the Physical Solution of the Judgment. No member of the Watermaster Advisory Committee or any Pool Committee may be employed or compensated by Watermaster for professional or other services rendered to such committee or to Watermaster other than as provided in section 2.13 above. [Based on Judgment ¶ 20.]
- 2.15 Acquisition of Facilities. Watermaster may purchase, lease, acquire and hold all necessary facilities and equipment; provided, that it is not the intent of the Judgment that Watermaster acquire any interest in real property or substantial capital assets. [Judgment ¶ 19 and Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).]
- 2.16 Investment of Funds. Watermaster may hold and invest all Watermaster funds in investments authorized from time to time for public agencies of the State of California,

taking into consideration the need to increase the earning power of such funds and to safeguard the integrity thereof. [Based on Judgment ¶ 23.]

- 2.17 Borrowing. Watermaster may borrow from time to time, amounts not to exceed the annual anticipated receipts of Watermaster during such year. [Judgment ¶ 24.]
- 2.18 Contracts. Watermaster may enter into contracts and agreements for the performance of any of its powers pursuant to the Judgment.
- 2.19 Cooperation with Other Agencies. Watermaster may, subject to the prior recommendation of the Advisory Committee, act jointly or cooperate with agencies of the United States of America, and the State of California or any political subdivisions, municipalities, districts or any person to the end that the purpose of the Physical Solution of the Judgment may be fully and economically carried out. [Based on Judgment ¶ 26.]
- 2.20 Annual Administrative Budget. Watermaster shall submit to the Advisory Committee, after Pool Committee review and approval, an administrative budget and recommendation for action for each subsequent Fiscal Year on or before March 1. The Advisory Committee shall review and submit the budget and their recommendations to Watermaster on or before April 1, next following. Watermaster shall hold a public hearing on the budget which was approved by Advisory Committee at an April meeting of each year and adopt the annual administrative budget which shall include the administrative items for each committee. The administrative budget shall set forth budgeted items in sufficient detail as necessary to make a proper allocation of expenses among the several pools, together with Watermaster's proposed allocation. The budget shall contain such additional comparative information or explanation as the Advisory Committee may recommend from time to time. Expenditures within the budgeted items may thereafter be made by Watermaster in the exercise of its powers, as matter of course. Any budget transfer in excess of 20% of a budget category, or modification of the administrative budget during any year shall be first submitted to the Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. [Based on Judgment ¶ 30.]
- 2.21 Annual Report. Watermaster shall prepare and make available an annual report, which shall be filed on or before January 31 of each year and shall contain details as to the operation of each of the pools, a certified audit of all assessments and expenditures pursuant to the Physical Solution of the Judgment and a review of Watermaster activities. [Based on Judgment ¶ 48.] The annual report shall generally include an update on the status of the parties' efforts to implement the OBMP. On a biannual basis, the annual report shall include an engineering appendix which contains a more specific "state of the Basin" report including an update on the status of individual OBMP related activities such as monitoring results and Watermaster's analysis of Hydrologic Balance. The annual report shall also include a compilation of any amendments to these Rules and Regulations made by Watermaster during the prior twelve (12) months and serve as notice to the Court of the amendments.

- 2.22 Studies. Watermaster may, with concurrence of the Advisory Committee or affected Pool Committee and in accordance with Paragraph 54(b) of the Judgment, undertake relevant studies of hydrologic conditions, both quantitative and qualitative, and operating aspects of implementation of the Chino Basin OBMP. [Judgment ¶ 27.]
- 2.23 Demonstrated CEQA Compliance. Watermaster shall not approve any request made under the Judgment or these Rules and Regulations where the proposed action also constitutes a "project" within the meaning of CEQA unless the Watermaster finds that the person requesting Watermaster approval has demonstrated CEQA compliance.
- 2.24 Notice of Litigation. Watermaster shall provide reasonable notice to the parties to the Judgment of any threatened or existing litigation affecting Watermaster or that challenges the legality, validity, or enforceability of the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the OBMP Implementation Plan or the Rules and Regulations.
- 2.25 Defense of Judgment. Watermaster shall reasonably defend the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, the OBMP Implementation Plan, and these Rules and Regulations against challenges brought by persons who are not parties to the Judgment. These costs incurred by Watermaster in defending the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, the OBMP Implementation Plan, and these Rules and Regulations shall be considered a Watermaster general administrative expense. However, the State of California shall not be obligated to reimburse Watermaster for any legal or administrative costs incurred in such defense. [Based on Peace Agreement § 4.1.]
- 2.26 Written Reports. All reports required to be provided by Watermaster under these Rules and Regulations shall be provided in written form unless the context requires otherwise.
- 2.27 Interventions. Watermaster will receive and make recommendations regarding petitions for intervention and accumulate them for filing with the Court from time to time. [Judgment ¶ 60 and Order re Intervention Procedures, July 14, 1978.]
- 2.28 Advisory Committee and Pool Administration. Administration of each of the three Pools is not governed by these Rules and Regulations. Each of these entities has its own rules and shall thereby be governed by those rules. The Advisory Committee shall also be governed by its own rules and procedures. However, when these Rules and Regulations make express reference to the Advisory Committee and the context requires such a construction, these Rules and Regulations shall control.

**ARTICLE III
MONITORING**

- 3.0 Scope. Watermaster will carry out the monitoring activities described under Program Element 1 of the OBMP and, as described in the OBMP Implementation Plan. Monitoring procedures not described by this Article III, shall be implemented through the development of appropriate Watermaster policies and procedures as necessary. Any such policies and procedures adopted by resolution or minute action shall be reported to the Court in Watermaster's annual report.
- 3.1 Meters. This section sets forth Watermaster's rules and procedures for monitoring Groundwater Production by metering.
- (a) Reporting. Any person Producing in excess of ten (10) acre-feet per year shall install and maintain in good operating condition, at the cost of each such person except as provided in (b) below, such meters as Watermaster may deem necessary. Any such measuring device shall be subject to regular inspection and testing as the Watermaster may, from time to time, require, but at a minimum every two years. [Judgment ¶ 21.]
- (b) Watermaster shall provide a meter testing service with a complete line of carefully calibrated test equipment. Any Producer may request an evaluation of any or all of its water meters at any time. Watermaster shall only pay for tests initiated by Watermaster and for all tests on meters owned by Watermaster
- (c) Agricultural Pool Meters.
- (i) Any assessment levied by Watermaster on the members of the Agricultural Pool to fund the installation of meters which is set forth in the Judgment, paragraph 21 regarding metering, shall be paid by the Appropriative Pool. Members of the Agricultural Pool, shall have no obligation to pay for or assume any duty with regard to the installation of meters. The obligation to install and maintain and replace meters on wells owned or operated by members of the Agricultural Pool shall be that of the Watermaster. [Peace Agreement § 5.6(a).]
- (ii) Agricultural Pool meters shall be installed within thirty-six (36) months of the Date of Execution. Watermaster shall be responsible for providing the meter, as well as paying the cost of any installation, maintenance, inspection, testing, calibrating and repairing. The members of the Agricultural Pool shall provide reasonable access during business hours to a location reasonably appropriate for installation, inspection, testing, calibrating and repairing of a meter. [Peace Agreement § 5.6(b).] However, the State of California reserves its right to continue to install, operate,

maintain, inspect, test and repair its own meters on wells owned or operated by the State, unless it consents to installation by Watermaster in which case Watermaster assumes the cost. [Peace Agreement § 5.6(c).]

- (iii) Watermaster shall test every Agricultural Pool meter other than those owned by the State of California on an active well under Watermaster's jurisdiction at least once every two years.

3.2 Reporting by Producers. Each party, or Responsible Party Producing water from the Basin, shall file with Watermaster on forms provided therefore, a quarterly report of the total water Production of that Producer during the preceding calendar quarter, together with such additional information as Watermaster and/or the affected Pool Committee may require. The report shall be due on the 15th day of the month next succeeding the end of each respective calendar quarter, i.e., April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15, except for minimal Producers, whose reports are due annually by July 15. [Judgment ¶ 47.] Watermaster shall annually estimate the quantity of water Produced by "minimal producers" by any reasonable means, including but not limited to the use of a water duty factor dependent upon the type of use and/or acreage.

3.3 Error Corrections. All reports or other information submitted to Watermaster by the parties shall be subject to a four-year limitations period regarding the correction of errors contained in such submittals. In addition, all information generated by Watermaster shall be subject to the same four-year limitations period. All corrections to errors shall apply retroactively for no more than four years.

ARTICLE IV
ASSESSMENTS, REIMBURSEMENTS AND CREDITS

- 4.0 Scope. This Article sets forth Watermaster's rules and procedures regarding, assessments, reimbursements and credits.
- 4.1 Assessments. Watermaster shall levy assessments against the parties (other than Minimal Producers complying herewith) based upon Production during the preceding Production period. The assessment shall be levied by Watermaster pursuant to the pooling plan adopted for the applicable pool. [Based on Judgment ¶ 53.] Assessments shall cover the cost of Replenishment Water and the expenses of Watermaster administration which shall be categorized as either (a) general, or (b) special project expense.
- (a) General Administrative Watermaster Expense shall include office rental, general personnel expense, supplies and office equipment and related incidental expense and general overhead. [Judgment ¶ 54(a).]
 - (b) Special Project Expense shall consist of special engineering, economic or other studies, litigation expense, meter testing or other major operating expenses. Each such project shall be assigned a task order number and shall be separately budgeted and accounted for. [Judgment ¶ 54(b).]
 - (c) General Watermaster administrative expense shall be allocated and assessed against the respective pools based upon allocations made by the Watermaster, who shall make such allocations based upon generally-accepted cost accounting methods. [Judgment ¶ 54.]
 - (d) Special project expense shall be allocated to a specific pool, or any portion thereof, only upon the basis of prior express assent and finding of benefit by the appropriate Pool Committee, or pursuant to written order of the Court. [Judgment ¶ 54.]
 - (e) Minimal Producers shall be exempted from payment of assessments upon filing of the Production reports referred to in section 3.2 hereof and payment of an annual five dollar (\$5.00) administrative fee with the annual Production report. [Based on Judgment ¶ 52.] In addition, any Minimal Producer who is a member of the Appropriative Pool or the Non-Agricultural Pool and who has no quantified right to Produce water, shall pay a replenishment assessment upon the water that it Produces.
 - (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Watermaster shall levy assessments for the 6,500 acre-feet per year as provided in section 5.1(g) of the Peace Agreement and the cost and allocation of this Supplemental Water shall be apportioned pro rata among the members of the Appropriative Pool under the Judgment according to the Producer's assigned share of Operating Safe Yield. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(g)(ii) (inclusion

of word "Operating" to correct mis-phrasing of Peace Agreement as required by the context in the Peace Agreement).]

- 4.2 OBMP Assessments. Watermaster Assessments for implementation of the OBMP shall be considered a Watermaster Administrative Expense pursuant to paragraph 54 of the Judgment.
- 4.3 Assessment - Procedure. Assessments shall be levied and collected as follows:
- (a) Notice of Assessment. Watermaster shall give written notice of all applicable assessments to each party as provided in the Judgment not later than October 31 of each year [Judgment ¶ 55(a).];
 - (b) Payment. Each assessment shall be payable on or before thirty (30) days after the date of invoice, and shall be the primary obligation of the party or successor owning the water Production facility at the time written notice of assessment is given, even though prior arrangement for payment by others has been made in writing and filed with Watermaster [Judgment ¶ 55(b).]; and
 - (c) Delinquency. Any delinquent assessment shall incur a late charge of ten (10%) percent per annum (or such greater rate as shall equal the average current cost of borrowed funds to the Watermaster) from the due date thereof. Delinquent assessments and late charge may be collected in a show-cause proceeding instituted by the Watermaster, in which case the Court may allow Watermaster's reasonable cost of collection, including attorney's fees. [Judgment ¶ 55(c).]
- 4.4 Assessment Adjustments. The Watermaster shall make assessment adjustments in whole or in part for assessments to any Producer as a result of erroneous Production reports or otherwise as necessary for the reporting period as either a credit or debit in the next occurring assessment package unless otherwise decided by Watermaster.
- (a) All assessments will be based on the assumption that appropriate, timely filed and pending Applications will be approved by Watermaster. If any such Applications are not approved, a supplemental assessment may be levied.
 - (b) Assessment adjustments may be necessary due to overstated Production, understated Production, or errors in the assessment package discovered after the assessments have been approved.
 - (c) Watermaster may cause an investigation and report to be made concerning questionable reports of Production from the Basin.
 - (d) Watermaster may seek to collect delinquent assessments and interest in a show-cause proceeding in which case the Court may allow Watermaster its reasonable

costs of collection, including attorney's fees. [Judgment ¶ 55(c).] Alternately, Watermaster may bring suit in a court having jurisdiction against any Producer for the collection of any delinquent assessments and interest thereon. The court, in addition to any delinquent assessments, may award interest and reasonable costs including attorney's fees.

4.5 Credits Against OBMP Assessments and Reimbursements. Watermaster shall exercise reasonable discretion in making its determination regarding credits against OBMP Assessments and reimbursements, considering the importance of the project or program to the successful completion of the OBMP, the available alternative funding sources, and the professional engineering and design standards as may be applicable under the circumstances. However, Watermaster shall not approve such a request for reimbursement or credit against future OBMP Assessments under this section where the Producer or party to the Judgment was otherwise legally compelled to make the improvement. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(d).]

- (a) Any party to the Judgment may make Application for credits against OBMP assessments or for reimbursement by filing a timely Application pursuant to the provisions of this section and Article X of these Rules and Regulations.
- (b) A party to the Judgment is eligible to be considered for credits or reimbursement for those documented capital, operations and maintenance expenses, including the cost of shutting down and/or relocating Groundwater Production facilities, that are reasonably incurred in the implementation of any project or program that carries out the purposes of the OBMP and specifically relates to the prevention of subsidence in the Basin, upon approval of the request by Watermaster. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(d), as amended.] The purposes of the OBMP shall be those goals set forth in the Phase I Report as implemented through the OBMP Implementation Plan in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. [July 13, 2000 Court Order.]
- (c) Any Producer that Watermaster compels to shut down and/or move a Groundwater Production facility that is in existence on August 1, 2000 shall have the right to receive a credit against future Watermaster assessments or reimbursement up to the reasonable cost of the replacement Groundwater Production facility, including the legal rate of interest on California Judgments. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(e).] In its sole discretion, Watermaster may determine to issue full reimbursement upon approval of the Application or to issue a credit against future Watermaster assessments. However, in the event Watermaster elects to provide a credit in lieu of reimbursement, it must have fully compensated the Producer for the reasonable cost of the replacement Groundwater Production facility through any combination of credits and reimbursements within five years from the date of the Application, unless the Producer consents in writing to a longer period. Note: this section is subject to a rule of construction. See section 1.2(h) above.

(d) An Application to Watermaster for reimbursement or a credit against OBMP Assessments shall be considered timely, if and only if the Application has been approved by Watermaster in advance of construction or the offer by a party to dedicate the facility to carry out the purposes of the OBMP as described in (b) above. [Based on Peace Agreement § 5.4(d).]

4.6 Agricultural Pool Assessments and Expenses. During the term of the Peace Agreement, all Assessments and expenses of the Agricultural Pool including those of the Agricultural Pool Committee shall be paid by the Appropriate Pool. This includes but is not limited to OBMP Assessments, assessments pursuant to paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 30, 42, 51, 53, 54 (both general administrative expenses and special project expenses), 55, and Exhibit F (Agricultural Pool Pooling Plan) of the Judgment except however in the event the total Agricultural Pool Production exceeds 414,000 acre-feet in any five consecutive year period as defined in the Judgment, the Agricultural Pool shall be responsible for its Replenishment Obligation pursuant to paragraph 45 of the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 5.4(a).]

4.7 Replenishment Assessments. Watermaster shall levy and collect assessments in each year, pursuant to the respective pooling plans, in the amount of the Replenishment Obligation (including any Desalter Replenishment) for any pool during the preceding year. [Based on Judgment ¶ 51.]

4.8 Desalter Replenishment Assessments and Credits. The price of Desalted water to a purchaser of Desalted water does not include the cost of Replenishment. The source of Replenishment shall be those provided in Article VII herein, Article VII of the Peace Agreement, and Article VI of the Peace II Agreement. However, a purchaser of Desalted water may elect to obtain a reduced Assessment levied by Watermaster by dedicating by Transfer, or assignment, some or all of its Production rights to Watermaster for the purpose of satisfying Desalter Replenishment. The amount of the credit granted by Watermaster shall be equal to the value of the cost of Replenishment Water then available from the MWD as interruptible, untreated water or the then prevailing value of the avoided Replenishment Obligation, whichever is less. For purposes of determining Replenishment assessments, water Produced by the Desalters shall be considered Production by the Appropriate Pool.

4.9 Consistency with Peace Agreement. The procurement of Replenishment Water and the levy of Assessments shall be consistent with the provisions of section 5.4(a) of the Peace Agreement.

4.10 OBMP Committee. Watermaster shall establish a subcommittee (OBMP Committee) for the purpose of coordinating fund raising efforts in furtherance of the OBMP.

(a) The subcommittee shall hold a regularly scheduled meeting a minimum of once every quarter.

- (b) Prior to each subcommittee meeting, Watermaster shall prepare a summary of the funds, loans or grants secured for the purpose of implementing the OBMP over the past three months and distribute any information it may possess regarding the availability of other potential funds, loans or grants.

**ARTICLE V
PHYSICAL SOLUTION**

- 5.0 Scope. This Article generally sets forth the standards for Watermaster implementation of the Physical Solution established by the Judgment, including the application of these standards to Watermaster conduct and decisions under the Judgment, these Rules and Regulations and the OBMP.
- 5.1 Physical Solution. It is essential that this Physical Solution provide maximum flexibility and adaptability to use existing future, technological, social, institutional and economic options to maximize beneficial use of the waters of the Chino Basin. [Judgment ¶ 40.]
- 5.2 Watermaster Control. Watermaster, with the advice of the Advisory and Pool Committees, is granted discretionary powers in order to develop its OBMP. [Based on Judgment ¶ 41.]
- 5.3 Basin Management Parameters. Watermaster shall consider the following parameters in implementing the Physical Solution under Articles VI - X of these Rules and Regulations:
- (a) Pumping Patterns. Chino Basin is a common supply for all persons and agencies utilizing its waters. It is an objective in management of the Basin's waters that no Producer be deprived of access to said waters by reason of unreasonable pumping patterns, nor by regional or localized Recharge of Replenishment Water, insofar as such result may be practically avoided. [Judgment Exhibit "I".]
 - (b) Water Quality. Maintenance and improvement of water quality is a prime consideration and function of management decisions by Watermaster. [Judgment Exhibit "I".]
 - (c) Economic Considerations. Financial feasibility, economic impact and the cost of optimum use of the Basin's resources and the physical facilities of the parties are objectives and concerns equal in importance to water quantity and quality parameters. [Judgment Exhibit "I".]

ARTICLE VI
SAFE YIELD AND OPERATING SAFE YIELD

- 6.0 Scope. This Article sets forth the rules and procedures that are applicable to Watermaster's regulation, control, and management of Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield.
- 6.1 Annual Production Right. The Annual Production Right shall be calculated by Watermaster pursuant to the Judgment and the Peace Agreement.
- 6.2 New Yield. The Judgment provides that Safe Yield may need to be periodically adjusted based on more accurate and updated data and based on evidence of increased capture of native water and increased return flow from use of Replenishment or Stored Water. Safe Yield can only be re-determined periodically when long-term data or evidence is developed in support thereof. In order to encourage maximization of Basin Water under the Physical Solution, New Yield shall be accounted for by Watermaster in interim periods between re-determinations of Safe Yield.
- (a) Proven increases in yield in quantities greater than the historical level of contribution from certain Recharge sources may result from changed conditions including, but not limited to, the increased capture of rising water, increased capture of available storm flow, and other management activities. These increases are considered New Yield.
 - (b) To the extent the New Yield arises from conditions, programs or projects implemented and operational after July 1, 2000, it is available for allocation by Watermaster as a component of the Annual Production Right for each member of the Appropriative Pool.
 - (c) As part of the documentation for the assessments and annual report for each year, Watermaster will provide a summary and analysis of the historical recharge and whether there are changed conditions that have resulted in a quantity of New Yield.
 - (d) Except as described in section 6.2(f) below, pursuant to the Peace Agreement and the Peace II Agreement, any New Yield shall first be assigned to offsetting Desalter Replenishment Obligations in the immediately following year and as reasonably required to satisfy expected future Replenishment Obligations arising from the Desalter. If there is water in the Watermaster Desalter Replenishment Account to satisfy the Desalter Replenishment Obligation for the year, the New Yield shall be made available to the Appropriative Pool to satisfy a Replenishment Obligation consistent with section 7.5(a)(3) herein.
 - (e) New Yield is expected to result from a variety of conditions, including but not limited to enhanced Basin management, increased stormwater Recharge, induced Recharge from operation of the Desalters, injection, and changes in land use

patterns. Watermaster has established an initial baseline quantity of stormflow Recharged in the Basin under historical conditions in the amount of 5,600 acre-feet per year. Any party to the Judgment may request Watermaster to re-examine this initial estimate of the baseline quantity and to adjust the quantity in accordance with best available technology and substantial evidence.

- (f) The storm flow component of Recharge determined by Watermaster to be part of New Yield shall be allocated to the Appropriators according to their percentages of Safe Yield under the Judgment. Notwithstanding section 7.5(c) of the Peace Agreement, those amounts will continue to be dedicated in those percentages to the Appropriators if that storm flow Recharge is subsequently determined to be Safe Yield. [First Amendment to Peace Agreement, ¶ 2.]

6.3 Accounting of Unallocated Agricultural Portion of Safe Yield.

- (a) In each year, the 82,800 acre-feet being that portion of the Safe Yield made available to the Agricultural Pool under the Judgment, shall be made available in the following sequence:
 - (i) To the Agricultural Pool to satisfy all demands for overlying Agricultural Pool lands;
 - (ii) To supplement, in the particular year, water available from Operating Safe Yield to compensate for any reduction in the Safe Yield by reason of recalculation thereof;
 - (iii) To land use conversions that were completed prior to October 1, 2000;
 - (iv) To land use conversions that have been completed after October 1, 2000; and
 - (v) To the Early Transfer of the quantity of water not Produced by the Agricultural Pool that is remaining after all the land use conversions are satisfied pursuant to section 5.3(h) of the Peace Agreement from the Agricultural Pool to the Appropriative Pool in accordance with their pro-rata assigned share of Operating Safe Yield.
- (b) In the event actual Production by the Agricultural Pool exceeds 414,000 acre-feet in any five years, the Agricultural Pool shall procure sufficient quantities of Replenishment Water to satisfy over-Production obligations, whatever they may be.

6.4 Conversion Claims. The following procedures may be utilized by any Appropriator:

- (a) Record of Unconverted Agricultural Acreage. Watermaster shall maintain on an ongoing basis a record, with appropriate related maps, of all agricultural acreage within the Chino Basin subject to being converted to appropriate water use pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph.
- (b) Record of Water Service Conversion. Any Appropriator who undertakes to permanently provide water service to any portion of a legal parcel subject to conversion shall report such change to Watermaster. Watermaster shall ensure that when a partial conversion occurs, that the water use on the acreage is properly metered. For all or any portion of the legal parcel that is proposed for conversion, Watermaster shall thereupon verify such change in water service and shall maintain a record and account for each Appropriator of the total acreage involved. Should, at any time, all or any portion of the converted acreage return to agricultural overlying use, Watermaster shall return such acreage that returns to agricultural use to unconverted status and correspondingly reduce or eliminate any allocation accorded to the Appropriator involved.

6.5 Recalculation of Safe Yield.

- (a) Initial Prior Safe Yield Resets. Pursuant to the Court's Orders for Watermaster's Motion Regarding 2015 Safe Yield Reset, Effective Agreement, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated April 28, 2017, effective July 1, 2010 and continuing until June 30, 2020, the Safe Yield for the Basin ~~is~~ was reset at 135,000 AFY. Pursuant to the Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020, effective July 1, 2020 and continuing until June 30, 2030, the Safe Yield for the Basin was reset at 131,000 AFY. For all purposes arising under the Judgment, the Peace Agreements and the OBMP Implementation Plan, the Safe Yield shall be ~~135~~131,000 AFY, without exception, unless and until Safe Yield is reset in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 6.5, and determined by the Court pursuant to its retained continuing jurisdiction.
- (b) Scheduled Reset Resets. Watermaster will initiate a process to evaluate and reset the Safe Yield by July 1, ~~2020~~2030 as further provided in this Section 6.5. Subject to the provisions of Section 6.5(c) below, the Safe Yield, as it is reset effective July 1, ~~2020~~2030 will continue until June 30, ~~2030~~2040. Watermaster will initiate the reset process, taking into account then prevailing best management practices and advances in hydrological science, no later than ~~January~~July 1, ~~2019~~2028, in order to ensure that the Safe Yield, as reset, may be approved by the court no later than June 30, ~~2020~~2030. (Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 at 15.) Watermaster must present its evaluation and recommendation regarding Safe Yield for the period July 1, 2030, and ending June 30, 2040, to the Parties to the Judgment no later than January 1, 2030. (Orders

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Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 at 15.) Consistent with the provisions of the OBMP Implementation Plan, thereafter Watermaster will conduct a Safe Yield evaluation and reset process no less frequently than every ten years. This Section 6.5(b) is deemed to satisfy Watermaster's obligation, under Paragraph 3.(b) of Exhibit "I" to the Judgment, to provide notice of a potential change in Operating Safe Yield.

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(c) Interim Correction. In addition to the scheduled reset set forth in Section 6.5(b) above, the Safe Yield may be reset in the event that,-:

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(e)(i) with the recommendation and advice of the Pools and Advisory Committee and in the exercise of prudent management discretion described in Section 6.5(e)(iii), below, Watermaster recommends to the court that the Safe Yield must be changed by an amount greater (more or less) than 2.5% of the then-effective Safe Yield.

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(ii) The California State Water Resources Control Board develops water conservation measures prior to June 30, 2030, that result in a reduction in urban irrigation in the Chino Basin (i.e., reduced Evapotranspiration Adjustment Factors), as required by Water Code § 10609, et seq., that is reasonably likely to materially reduce recharge in the Chino Basin and such measures are determined to change the Safe Yield by more than 2.5% of the then-effective Safe Yield, and Watermaster moves the Court to reset the Safe Yield accordingly.(Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020 at 15.)

(d) Safe Yield Reset Methodology. The Safe Yield shall be subsequently evaluated pursuant to the methodology set forth in the Reset Technical Memorandum. The reset will rely upon long-term hydrology and will include data from 1921 to the date of the reset evaluation. The long-term hydrology will be continuously expanded to account for new data from each year, through July 2030, as it becomes available. This methodology will thereby account for short-term climatic variations, wet and dry. Based on the best information practicably available to Watermaster, the Reset Technical Memorandum sets forth a prudent and reasonable professional methodology to evaluate the then prevailing Safe Yield in a manner consistent with the Judgment, the Peace Agreements, and the OBMP Implementation Plan. In furtherance of the goal of maximizing the beneficial use of the waters of the Chino Basin, Watermaster, with the recommendation and advice of the Pools and Advisory Committee, may supplement the Reset Technical Memorandum's methodology to incorporate future advances in best management practices and hydrologic science as they evolve over the term of this order.

- (e) Annual Data Collection and Evaluation. In support of its obligations to undertake the reset in accordance with the Reset Technical Memorandum and this Section 6.5, Watermaster shall annually undertake the following actions:
- (i) Ensure that, unless a Party to the Judgment is excluded from reporting, all production by all Parties to the Judgment is metered, reported, and reflected in Watermaster's approved Assessment Packages;
 - (ii) Collect data concerning cultural conditions annually with cultural conditions including, but not limited to, land use, water use practices, production, and facilities for the production, generation, storage, recharge, treatment, or transmission of water;
 - (iii) Evaluate the potential need for prudent management discretion to avoid or mitigate undesirable results including, but not limited to, subsidence, water quality degradation, and unreasonable pump lifts. Where the evaluation of available data suggests that there has been or will be a material change from existing and projected conditions or threatened undesirable results, then a more significant evaluation, including modeling, as described in the Reset Technical Memorandum, will be undertaken; and,
 - (iv) As part of its regular budgeting process, develop a budget for the annual data collection, data evaluation, and any scheduled modeling efforts, including the methodology for the allocation of expenses among the Parties to the Judgment. Such budget development shall be consistent with section 5.4(a) of the Peace Agreement.
- (f) Modeling. Watermaster shall cause the Basin model to be updated and a model evaluation of Safe Yield, in a manner consistent with the Reset Technical Memorandum, to be initiated no later than January 1, 2024, in order to ensure that the same may be completed by June 30, 2025.
- (g) Peer Review. The Pools shall be provided with reasonable opportunity, no less frequently than annually, for peer review of the collection of data and the application of the data collected in regard to the activities described in Section 6.5(d), (e), and (f) above.
- (h) No Retroactive Accounting. Notwithstanding that the initial Safe Yield reset, described in Section 6.5(a) above, ~~shall be~~ effective as of July 1, 2010, Watermaster will not, in any manner, including through the approval of its Assessment Packages, seek to change prior accounting of the prior allocation of Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield among the Parties to the Judgment for Production Years prior to July 1, 2014.

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**ARTICLE VII
RECHARGE**

7.0 Scope. This Article sets forth the standards that are applicable to Watermaster's review of Recharge actions by all persons that may be subject to the Judgment as well as Watermaster's efforts to administer, direct, and arrange for Recharge in accordance with the Judgment.

7.1 In General

- (a) Watermaster shall administer, direct and arrange for the Recharge of all water in a manner pursuant to the Judgment, the Peace and Peace II Agreements and the OBMP in a manner that causes no Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Chino Basin. Nothing herein shall be construed as committing a Party to provide Supplemental Water upon terms and conditions that are not deemed acceptable to that party. This means that no party to the Judgment shall be individually and independently obligated to purchase or acquire Supplemental Water on behalf of another party to the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).] Applications to engage in Recharge activities shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Article X using the forms provided by Watermaster attached hereto as Appendix 1.
- (b) Watermaster shall exercise its Best Efforts to:
 - (i) Protect and enhance the Safe Yield of the Chino Basin through Replenishment and Recharge [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).];
 - (ii) Ensure there is sufficient Recharge capacity for Recharge water to meet the goals of the OBMP and the future water supply needs within the Chino Basin [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).];
 - (iii) Evaluate the long term Hydrologic Balance within all areas and subareas of the Chino Basin;
 - (iv) Make its initial report on the then existing state of Hydrologic Balance by July 1, 2003, including any recommendations on Recharge actions which may be necessary under the OBMP. Thereafter Watermaster shall make written reports on the long term Hydrologic Balance in the Chino Basin every two years;
 - (v) Use and consider the information provided in the reports under (iv) above, when modifying or updating the Recharge Master Plan and in implementing the OBMP;

- (vi) Evaluate the potential or threat for any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Chino Basin, including, but not limited to, any Material Physical Injury that may result from any Transfer of water in storage or water rights which is proposed in place of physical Recharge of water to Chino Basin in accordance with the provisions of section 5.3 of the Peace Agreement [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e).];
 - (vii) Cooperate with owners of existing Recharge facilities to expand/improve/preserve Recharge facilities identified in the Recharge Master Plan; arrange for the construction of the works and facilities necessary to implement the quantities of Recharge identified in the OBMP Implementation Plan [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(ix)] and cooperate with appropriate entities to construct and operate the new Recharge facilities that are identified in the Recharge Master Plan;
 - (viii) Ensure that its Recharge efforts under the Recharge Master Plan are consistent with the Judgment, and the Peace Agreement;
 - (ix) Establish and periodically update criteria for the use of water from different sources for Replenishment purposes [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(v).];
 - (x) Ensure a proper accounting of all sources of Recharge to the Chino Basin [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(vi).];
 - (xi) Recharge the Chino Basin with water in any area where Groundwater levels have declined to such an extent that there is an imminent threat of Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(vii).];
 - (xii) Maintain long-term Hydrologic Balance between total Recharge and discharge within all areas and sub-areas [Peace Agreement § 5.1(e)(viii).]; and
 - (xiii) Use water of the lowest cost and the highest quality, giving preference as far as possible to the augmentation and the Recharge of native storm water. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(f).]
- (c) Recharge Master Plan. The Recharge Master Plan will address how the Basin will be contemporaneously managed to secure and maintain Hydraulic Control and subsequently operated at a new equilibrium at the conclusion of the period of Re-Operation. The Recharge Master Plan will be jointly approved by IEUA and Watermaster and shall contain recharge estimations and summaries of the projected water supply availability as well as the physical means to accomplish the recharge projections. Specifically, the Recharge Master Plan will reflect an appropriate

schedule for planning, design, and physical improvements as may be required to provide reasonable assurance that following the full beneficial use of the groundwater withdrawn in accordance with the Basin Re-Operation and authorized controlled overdraft, that sufficient Replenishment capability exists to meet the reasonable projections of Desalter Replenishment obligations. With the concurrence of IEUA and Watermaster, the Recharge Master Plan will be updated and amended as frequently as necessary with Court approval and not less than every five (5) years. [Peace II Agreement § 8.1.]

- (i) Coordination. The members of the Appropriative Pool will coordinate the development of their respective Urban Water Management Plans and Water Supply Master Plans with Watermaster as follows. [Peace II Agreement § 8.2.]
 - a) Each Appropriator that prepares an Urban Water Management Plan and Water Supply Plans will provide Watermaster with copies of its existing and proposed plans.
 - b) Watermaster will use the Urban Water Management Plans in evaluating the adequacy of the Recharge Master Plan and other OBMP Implementation Plan program elements.
 - c) Each Appropriator will provide Watermaster with a draft in advance of adopting any proposed changes to its Urban Water Management Plans and in advance of adopting any material changes to their Water Supply Master Plans respectively in accordance with the customary notification routinely provided to other third parties to offer Watermaster a reasonable opportunity to provide informal input and informal comment on the proposed changes.
 - d) Any Party that experiences the loss or the imminent threatened loss of a material water supply source will provide reasonable notice to Watermaster of the condition and the expected impact, if any, on the projected groundwater use.
- (ii) In preparation of the Recharge Master Plan, Watermaster will consider whether existing groundwater production facilities owned or controlled by producers within Management Zone 1 may be used in connection with an aquifer storage and recovery ("ASR") project so as to further enhance recharge in specific locations and to otherwise meet the objectives of the Recharge Master Plan. [Peace II Agreement § 8.4(d)(2).]

- (d) Watermaster shall not own Recharge projects, including but not limited to spreading grounds, injection wells, or diversion works. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).]
- (e) Watermaster may own and hold water rights in trust for the benefit of the parties to the Judgment. Subject to this exception, Watermaster shall not own land or interests in real property. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).] Watermaster shall obtain Court approval prior to acquiring any water rights in trust for the benefit of the parties to the Judgment. In addition, Watermaster shall conform all existing permits to ensure that title is held in trust for the benefit of the parties to the Judgment.
- (f) Watermaster shall arrange, facilitate and provide for Recharge by entering into contracts with appropriate persons, which may provide facilities and operations for physical Recharge of water as required by the Judgment and the Peace Agreement, or pursuant to the OBMP. Any such contracts shall include appropriate terms and conditions, including terms for the location and payment of costs necessary for the operation and maintenance of facilities, if any. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(h).]
- (g) Watermaster shall provide an annual accounting of the amount of Recharge and the location of the specific types of Recharge. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(j).]

7.2 Recharge of Supplemental Water. All Recharge of the Chino Basin with Supplemental Water shall be subject to Watermaster approval obtained by Application made to Watermaster in accordance with provisions of Article X. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(a).] In reviewing any such Application, Watermaster shall comply with the following.

- (a) Watermaster will ensure that any person may make Application to Watermaster to Recharge the Chino Basin with Supplemental Water pursuant to Article X, including the exercise of the right to offer to sell In-Lieu Recharge Water to Watermaster as provided in the Judgment and the Peace Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the OBMP and the law. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(b).]
- (b) Watermaster shall not approve an Application by any party to the Judgment under Article X if it is inconsistent with the terms of the Peace Agreement, or will cause any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(b).]
- (c) Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the Recharge of Supplemental Water shall be fully and reasonably mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be fully and reasonably mitigated, the request for Recharge of Supplemental Water must be denied. [Peace Agreement § 5.1(b).]

- (d) Absent a clear showing as to peculiar circumstances or changes, Recharge of the Chino Basin with Supplemental Water conducted through spreading grounds shall be assessed: (i) a 1.5% evaporation loss if the Recharge occurs in November through March; or (ii) a 4.2% evaporation loss if the Recharge occurs in April through October. Such loss shall be a one-time adjustment applicable to the Party engaging in Recharge. Losses for Recharge through injection wells shall be determined on a case by case basis. [Judgment at ¶41.]

7.3 Recharge of 6,500 Acre-Feet of Supplemental Water in Management Zone 1. Consistent with its overall obligations to manage the Chino Basin to ensure hydrologic balance within each management zone, for the duration of the Peace Agreement (until June of 2030), Watermaster will ensure that a minimum of 6,500 acre-feet of wet water recharge occurs within Management Zone 1 on an annual basis. However, to the extent that water is unavailable for recharge or there is no replenishment obligation in any year, the obligation to recharge 6,500 acre-feet will accrue and be satisfied in subsequent years. [Peace II Agreement § 8.4(d).]

- (a) Watermaster will implement this measure in a coordinated manner so as to facilitate compliance with other agreements among the parties, including but not limited to the Dry-Year Yield Agreements.
- (b) Five years from the effective date of the Peace II Measures, Watermaster will cause an evaluation of the minimum recharge quantity for Management Zone 1. After consideration of the information developed, the observed experiences in complying with the Dry Year Yield Agreements as well as any other pertinent information, Watermaster may increase the minimum requirement for Management Zone 1 to quantities greater than 6,500 acre-feet per year. In no circumstance will the commitment to recharge 6,500 acre-feet be reduced for the duration of the Peace Agreement. [Peace II Agreement § 8.4(e).]

7.4 Sources of Replenishment Water. Supplemental Water may be obtained by Watermaster from any available source. Watermaster shall, however, seek to obtain the best available quality of Supplemental Water at the most reasonable cost for recharge in the Basin. It is anticipated that Supplemental Water for Replenishment of Chino Basin may be available at different rates to the various pools to meet their Replenishment Obligations. If such is the case, each pool will be assessed only that amount necessary for the cost of Replenishment Water to that pool, at the rate available to the pool, to meet its Replenishment Obligation. In this connection, available resources may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Maximum beneficial use of Recycled Water, which shall be given a high priority by Watermaster [Judgment ¶49(a).];

- (b) State Project Water subject to applicable service provisions of the State's water service contracts [Judgment ¶ 49(b).];
- (c) Local Imported Water through facilities and methods for importation of surface and Groundwater supplies from adjacent basins and watersheds [Judgment ¶ 49(c).]; and
- (d) Available supplies of Metropolitan Water District water from its Colorado River Aqueduct. [Judgment ¶ 49(d).]

7.5 Desalter Replenishment. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7.4, above, for the initial term of the Peace Agreement, the Replenishment obligation attributable to Desalter production in any year will be determined by Watermaster as follows [Peace Agreement § 7.5; Peace II Agreement § 6.2.]:

- (a) Watermaster will calculate the total Desalter Production for the preceding year and then apply a credit against the total quantity from:
 - (i) the Watermaster Desalter replenishment account composed of 25,000 acre-feet of water abandoned by Kaiser Ventures pursuant to the "Salt Offset Agreement" dated October 21, 1993, between Kaiser Ventures and the RWQCB, and other water previously dedicated by the Appropriative Pool [Peace Agreement § 7.5(a).];
 - (ii) dedication of water from the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool Storage Account or from any contribution arising from an annual authorized Physical Solution Transfer in accordance with amended Exhibit G to the Judgment;
 - (iii) New Yield that may be made available to Watermaster through a combination of management programs, actions or facilities, other than the Stormwater component of New Yield, as determined on an annual basis [Peace Agreement § 7.5(b).];
 - (iv) any declared losses from storage in excess of actual losses enforced as a "Leave Behind";
 - (v) Safe Yield that may be contributed by the parties [Peace Agreement § 7.5(c).];
 - (vi) any Production of groundwater attributable to the controlled overdraft authorized pursuant to Exhibit I to the Judgment, as amended.
- (b) To the extent available credits are insufficient to fully offset the quantity of groundwater production attributable to the Desalters, Watermaster will use water

or revenue obtained by levying the following assessments among the members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool and the Appropriative Pool to meet any remaining replenishment obligation as follows.

- (i) A Special OBMP Assessment against the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool as more specifically authorized and described in amendment to Exhibit "G" paragraph 5 (c) to the Judgment will be dedicated by Watermaster to further off-set replenishment of the Desalters. However, to the extent there is no remaining replenishment obligation attributable to the Desalters in any year after applying the off-sets set forth in 7.5(a), the OBMP Special Assessment levied by Watermaster will be distributed as provided in Section 9.2 of the Peace II Agreement. The Special OBMP Assessment will be assessed pro-rata on each member's share of Safe Yield.
- (ii) The members of the Appropriative Pool will contribute a total of 10,000 afy toward Desalter replenishment, allocated among Appropriative Pool members as follows:
 - 85% of the total (8,500 afy) will be allocated according to the Operating Safe Yield percentage of each Appropriative Pool member; and
 - 15% of the total (1,500 afy) will be allocated according to each land use conversion agency's percentage of the total land use conversion claims, based on the actual land use conversion allocations of the year.

The annual desalter replenishment obligation contribution of each Appropriative Pool member will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Desalter replenishment obligation contribution} = & (8,500 * \% \\ & \text{Appropriator's share of total initial 49,834 afy Operating Safe Yield}) \\ & + (1,500 * \% \text{ Appropriator's proportional share of that year's total} \\ & \text{conversion claims}) \end{aligned}$$

A sample calculation of the desalter replenishment obligation contribution for each Appropriative Pool member is shown on Exhibit 4 to the Peace II Agreement, as amended.

- (iii) A Replenishment Assessment against the Appropriative Pool for any remaining Desalter replenishment obligation after applying both 6(b)(i) and 6(b)(ii), allocated pro-rata to each Appropriative Pool member according to the combined total of the member's share of Operating Safe Yield and the member's Adjusted Physical Production, as defined below. Desalter

Production is excluded from this calculation. A sample calculation of the allocation of the remaining desalter obligation is shown in Exhibit 4 to the Peace II Agreement.¹

- (iv) Adjusted Physical Production is the Appropriative Pool member's total combined physical production (i.e., all groundwater pumped or produced by the Appropriative Pool member's groundwater wells in the Chino Basin, including water transferred from the Non- Agricultural Pool under Exhibit G, ¶9 of the Judgment), with the following adjustments:
- (1) In the case of assignments among Appropriative Pool members, or between Appropriative Pool members and Non-Agricultural Pool members under Exhibit G, ¶6 of the Judgment, resulting in pumping or production by one party to the Judgment for use by another party to the Judgment, the production for purposes of Adjusted Physical Production shall be assigned to the party making beneficial use of the water, not the actual producer.
 - (2) Production offset credits pursuant to voluntary agreements under section 5.3(i) of the Peace Agreement are calculated at 50% of the total voluntary agreement credit in the determination of Adjusted Physical Production for an Appropriative Pool member participating in a voluntary agreement for that year. In the determination of Adjusted Physical Production, the voluntary agreement credit is subtracted from physical production. Reduction of the voluntary agreement credit from 100% to 50% is applicable only to the calculation of the Adjusted Physical Production hereunder; but in all other applications, the voluntary agreement credit shall remain unchanged (i.e. remain at 100%).
 - (3) Production associated with approved storage and recovery programs (e.g., Dry Year Yield recovery program with MWD) is not counted in Adjusted Physical Production, except for in-lieu participation in such programs: in-lieu put quantities shall be added to physical production, and in-lieu take quantities shall be subtracted from physical production.
 - (4) Metered pump-to-waste Production that is determined by Watermaster to be subsequently recharged to the groundwater basin is deducted from physical production; unmetered pump-to-waste production that is determined by Watermaster not to be

¹ This sample calculation is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

subsequently recharged to the groundwater basin is added to physical production.

(5) The Appropriative Pool may approve, by unanimous vote, the inclusion of other items in the determination of Adjusted Physical Production, with the exception of Non- Agricultural Pool water assigned or transferred under Exhibit G, ¶6 or ¶10 of the Judgment.

(v) Any member of the Non-Agricultural Pool that is also a member of the Appropriative Pool may elect to transfer (a) some or all of the annual share of Operating Safe Yield of the transferor in and for the year in which the transfer occurs (except that such transfer shall exclude any dedication to the Watermaster required by section 6.2(b)(1) of the Peace II Agreement), and (b) any quantity of water held in storage by the transferor (including without limitation carryover and excess carryover) to any member of the Appropriative Pool, in either case at any price that the transferor and transferee may deem appropriate and for the purpose of satisfying the transferee's desalter replenishment obligation. The transferee's desalter replenishment obligation shall be credited by the number of acre-feet so transferred.

(vi) For the purposes of this section 7.5(b), the quantification of any Party's share of Operating Safe Yield does not include either land use conversions or Early Transfers.

7.6 Method of Replenishment. Watermaster may accomplish Replenishment by any reasonable method, including spreading and percolation, injection of water into existing or new facilities, in-lieu procedures and acquisition of unproduced water from members of the Non-Agricultural and Appropriative Pools. [Judgment ¶ 50.]

7.7 Accumulations. In order to minimize fluctuations in assessments and to give Watermaster flexibility in the purchase and spreading of Replenishment Water, Watermaster may make reasonable accumulations of Replenishment Water assessment proceeds. Interest earned on such retained funds shall be added to the account of the pool from which the funds were collected and shall be applied only to the purchase of Replenishment Water. [Judgment ¶ 56.]

7.8 In-Lieu and Other Negotiated Procedures. To the extent good management practices dictate that recharge of the Basin be accomplished by taking surface supplies of Supplemental Water in lieu of Groundwater otherwise subject to Production as an allocated share of Operating Safe Yield, the following in-lieu procedures or other additional procedures as may be negotiated by Watermaster and approved by the Watermaster Advisory Committee shall prevail [Judgment Exhibit "H" ¶ 11.]:

- (a) Designation of In-Lieu Areas. In-lieu areas may be designated by order of Watermaster upon recommendation or approval of the Watermaster Advisory Committee. Watermaster has previously designated the entire Chino Basin as an in-lieu area. In-lieu areas may be enlarged, reduced or eliminated by subsequent order; provided, however, that designation of an in-lieu area shall be for a minimum fixed term sufficient to justify necessary capital investment. However, should in-lieu Area No.1, which has been established by the Court, be reduced or eliminated, it shall require prior order of the Court.

- (b) Method of Operation. Any member of the Appropriative Pool Producing water within a designated in-lieu area who is willing to abstain for any reason from Producing any portion of its share of Operating Safe Yield in any year, may offer such unpumped water to Watermaster on a form to be provided therefor. In such event, Watermaster shall purchase said water in place, in lieu of spreading Replenishment Water, which may be otherwise required to make up for over Production. The purchase price for in-lieu water shall be the lesser of:
 - (i) Watermaster's current cost of Replenishment Water, plus the cost of spreading; or
 - (ii) The cost of supplemental surface supplies to the Appropriator, less
 - a) said Appropriator's average cost of Groundwater Production, and
 - b) the applicable Production assessment where the water is Produced.

**ARTICLE VIII
STORAGE**

8.0 Scope. This Article sets forth Watermaster's obligations and responsibilities regarding the management, regulation and control of storage within the Basin.

8.1 In General.

- (a) Watermaster Control. A substantial amount of available Groundwater storage capacity exists in the Basin that is not used for storage or regulation of Basin Waters. It is essential that the use of storage capacity of the Basin be undertaken only under Watermaster control and regulation so as to protect the integrity of the Basin. Watermaster will exercise regulation and control of storage primarily through the execution of Groundwater Storage Agreements. [Judgment ¶ 11.]
- (b) Categories of Groundwater Storage Agreements. There are different categories of storage and different types of Groundwater Storage agreements. Only those Groundwater Storage agreements defined as "Qualifying Storage agreements" require new Watermaster approval. ~~The agreements identified in section 8.1(f)(iii) herein do not require new Watermaster approval.~~ Qualifying Storage agreements will be processed by Watermaster in accordance with the forms provided by Watermaster and attached hereto as Appendix I.
- (c) Court Notification and Approval. Before it is effective, any Storage and Recovery Agreement entered into pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Program shall first receive Court Approval. With respect to all other Groundwater Storage Agreements, Watermaster shall notify the Court after approval.
- (d) Relationship Between Recapture and Storage. Recapture of water held in a storage account will generally be approved by Watermaster as a component of and coincident with a Groundwater Storage Agreement for Qualifying Storage. However, an Applicant for Qualifying Storage may request, and Watermaster may approve, a Groundwater Storage Agreement where the plan for recovery is not yet known. In such cases, the Applicant may request Watermaster approval of the Qualifying Storage only and subsequently submit and process an independent Application for Recapture under the provisions of Article X.
- (e) Storage of Safe Yield as Carry-Over Water. Any member of the Appropriative Pool or member of the Non-Agricultural Pool who Produces less than its assigned share of Operating Safe Yield or Safe Yield, respectively, may carry such unexercised right forward for exercise in subsequent years. Watermaster shall be required to keep an accounting of Carry-Over Water in connection with said Carry-Over Rights. The first water Produced in any subsequent year, shall be deemed to be in exercise of that Carry-Over Right. If the aggregate remaining Carry-Over Water

available to any member of the Appropriative Pool, or member of the Non-Agricultural Pool with Safe Yield, in a given year exceeds its assigned share of Operating Safe Yield after its demands are met, such Producer shall, as a condition of preserving such Excess Carry-Over Water execute a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster. A member of the Appropriative Pool shall have the option to pay the gross assessment applicable to said Carry-Over Right in the year in which it occurred. [Judgment Exhibit "G," and Exhibit "H" ¶ 12.]

(f) Storage of Supplemental Water. The rules and procedures for the storage of Supplemental Water are set forth as follows.

(i) Supplemental Water. Each party, its officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, has been enjoined and restrained from storing Supplemental Water in Chino Basin for withdrawal, or causing withdrawal of water stored, except pursuant to the terms of a Groundwater Storage Agreement with Watermaster. Any Supplemental Water recharged by any person within Chino Basin, except pursuant to these Rules and Regulations and a Groundwater Storage Agreement, is deemed abandoned and shall not be considered Stored Water. [Judgment ¶ 14.]

(ii) Application for Storage of Supplemental Water. Watermaster will ensure that any person, including but not limited to the State of California and the Department of Water Resources may make Application to Watermaster to store and Recover water from the Chino Basin as provided herein in a manner that is consistent with the OBMP and the law. Watermaster shall not approve an Application to store and Recover water if it is inconsistent with the terms of the Peace Agreement or will cause any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the storage and Recovery of water shall be reasonably and fully mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be mitigated, the request for storage and Recovery must be denied. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(a)(iii).] Applications for the storage of Supplemental Water shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Article X.

~~(iii) Pre-existing Groundwater Storage Agreements. In accordance with the Peace Agreement, pre-existing Groundwater Storage Agreements are revived and extended as follows:~~

~~a) Any Local Storage Agreement that would have expired pursuant to its terms on or before July 1, 2000 and which is determined to have water in storage account is revived and extended by these Rules and Regulations until July 1, 2010 subject to the limitations set forth in these Rules and Regulations; and~~

- b) ~~In addition, a Producer that has a Local Storage Agreement for Supplemental Water that will expire after July 1, 2000 pursuant to its terms and that has Supplemental Water in a storage account as of its original date of termination, shall be revived and extended by these Rules and Regulations to July 1, 2010. The extension shall only be valid for that quantity of Supplemental Water that is then in the storage account at the end of the term set forth in the Local Storage Agreement.~~
- (iv) ~~Quantification of Supplemental Water Held in Local Storage on July 1, 2000.~~
- a) ~~Quantification of Groundwater Held in Local Storage. Upon the request of any Producer, Watermaster shall quantify the amount of Groundwater held in Local Storage by that Producer. Groundwater held in Local Storage by a party to the Judgment, the majority of whose stock is owned by another party to the Judgment, may be treated as the Stored Water of the majority shareholder for purposes of quantification of the amount of such Groundwater as Supplemental Water under this section 8.1(f)(iv) only.~~
- b) ~~Limitations. Watermaster's quantification of Groundwater in Local Storage pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement as of July 1, 2000 as Supplemental Water and Supplemental Water held in Local Storage as provided in section 8.1(f)(iii) above shall not be subject to the 100,000 acre-foot limitation on Supplemental Water held in Local Storage set forth in the Peace Agreement, section 5.2(b)(iv)(1), as amended, and these Rules and Regulations. However, all other Supplemental Water held in a Local Storage Account not quantified as such by Watermaster by May 31, 2001 shall be conclusively presumed to be Basin Water which shall also be subject to a Local Storage Agreement. While a party that obtains a quantification of Supplemental Water pursuant to this section is exempt from the 100,000 acre-foot limitation on the cumulative quantity of Supplemental Water that may be held in Local Storage, the exemption is limited. First, a party that obtains a Watermaster determination that quantifies some quantity of Groundwater as Supplemental Water pursuant to this Section shall not be entitled to replace the Supplemental Water Produced from Local Storage with new Supplemental Water without regard to the 100,000 acre-foot limitation on Local Storage of Supplemental Water. This means that the 100,000 acre-foot limitation applies to all Supplemental Water that is physically Recharged and stored in the Basin under a Local~~

~~Storage Agreement after July 1, 2000. A Producer shall not have the right to replace the Groundwater quantified as Supplemental Water under this Section with other Supplemental Water following its initial Transfer or Recapture from Local Storage. Second, the recovery of the Supplemental Water stored under this provision by any Producer shall not cause Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin.~~

~~e) Calculation. For users of Supplemental Water, the quantity of Supplemental Water held by a Producer in Local Storage as of July 1, 2000 is deemed to be the lesser of:~~

~~1) the quantity of water held by the Producer in Local Storage;
or~~

~~2) the quantity of Supplemental Water used by the Producer prior to July 1, 2000.~~

(g) Rules and Procedures in General.

- (i) Any person desiring to store Supplemental Water in the Basin shall make appropriate Application therefor with the Watermaster pursuant to the provisions of this Article and Article X. Supplemental Water stored or Recharged in the Basin, except pursuant to a Groundwater Storage Agreement with Watermaster, shall be deemed abandoned and not classified as Stored Water. [Judgment ¶ 14.]
- (ii) Guidelines and Criteria. Any person, whether a party to the Judgment or not, may make reasonable beneficial use of the available groundwater storage capacity of Chino Basin for storage of Water pursuant to written agreement with the Watermaster as provided herein. [Judgment ¶ 12.]
- (iii) In the allocation of storage capacity, the needs and requirements of lands overlying Chino Basin and the owners of rights in the Safe Yield or Operating Safe Yield of the Basin shall have priority and preference over storage for export. [Judgment ¶ 12.]
- (iv) It is an objective in management of the Basin's waters that no Producer shall be deprived of access to the Basin's waters by reason of unreasonable pumping patterns, nor by regional or localized Recharge of Replenishment Water, insofar as such result may be practically avoided. [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 1(a).]

- (v) Maintenance and improvement of water quality shall be given prime consideration. [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 1(b).]
 - (vi) Financial feasibility, economic impact and the cost and optimum utilization of the Basin's resources and the physical facilities of the parties to the Judgment shall be considered equal in importance to water quantity and quality parameters. [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 1(c).]
- (h) Contents of Groundwater Storage Agreements. Each Groundwater Storage Agreement shall include but not be limited to the following components [Judgment Exhibit "I" ¶ 3.]:
- (i) The quantities and the term of the storage right, which shall specifically exclude credit for any return flows;
 - (ii) A statement of the priorities of the storage right as against overlying, Safe Yield uses, and other storage rights;
 - (iii) The delivery rates, together with schedules and procedures for spreading, injection or in-lieu deliveries of Supplemental Water for direct use;
 - (iv) The calculation of storage water losses and annual accounting for water in storage; and
 - (v) The establishment and administration of withdrawal schedules, locations and methods.
- (i) Accounting. Watermaster shall calculate additions, extractions and losses of all Stored Water in Chino Basin, and any losses of water supplies or Safe Yield of Chino Basin resulting from such Stored Water, and keep and maintain for public record, an annual accounting thereof. [Judgment ¶ 29.]
- (j) No Material Physical Injury. Watermaster will ensure that any party to the Judgment may Recapture water in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement, the OBMP, the Judgment and these Rules and Regulations. Watermaster shall not approve a Recapture plan if it is inconsistent with the terms of Peace Agreement or will cause Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the Recapture of water by any person shall be fully and reasonably mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be fully and reasonably mitigated, the request for Recapture must be denied.

8.2 Local Storage: Special Considerations. Under a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster, every party to the Judgment shall be permitted to store its Excess Carry-Over Water and Supplemental Water in the Chino Basin according to the following provisions:

- (a) ~~Until July 1, 2010~~For the term of the Peace Agreement, Watermaster shall ensure that: (a) the quantity of water actually held in local storage under a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster is confirmed and protected and (b) each party to the Judgment shall have the right to store its Excess Carry-Over Water. Thereafter, a party to the Judgment may continue to Produce the actual quantity of ~~Excess Carry-Over Water and Supplemental Water held in its storage account, subject only to the loss provisions set forth herein. All Producers with a Local Storage Agreement for either Excess Carry-Over Water or Supplemental water shall be deemed to have received an extension of the applicable term in each of their respective Local Storage Agreements as provided in section 8.1(f)(iii)(a)-(b) above. However, such extensions shall be subject to the limitations set forth herein; e.g. the requirement that Local Storage does not cause Material Physical Injury, and the 100,000 acre-foot limitation on the cumulative total of Supplemental Water that may be placed in Local Storage after July 1, 2000. However, a Producer that obtains a determination regarding a request for classification of some quantity of Groundwater as Supplemental Water pursuant to section 8.1 above, shall also be deemed to have received an extension of their Local Storage Agreement until July 1, 2010, but only for that Supplemental Water actually stored in the Basin as of July 1, 2000. A Producer shall not have the right to replace the Groundwater classified as Supplemental Water pursuant to section 8.1 with other Supplemental Water following its initial Production from Local Storage without regard to the 100,000 acre-foot limitation~~water held pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement, subject only to the loss provisions set forth herein.
- (b) ~~Until July 1, 2010~~or for such additional period as Watermaster, in its discretion, may establishFor the term of the Peace Agreement, any party to the Judgment may make Application to Watermaster for a Local Storage Agreement pursuant to the provisions of this Article and Article X, whereby it may store Supplemental Water in the Chino Basin. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(ii).]
- (c) In accordance with Article X, Watermaster shall provide written notice to all interested parties of the proposed Local Storage Agreement prior to approving the agreement.
- (d) Watermaster shall approve the storage of Supplemental Water under a Local Storage Agreement so long as: (1) the total quantity of Supplemental Water authorized to be held in Local Storage under all then-existing Local Storage Agreements, other than amounts classified as Supplemental Water under the procedure set forth in section 8.1 above, for all parties to the Judgment does not exceed the ~~cumulative total of 100,000 acre-feet~~Maximum Local Storage Quantity;

(2) the party to the Judgment making the request provides their own Recharge facilities for the purpose of placing the Supplemental Water into Local Storage; (3) the agreement will not result in any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Watermaster may approve a proposed agreement with conditions that mitigate any threatened or potential Material Physical Injury. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(iv); Second Amendment to Peace Agreement.]

(e) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the Local Storage Agreement for Supplemental Water does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(v).]

(f) In the event more than one party to the Judgment submits a request for an agreement to store Supplemental Water pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement, Watermaster shall give priority to the first party to file a bona fide written request which shall include the name of the party to the Judgment, the source, quantity and quality of the Supplemental Water, an identification of the party to the Judgment's access to or ownership of the Recharge facilities, the duration of the Local Storage and any other information Watermaster shall reasonably request. Watermaster shall not grant any person the right to store more than the then-existing amount of available Local Storage. The amount of Local Storage available for the storage of Supplemental Water shall be determined by subtracting the previously approved and allocated quantity of storage capacity for Supplemental Water and Excess Carryover Water from the ~~cumulative maximum of 100,000 acre-feet.~~ [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(vii), Second Amendment to Peace Agreement.] Maximum Local Storage Quantity. [Court's Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021.] This means Watermaster shall not approve requests for the storage of Supplemental Water and Excess Carryover Water in excess of the ~~cumulative total of 100,000 acre-foot limitation~~ Maximum Local Storage Quantity. Priorities among the parties to the Judgment shall be on the basis that the completed Applications filed first in time under the provisions of Article X shall have a priority in right up to the amount of the quantity approved by Watermaster.

~~(g) Any Producer that does not have a Local Storage Agreement extended by the terms of section 8.1 above, may file an Application with Watermaster for a Local Storage Agreement to place Excess Carry-Over Water in a Local Storage account. The Excess Carry-Over Water may be held in Local Storage without regard to the 100,000 acre-foot cumulative limitation on Supplemental Water until July 1, 2010. Thereafter, or at such later date that Watermaster may, in its discretion, establish, Producers shall obtain a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster to store Excess Carry-Water in a Local Storage Account.~~

~~(h)~~(g) After July 1, ~~2010~~2035, Watermaster shall have discretion to place reasonable limits on the further accrual of Excess Carry-Over Water and Supplemental Water in Local Storage. However, during the term of the Peace Agreement, Watermaster

shall not limit the accrual of Excess Carry-Over Water for Fontana Union Mutual Water Company and Cucamonga County Water District when accruing Excess Carry-Over Water in Local Storage pursuant to the Settlement Agreement Among Fontana Union Water Company, Kaiser Steel Resources Inc., San Gabriel Valley Water Company and Cucamonga County Water District dated February 7, 1992, to a quantity less than 25,000 acre-feet for the term of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(x).]

~~(h)~~ Watermaster shall evaluate the need for limits on water held in Local Storage to determine whether the accrual of additional Local Storage by the parties to the Judgment should be conditioned, curtailed or prohibited if it is necessary to provide priority for the use of storage capacity for those Storage and Recovery Programs that provide broad mutual benefits to the parties to the Judgment as provided in this paragraph and section 5.2(c) of the Peace Agreement. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(xi).]

~~(i)~~ Watermaster will impose a uniform loss against all water in storage in an amount of 2 (two) percent where the Party holding the storage account: (i) has previously contributed to the implementation of the OBMP as a Party to the Judgment, is in compliance with their continuing covenants under the Peace and Peace II Agreements or in lieu thereof they have paid or delivered to Watermaster “financial equivalent” consideration to offset the cost of past performance prior to the implementation of the OBMP and (ii) promised continued future compliance with Watermaster’s Rules and Regulations. Where a Party has not satisfied the requirements of subsection ~~(j)~~(i) and ~~(j)~~(ii) herein, Watermaster will assess a 6 (six) percent loss. Following a Watermaster determination that Hydraulic Control has been achieved, Watermaster will assess losses of less than 1 (one) percent where the Party satisfies subsection ~~(j)~~(i) and ~~(j)~~(ii). [Peace II Agreement § 7.4.]

~~(j)~~ Watermaster shall allow water held in storage to be Transferred pursuant to the provisions of section 5.3 of the Peace Agreement as provided in Article X. Storage capacity is not Transferable. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(b)(xiii).]

~~(k)~~ Monetary payment shall not be accepted as a form of mitigation for Material Physical Injury where the injury is not confined to a specific party or parties. Where the Material Physical Injury is confined to a specific party or parties, monetary payment may be accepted as a form of mitigation, if acceptable to the affected party or parties.

~~(l)~~ Applicants for Local Storage of Supplemental Water agreements shall submit such Application prior to initiation of the placement of the Supplemental Water into storage except as provided in sections 8.1 and 8.2 above.

~~(n)~~(m) Any Supplemental Water stored or recharged in the Basin, except pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement for Supplemental Water with Watermaster, shall be deemed abandoned and not classified as Stored Water. [Judgment ¶ 14.]

8.3 Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program; Special Considerations. The parties, through Watermaster, may initiate a regional Storage and Recovery (sometimes called "conjunctive use") Program, for the mutual benefit of the Appropriators and the Non-Agricultural Pool in the Chino Basin according to the following provisions:

- (a) Watermaster will ensure that no person shall store water in, and recover water from the Basin, other than pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement, without a Storage and Recovery agreement with Watermaster [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(i).];
- (b) A proposed Applicant for a Storage and Recovery Program must submit the information set forth in Article X to Watermaster prior to Watermaster's consideration of an Application for a Storage and Recovery agreement;
- (c) As a precondition of any project, program or contract regarding the use of Basin storage capacity pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Program, Watermaster shall first request proposals from qualified persons [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(iii).];
- (d) Watermaster shall be guided by the following criteria in evaluating any request to store and recover water from the Basin by a party to the Judgment or any person under a Storage and Recovery Program.
 - (i) The initial target for the cumulative quantity of water held in storage is 500,000 acre-feet in addition to the existing storage accounts. The 500,000 acre-feet target may be comprised of any combination of participants and is in excess of up to an additional 100,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water and Excess Carry-Over Rights that may be stored under Local Storage Agreements.
 - (ii) Watermaster shall prioritize its efforts to regulate and condition the storage and recovery of water developed in a Storage and Recovery Program for the mutual benefit of the parties to the Judgment and give first priority to Storage and Recovery Programs that provide broad mutual benefits. [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(iv).];
- (e) The members of the Appropriative Pool and the Non-Agricultural Pool shall be exclusively entitled to the compensation paid for a Storage and Recovery Program irrespective of whether it be in the form of money, revenues, credits, proceeds, programs, facilities, or other contributions (collectively "compensation") with the benefits of such compensation to be spread as broadly as possible as directed by the Non-Agricultural and the Appropriative Pools [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(v).];

- (f) The compensation received from the use of available storage capacity under a Storage and Recovery Program, may be used to offset the Watermaster's cost of operation, to reduce any assessments on the parties to the Judgment within the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pools, and to defray the costs of capital projects as may be requested by the members of the Non-Agricultural Pools and the Appropriative Pool [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(vi).];
- (g) Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by storage and recovery of water, whether Local Storage and recovery or pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Program, shall be reasonably and fully mitigated as a condition of approval [Peace Agreement §§ 5.2(a)(iii) and 5.2(c)(viii) (labeled “(xiii)”)];
- (h) Watermaster reserves discretion to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions or to deny any request to enter into a Storage and Recovery Program Agreement. With respect to persons who are not parties to the Judgment, Watermaster reserves complete discretion to ensure that maximum compensation, as defined in section (e) above, is received. Watermaster shall base any decision to approve or disapprove any proposed Storage and Recovery Program Agreement upon the record as provided in Article X. However, it may not approve a proposed Storage and Recovery Program Agreement unless it has first imposed conditions to reasonably and fully mitigate any threatened or potential Material Physical Injury [Peace Agreement § 5.2(c)(ix).];
- (i) Any party to the Judgment may seek review of the Watermaster's decision regarding a Storage and Recovery Program Agreement as provided in Article X;
- (j) Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the export of Supplemental Water stored under a Storage and Recovery Program and pursuant to a Storage and Recovery Agreement; and
- (k) The Parties shall indemnify and defend the State of California and the members of the Agricultural Pool against any lawsuit or administrative proceedings, without limitation, arising from Watermaster's adoption, approval, management, or implementation of a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (l) Any losses from storage assessed as a Leave Behind in excess of actual losses (“dedication quantity”) will be dedicated by Watermaster towards groundwater Production by the Desalters to thereby avoid a Desalter replenishment obligation that may then exist in the year of recovery. Any dedication quantity which is not required to offset Desalter Production in the year in which the loss is assessed, will be made available to the members of the Appropriative Pool. The dedication quantity will be pro-rated among the members of the Appropriative Pool in accordance with each Producer’s combined total share of Operating Safe Yield and

the previous year's actual production. However, before any member of the Appropriative Pool may receive a distribution of any dedication quantity, they must be in full compliance with the 2007 Supplement to the OBMP Implementation Plan and current in all applicable Watermaster assessments. [Peace II Agreement § 7.5.]

8.4 Recapture.

- (a) All Recapture of water held in a storage account under a Groundwater Storage Agreement shall be subject to the requirement that the Recovery of the water not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin.
- (b) Recapture of water held in a Local Storage Account that pre-exists the adoption of these Rules and Regulations and that was extended by Watermaster in accordance with Article V of the Peace Agreement and these Rules and Regulations until July 1, 2005, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the plan for Recapture previously approved by Watermaster. Any amendments to an approved Recapture plan shall require additional Watermaster's approval under the provisions of Article X .
- (c) A person with an approved plan for Recapture shall have the right to process amendments to the previously approved plan in accordance with the provisions of Article X.

**ARTICLE IX
TRANSFERS**

- 9.0 Scope. Any Transfer shall be made only in accordance with the Judgment, the Peace Agreement section 5.3, the Peace II Agreement, the OBMP and this Article IX.
- 9.1 In General. Watermaster will ensure that any party to the Judgment may Transfer water in a manner that is consistent with the Judgment, the Peace and Peace II Agreements, the OBMP and the law. Watermaster shall approve a Transfer if it is consistent with the terms of the Peace Agreement and Peace II Agreement, and will not cause any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Any potential or threatened Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin caused by the Transfer of water shall be fully and reasonably mitigated as a condition of approval. In the event the Material Physical Injury cannot be fully and reasonably mitigated, the request for Transfer must be denied. Upon receipt of written request by Watermaster, a party to the Judgment shall exercise Best Efforts to provide Watermaster with a preliminary projection of any anticipated Transfer of Production within the Year.
- 9.2 Application to Transfer. A party to the Judgment may make Application to Watermaster to Transfer water as provided in the Judgment under the procedures set forth in Article X.
- (a) Watermaster shall provide reasonable advance written notice to all the Active Parties of a proposed Transfer, prior to approving the Transfer as provided in Article X.
 - (b) Watermaster shall approve the Transfer of water as provided in the Judgment so long as the individual Transfer does not result in any Material Physical Injury to any party to the Judgment or the Basin. Watermaster may approve a proposed Transfer with conditions that fully and reasonably mitigate any threatened or potential Material Physical Injury.
 - (c) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the Transfer and the Production by the transferee does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin.
 - (d) Watermaster shall base any decision to approve or disapprove any proposed Transfer upon the record after considering potential impacts associated with the individual Transfer alone and without regard to impacts attributable to any other Transfers. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(b)(v).] However, nothing herein shall be construed as impairing or restraining Watermaster's duty and discretion with regard to cumulative impacts in the context of section 9.3.

- (e) Transfers which occur between the same parties in the same year shall be considered as a single Transfer for the purpose of determining Material Physical Injury.

9.3 Integrated Watermaster Review. In reviewing Transfers under these Rules and Regulations, Watermaster shall exercise reasonable discretion. Watermaster shall review each proposed Transfer based upon the record before it and considering the potential impacts of the proposed Transfer alone. However, Watermaster shall also consider the cumulative impacts of Transfers generally when carrying out its responsibilities to implement the OBMP and Recharge and monitoring programs authorized by these Rules and Regulations or the Judgment.

- (a) Watermaster will evaluate the cumulative physical impact of Transfers on the Basin, if any, by July 1, 2003, and a minimum of once every two years thereafter.
- (b) Watermaster will take the results of its evaluation into account when carrying out its obligations under section 7.1 of these Rules and Regulations.

9.4 Transfer of Non-Agricultural Pool Production Rights. Watermaster shall approve the Transfer or lease of the quantified Production rights of Non-Agricultural Producers within the Non-Agricultural Pool subject to the provisions of section 9.2(b) above. The members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool shall have the discretionary right to Transfer or lease their quantified Production rights and carry-over water held in storage accounts in quantities that each member may from time to time individually determine as Transfers in furtherance of the Physical Solution:

- (a) within the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool;
- (b) to Watermaster in conformance with the procedures described in the Peace Agreement between the Parties therein, dated June 29, 2000; or
- (c) to Watermaster and thence to members of the Appropriative Pool in accordance with the following guidelines set forth in the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool Pooling Plan:
 - (i) By December 31 of each year, the members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool shall notify Watermaster of the amount of water each member shall make available in their individual discretion for purchase by the Appropriators. The Pool Committee of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool may, by affirmative action of its members from time to time, establish a price for such water or a method pursuant to which such price will be established. By January 31 of each year, Watermaster shall provide a Notice of Availability of each Appropriator's pro-rata share of such water;

- (ii) Except as they may be limited by paragraph 9.4(v) below, each member of the Appropriative Pool will have, in their discretion, a right to purchase its pro-rata share of the supply made available from the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool at the price at which the water is being offered. Each Appropriative Pool member's pro-rata share of the available supply will be based on each Producer's combined total share of Operating Safe Yield and the previous year's actual Production by each party;
- (iii) If any member of the Appropriative Pool fails to irrevocably commit to their allocated share by March 1 of each year, its share of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool water will be made available to all other members of the Appropriative Pool according to the same proportions as described in 9.3(ii) above and at the price at which the water is being offered. Each member of the Appropriative Pool shall complete its payment for its share of water made available by June 30 of each year.
- (iv) Commensurate with the cumulative commitments by members of the Appropriative Pool pursuant to (ii) and (iii) above, Watermaster will purchase the surplus water made available by the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool water on behalf of the members of the Appropriative Pool on an annual basis at which the water is being offered and each member of the Appropriative Pool shall complete its payment for its determined share of water made available by June 30 of each year.
- (v) Any surplus water cumulatively made available by all members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool that is not purchased by Watermaster after completion of the process set forth herein will be pro-rated among the members of the Pool in proportion to the total quantity offered for transfer in accordance with this provision and may be retained by the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool member without prejudice to the rights of the members of the Pool to make further beneficial use or transfer of the available surplus.
- (vi) Each Appropriator shall only be eligible to purchase their pro-rata share under this procedure if the party is: (i) current on all their assessments; and (ii) in compliance with the OBMP.
- (vii) The right of any member of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool to transfer water in accordance with this Paragraph 9.3(i)-(iii) in any year is dependent upon Watermaster making a finding that the member of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool is using recycled water where it is both physically available and appropriate for the designated end use in lieu of pumping groundwater.

- (viii) Nothing herein shall be construed to affect or limit the rights of any Party to offer or accept an assignment as authorized by the Judgment Exhibit "G" paragraph 6 above, or to affect the rights of any Party under a valid assignment.
- (d) In addition, the parties to the Judgment with rights within the Non-Agricultural Pool shall have the additional right to Transfer their rights to Watermaster for the purposes of Replenishment for a Desalter or for a Storage and Recovery Program.
- (e) Any member of the Non-Agricultural Pool (including without limitation any member of the Non-Agricultural Pool that is also a member of the Appropriative Pool) may elect to transfer (a) some or all of the annual share of Operating Safe Yield of the transferor in and for the year in which the transfer occurs (except that such transfer shall exclude any dedication to Watermaster required by Section 5(c) of Exhibit "G" to the Judgment), and (b) any quantity of water held in storage by the transferor (including without limitation carryover and excess carryover) to any member of the Appropriative Pool, in either case at any price that the transferor and transferee may deem appropriate and for the purpose of satisfying the transferee's desalter replenishment obligation. Any such transfer shall be effective upon delivery by the transferor or transferee to Watermaster staff of written notice of such transfer in the form attached hereto as Form 12. The transferee's desalter replenishment obligation shall be credited by the number of acre feet so transferred.

9.5 Early Transfer.

- (a) Pursuant to the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approved an Early Transfer of the quantity of water not Produced by the Agricultural Pool that is remaining after all the land use conversions are satisfied pursuant to section 5.3(h) of the Peace Agreement to the Appropriative Pool. The quantity of water subject to Early Transfer under this section shall be the quantity of water not Produced by the Agricultural Pool that is remaining after all the land use conversions are satisfied pursuant to section 5.3(h) of the Peace Agreement.
 - (i) The Transfer shall not limit the Production right of the Agricultural Pool under the Judgment to Produce up to 82,800 acre-feet of water in any year or 414,000 acre-feet in any five years as provided in the Judgment. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(g)(ii).]
 - (ii) The combined Production of all parties to the Judgment shall not cause a Replenishment assessment on the members of the Agricultural Pool. The Agricultural Pool shall be responsible for any Replenishment obligation created by the Agricultural Pool Producing more than 414,000 acre-feet in any five-year period. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(g)(iii).]

(iii) Nothing herein shall be construed as modifying the procedures or voting rights within or by the members of the Agricultural Pool. [Peace Agreement § 5.3(g)(v).]

(b) The amount of water converted from agricultural use to urban use prior to execution of the Peace Agreement was 2.6 acre-feet per acre, with 1.3 acre-feet per acre being allocated collectively to all members of the Appropriative Pool with an assigned share of Operating Safe Yield and 1.3 acre-feet per acre being allocated to that Appropriator providing service for that urban use. The rate of 2.6 acre-feet per acre shall be changed to a total of 2.0 acre-feet per acre, all of which shall be allocated upon the conversion of the land use to that party to the Judgment which is a member of the Appropriative Pool, on the Effective Date of the Peace Agreement, and whose Sphere of Influence or authorized service area contains the land ("purveyor"). Upon such conversion of water use the purveyor will pledge that the amount of water needed for such urban land use, when such urban land use is established, up to 2.0 acre-feet of water per acre of land per year will be made available for service for such converted land by purveyor under its then existing standard laws, regulations, rules and policies, or for service arranged by such purveyor, subject only to prohibition of such service by a federal, state agency or court with jurisdiction to enforce such prohibition. The owner of such converted land shall have the right to enforce such pledge by specific performance or writ of mandate under the terms of the Peace Agreement. No monetary damages shall be awarded.

9.6 Voluntary Agreement. The members of the Agricultural Pool, including the State of California, shall have the right to engage in a voluntary agreement with an Appropriator which has a service area contiguous to or inclusive of the agricultural land, to provide water allocated from the Agricultural Pool to the overlying land for agricultural use on behalf of the member of the Agricultural Pool unless otherwise prohibited by general law. The Appropriator providing service shall be entitled to a pumping credit to offset Production pursuant to the Peace Agreement section 5.3(i). This provision will be construed as permitting Watermaster to accept new voluntary agreements only to the extent that such voluntary agreements occur within areas eligible for conversion as described in Attachment 1 to the Judgment, previously added to the Judgment as an amendment of the Order of the Court dated November 17, 1995.

9.7 Assignment of Overlying Rights. In addition to the Voluntary Agreement under section 9.6 above, should an Appropriator take an assignment of rights from a Non-Agricultural Pool member, the agreement shall provide that the Appropriator may undertake to provide water service to such overlying land, but only to the extent necessary to provide water service to said overlying lands. Watermaster shall make available to members of the Non-Agricultural Pool and/or Appropriative Pool, a standard form which shall be completed and filed with Watermaster. Any assignment, lease and/or license shall be ineffective

unless provided on the standard form approved by Watermaster and filed with Watermaster. [Based on Judgment Exhibit "H" ¶ 13; Exhibit "G" ¶ 6.]

ARTICLE X
APPLICATIONS, CONTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

- 10.0 Purpose. This Article sets forth the Watermaster rules and procedures for processing requests by a person for: (i) Watermaster approval of Recharge and Transfer; (ii) Qualifying Storage and Recapture; (iii) amendments to previously approved Applications; (iv) reimbursement or a credit for costs incurred by a party to the Judgment in furtherance of the OBMP; and (v) a Complaint for redress arising from an alleged Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin. However, the procedures described in this Article X shall not be construed to apply to Watermaster actions, decisions, or rules other than as expressly set forth herein. All proceedings hereunder shall be conducted in an expeditious manner.
- 10.1 Notice and Opportunity to be Heard. Watermaster shall provide reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard to any person requesting Watermaster review or approval of any matter arising under this Article.
- 10.2 Judicial Review.
- (a) The Complaint procedures set forth in this Article X are not intended to constitute an exclusive remedy or constitute a requirement that a party to the Judgment exhaust this discretionary remedy. However, a party to the Judgment may elect to avail itself of the procedures set forth herein by filing a Complaint and requesting relief from any actual or threatened Material Physical Injury to any person or to the Basin where the alleged injury arises from the Recharge, Transfer or Qualifying Storage or Recapture of water by any person other than Watermaster.
 - (b) Once a party to the Judgment elects to pursue redress under the provisions of this Article, it shall exhaust this process until conclusion unless there is a sudden, unexpected event or emergency that causes a need for immediate judicial review or in the event that the Watermaster has failed to take action on a longstanding request. Thus, other than in the event of an emergency or where Watermaster has engaged in undue delay, a party to the Judgment may not seek judicial review of a Watermaster action on a pending Application or Complaint until the Watermaster Board has taken final action under the provisions of this Article. However, the procedures described in this Article X shall not preclude any party from seeking judicial review of any action, decision or rule of Watermaster in accordance with paragraph 31 of the Judgment.
- 10.3 Applications for Watermaster Approval: In General. Any party to the Judgment requesting approval by Watermaster for the Recharge, Transfer, Qualifying Storage or Recapture of water in the Basin, or reimbursements or credits against OBMP Assessments, or any person requesting approval of an agreement to participate in a Storage and Recovery Program, may make Application to Watermaster as provided in these Rules and Regulations.

- (a) Requests for Watermaster approval shall be processed by Application to the Watermaster.
- (b) All Applications shall be submitted to Watermaster in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Article. Approved forms for use by persons requesting Watermaster approval pursuant to this section are attached hereto as Appendix 1. Watermaster shall have no obligation to process incomplete Applications.
- (c) No person shall obtain a right to engage in the activities subject to an Application to Watermaster under these Rules and Regulations or the Judgment unless and until the proposed action is approved by Watermaster as provided herein.
- (d) Upon approval by Watermaster, the person shall have the right to proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Watermaster approval. The rights of a party shall be construed consistent with the Judgment and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Watermaster's approval.

10.4 Recharge Applications. Any party to the Judgment may make a request for Watermaster approval to engage in Recharge by submitting an Application to Watermaster that includes the following information.

- (a) The identity of the person proposing to engage in Recharge;
- (b) The quantity of water to be Recharged;
- (c) The quality of water to be Recharged;
- (d) The duration of the Recharge;
- (e) The method of the Recharge; and
- (f) The facilities to be used in the Recharge, and their location.

10.5 Transfer Applications. Any party to the Judgment may request Watermaster's approval for a Transfer by submitting an Application to Watermaster. A party to the Judgment that Produces water may in the same Fiscal Year request approval of a Transfer to offset all or a portion of its Replenishment Obligation, subject to the Watermaster's authority to approve or reject the Application under the provisions of this Article. An Application for Transfer shall include the following information:

- (a) The identity of the transferee and transferor;
- (b) The maximum quantity of water to be Transferred;
- (c) The duration of the Recovery of the quantity of water Transferred;

- (d) The location of the Production facilities from which the water will be Transferred, if known;
- (e) The location of the Production facilities from which the Transferred water will be Recaptured and Produced, if known; and
- (f) The rate of extraction at which the Transferred water will be Recaptured and Produced.

10.6 Qualifying Storage Agreements. A party to the Judgment may request Watermaster's approval of a Local Storage Agreement to store Supplemental Water, or, after July 1, 2005, a party to the Judgment may request Watermaster's approval of the accumulation of Excess Carry-Over Water in the event the party's aggregate Carry-Over Water exceeds its share of assigned Operating Safe Yield or Safe Yield. Prior to July 1, 2005, a party to the Judgment shall also be required to obtain a Local Storage Agreement to store Excess Carry-Over Water, and Watermaster shall approve such agreements under uniform terms and conditions. In addition, so long as there is then less than 100,000 acre-feet of Supplemental Water that was placed in Local Storage after July 1, 2000, a party to the Judgment's request to store Supplemental Water under a Local Storage Agreement shall be approved by Watermaster. The Applicant may include a plan for Recapture within the request for approval of the Qualifying Storage or subsequently identify the proposed plan for Recapture under an independent Application for Recapture or combine the request for subsequent approval in an Application for Transfer.

- (a) Any party to the Judgment may file an Application to store Supplemental Water pursuant to a Local Storage Agreement. The Application shall include the following information:
 - (i) The identity of the person(s) that will Recharge, Store and Recover the water;
 - (ii) The quantity of Supplemental Water to be Stored and Recovered;
 - (iii) The proposed schedule and method for the Recharge of water for Storage, if any;
 - (iv) The proposed schedule for Recovery, if any;
 - (v) The location of the Recharge facilities through which the Stored water will be Recharged, if any;
 - (vi) The location of the Production facilities through which the Stored water will be Recovered, if known; and

- (vii) The water levels and water quality of groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the storage and Recovery.
- (b) Each Producer shall have the right to store its un-Produced Carry-Over Water in the Basin. Excess Carry-Over Water placed into Local Storage after July 1, 2005 shall require a Local Storage Agreement with Watermaster. A Producer may file an Application prior to July 1, 2005 for a Local Storage Agreement for Excess Carry-Over Water that will be placed into Local Storage after July 1, 2005. Such an Application shall include the following information:
 - (i) The identity of the person(s) that will store and Recover the Carry-Over Water;
 - (ii) The quantity of Carry-Over Water to be stored and Recovered;
 - (iii) The proposed schedule for the Recovery, to the extent known;
 - (iv) The location of the Production facilities through which the stored Carry-Over Water will be Recovered, to the extent known; and
 - (v) The water levels and water quality of Groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the Production of the stored Carry-Over Water.

10.7 Storage and Recovery Program. Any person may request Watermaster's approval of an Agreement to participate in a Storage and Recovery Program by submitting an Application to Watermaster that, at a minimum, includes the following information:

- (a) The identity of the person(s) that will Recharge, store and Recover the water as well as its ultimate place of use;
- (b) The quantity of water to be Stored and Recovered;
- (c) The proposed schedule for the Recharge of water for storage, if any;
- (d) The proposed schedule and method for Recovery;
- (e) The location of the Recharge facilities through which the Stored Water will be Recharged;
- (f) The location of the Production facilities through which the Stored Water will be Recovered;
- (g) The water levels and water quality of the Groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the Storage and Recovery, if known; and

(h) Any other information that Watermaster requires to be included.

10.8 Recapture. Any person may file an Application for approval of its Recovery of water held in storage. Recapture of water may be approved by Watermaster as a component of and coincident with a request for approval of Qualifying Storage or a Transfer. However, an Applicant for Qualifying Storage may request, and Watermaster may approve, a Groundwater Storage Agreement where the plan for Recovery is not yet known. An Application for Recapture shall include the following information:

- (a) The identity of the person(s) that Recharged and stored the water;
- (b) The identity of the person(s) that will Recover the water as well as its ultimate place of use;
- (c) The quantity of water to be Recovered;
- (d) The proposed schedule for Recovery;
- (e) The location of the Production facilities through which the Stored Water will be Recovered;
- (f) The existing water levels and water quality of the Groundwater in the areas likely to be affected by the Recovery; and
- (g) Any other information that Watermaster requires to be included.

10.9 Credits Against OBMP Assessments and Reimbursements. Any Producer, including the State of California, may make Application to Watermaster to obtain a credit against OBMP Assessments or for reimbursements by filing an Application that includes the following information:

- (a) The identity of the party to the Judgment;
- (b) The specific purposes of the OBMP satisfied by the proposed project;
- (c) The time the project is proposed to be implemented and a schedule for completion;
- (d) The projected cumulative project costs; and
- (e) The specific capital or operations and maintenance expenses incurred in the implementation of any project or program, including the cost of relocating Groundwater Production facilities.

10.10 Watermaster Summary and Notification of a Pending Application. Upon Watermaster's receipt of an Application for Recharge, Transfer, Storage, Recapture or for a credit or

reimbursement, Watermaster shall prepare a written summary and an analysis (which will include an analysis of the potential for Material Physical Injury) of the Application and provide Active Parties with a copy of the written summary and advance notice of the date of Watermaster's scheduled consideration and possible action on any pending Applications. The notice shall be accompanied by the Watermaster summary and analysis and it shall reasonably describe the contents of the Application and the action requested by the Applicant. Watermaster shall provide the following minimum notice to the Active Parties:

- (a) Applications for Recharge: 30 (thirty) days.
- (b) Applications for Transfer: 30 (thirty) days.
- (c) Applications for Storage and Recovery: 90 (ninety) days.
- (d) Local Storage Agreement or Recapture: 30 (thirty) days.

10.11 All Applications Considered by Pool Committees. All Applications shall be considered by the Pool Committees. Following its completion of the summary and analysis and the issuance of the required notice as provided in section 10.10, Watermaster Staff shall place the Application on the first available Pool Committee Agenda for each of the respective Pool Committees for consideration, discussion, recommendations or proposed conditions. The Application shall not be considered by the Advisory Committee until at least twenty-one (21) days after the last of the three Pool Committee meetings to consider the matter.

10.12 Watermaster Investigations of Applications. Watermaster may, in its discretion, cause an investigation of the Groundwater or the portion of the Basin affected by a pending Application. Any party to the proceeding may be requested to confer and cooperate with the Watermaster, its staff or consultants to carry out such investigations.

10.13 Contesting an Application. Following consideration of an Application by each Pool Committee, a Contest to the Application may be filed by any party to the Judgment. Contests to Applications filed by parties to the Judgment or other persons requesting Watermaster's approval pursuant to this Article shall be submitted in writing a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the date scheduled for Advisory Committee consideration and possible action. The Contest shall describe the basis for the Contest and the underlying facts and circumstances. Watermaster shall provide notice of the Contest to the Active Parties.

10.14 Contents of a Contest.

- (a) Each Contest shall include the name and address of the Contestant and show that the Contestant has read either the application or the related notice.

- (b) If the Contest is based upon the allegation that the proposed action may result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin, there shall be an allegation of the specific injury to the Contestant or to the Basin which may result from the proposed action and an identification of any then available evidence to support the allegation. If the Contest identifies documentary evidence other than Watermaster records or files, the Contestant shall serve copies of the documentary evidence on Watermaster and the Applicant seven (7) days prior to the hearing. If relevant to the Contest, the Contestant shall provide Watermaster with the location of the Contestant's extraction and place of use. The location shall be described with sufficient accuracy so that the position thereof relative to the proposed action may be determined. If relevant to the Contest, the Contestant shall describe the Contestant's purpose of use.
- (c) If a Contest is based upon other grounds it shall summarize the grounds of the Contest.
- (d) The Contest shall set forth any conditions or amendments to the proposed action which, if agreed upon, would result in withdrawal of the Contest.
- (e) If Watermaster finds the Contest fails to comply with this provision, it may reject the Contest and deny the request for hearing if the Contestant fails to correct the defect and file a proper Contest within five (5) business days of the Watermaster's rejection. In any instance where a rebuttable presumption is applicable, the Watermaster shall include a statement in the rejection of the Contest that the Contestant has failed to reference any potential substantial evidence to overcome the presumption of no Material Physical Injury.

10.15 Extensions of Time and Continuance for Good Cause. An Applicant or Contestant may request an extension of time to file a Contest and Answer or for a continuance of a scheduled hearing and the request may be granted by Watermaster staff where good cause exists.

10.16 Applicant May Answer the Contest. An Applicant or project proponent may elect to file a written Answer to any Contest.

- (a) Contents. An Answer shall be responsive to the allegations contained in the Contest.
- (b) Time for Filing. Answers shall be filed at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing. If the Applicant intends to rely on documentary evidence other than Watermaster records or files, the Applicant shall serve copies of the documentary evidence upon Watermaster and the Contestant a minimum of three (3) days prior to the hearing.

10.17 Uncontested Applications by Parties to the Judgment.

- (a) The Advisory Committee and Board shall consider and may approve any uncontested Application. No hearing shall be required for an uncontested Application by a party to the Judgment unless there is good cause to hold a hearing. Where good cause appears, the Advisory Committee and the Board may deny, condition, or continue an uncontested Application. However, Watermaster shall not deny an Application until it has referred the matter to a hearing officer. In the case of a proposed denial or conditional approval, and upon the request of the Applicant, Watermaster shall schedule an appropriate and timely hearing in general conformity with this Article X.
- (b) An uncontested Application shall be considered at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee following the expiration of the Contest period.
- (c) The Advisory Committee shall consider the Application, the staff Summary and Analysis and staff report and any rebuttable presumption that may be applicable and make any determinations under the Judgment in accordance with the provisions of section 10.25 herein.
- (d) Following consideration by the Advisory Committee, the matter shall be transmitted to the Board for consideration. The Board shall also consider the Application, the staff summary and Analysis and staff report and any rebuttable presumption that may be applicable, as well as the Advisory Committee action consistent with the Judgment. The Board's determination shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 10.25 herein.
- (e) In each case where Watermaster the Advisory Committee or Board denies or conditions an uncontested Application made by a party to the Judgment, it must support its determination by substantial evidence and act in a manner that is consistent with the Judgment and the Peace Agreement.

10.18 Contested Applications. In each case where a Contest is filed, the matter shall be set for hearing by Watermaster staff in coordination with the hearing officer and the parties to the proceeding.

10.19 Applications by Persons not Parties to the Judgment. In its sole discretion, Watermaster may review, consider, process and decide upon Applications made by persons not parties to the Judgment. However, Watermaster may not approve or conditionally approve such an Application without first holding a hearing in accordance with this Article X.

10.20 Complaints in General. Any party to the Judgment may file a Complaint with Watermaster alleging that the conduct of another person is causing or will cause Material Physical Injury in violation of these Rules and Regulations, the Judgment and the Peace Agreement.

- (a) The Complaint shall identify the name of the Complainant, the specific action or conduct that is causing or will or may cause Material Physical Injury, and any recommended mitigation measures or conditions that might avoid or reduce the alleged Material Physical Injury.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Complaint by Watermaster, it shall prepare a summary of the allegations and serve the summary along with a notice of the Complaint to the parties to the Judgment within 30 (thirty) days from filing.
- (c) Any party to the Judgment may file an Answer to the Complaint within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the notice of Complaint or other time as may be prescribed in the Watermaster notice of the Complaint.
- (d) Watermaster shall schedule a hearing on the Complaint within 30 (thirty) days of the notice of the Complaint.
- (e) A party to the Judgment's failure to appear or Contest a hearing on the approval of an Application of any matter before Watermaster shall not be a bar to the party's right to file a Complaint as provided herein. However, a party shall not be permitted to file a Complaint if it knew or should have known of a particular harm that that party would suffer and had a reasonable opportunity to object at the time of the original approval process but did not file such a Contest.
- (f) Any party to the Judgment may request an extension of time to file an Answer or to continue the hearing, which may be granted for good cause by Watermaster.
- (g) Any party to a Complaint proceeding that intends to rely upon documentary evidence at the hearing, other than Watermaster documents or files, shall serve copies of the evidence upon Watermaster and the other parties to the proceeding a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the hearing.
- (h) Watermaster may, in its discretion, cause an investigation of the injury alleged to exist by the pending Complaint. Any party to the proceeding may be requested to confer and cooperate with the Watermaster, its staff or consultants to carry out such investigations.

10.21 All Complaints Considered by Pool Committees. All Complaints shall be considered by the Pool Committees. Following consideration by the respective Pool Committees, if the Complaint is not dismissed any person(s) directly impacted by the Complaint may file an Answer in accordance with the provisions of section 10.16 and the Complaint shall be set for hearing.

10.22 Designation of Hearing Officer for Applications, Contests and Complaints. The Watermaster Board shall develop and maintain a panel of five individuals that have

technical expertise and some familiarity with the Basin. The hearing officer shall be selected by the mutual agreement of each side. If mutual agreement cannot be reached, each side to any hearing on an Application or Complaint shall rank their preferred hearing officer from one (1) to five (5). The panel member receiving the highest total score shall be selected by the Watermaster Board as the Hearing Officer, unless he or she is unable to serve in which case the panel member receiving the next highest rank shall be selected. Ties shall be broken by vote of the Watermaster Board. Watermaster may add or remove new members to the five member panel from time to time or as circumstances may warrant. There shall be only two sides in any hearing and intervenors shall be assigned to a side.

10.23 Duty of the Hearing Officer. The hearing officer shall conduct the hearings in accordance with the provisions of this Article. It shall be the responsibility of the hearing officer to compile the record, develop proposed findings and recommendations supported by substantial evidence in the record within thirty days of the hearing and transmit the record to the Advisory Committee and thereafter the Watermaster Board for further action. The hearing officer shall have and shall exercise the power to regulate all proceedings in any matter before it, and to take and do all acts and measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of its duties.

10.24 Procedure at Hearings on Applications, Contests and Complaints

- (a) Parties Recognized at Hearing. Only the Applicant(s), Contestant(s), Watermaster staff and other party or parties to the Judgment which the hearing officer, in its discretion, allows to intervene as Applicant or Contestant, may be allowed to appear at the hearing.
- (b) Appearances. Persons appearing on their own behalf shall identify themselves at the beginning of the hearing. When a person is represented by an agent or attorney, such agent or attorney shall likewise enter an appearance before the hearing officer and thereafter will be recognized as fully controlling the case on behalf of that party to the proceeding.
- (c) Conduct of Hearings. Hearings shall be open to the public. The hearing officer has and shall exercise the power to regulate all proceedings in any manner before it, and to do all acts and take all measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of its duties. The hearing officer may rule on the admissibility of evidence and may exercise such further and incidental authority as necessary for the conduct of the proceedings.
- (d) Evidence. The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules of evidence and witnesses. Any relevant, non-repetitive evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of

supplementing or explaining any direct evidence but shall not be sufficient by itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.

- (e) Rebuttable Presumption. A rebuttable presumption under these Rules and Regulations means that the presumption shall be sufficient to approve an Application, unless a party to the Judgment opposing the Application produces substantial evidence to rebut the presumption. Once the party to the Judgment opposing the Application produces substantial evidence in support of their contention that an action may cause Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin, the presumption shall be deemed rebutted.
- (f) Official Notice. Before or after submission of a matter for decision, official notice may be taken by the Hearing Officer of such facts as may be judicially noticed by the courts of this State.
- (g) Evidence by Reference. Public records of Watermaster which are relevant to the subject of the hearing and books, reports or other papers and pleadings which have been prepared by Watermaster and submitted previously to the Court, may in the discretion of the hearing officer, be received into evidence as exhibits without the need of supplying copies to Watermaster or other parties to the proceeding.
- (h) Examination of Witnesses. Each party to the proceeding shall have the right to call and examine witnesses and introduce exhibits. Watermaster staff and consultants may participate in the hearing as appropriate, using their technical knowledge and experience for the primary purpose of developing a full, fair and accurate record, including the questioning of any witness or the agents for any party to the proceeding
- (i) Order of Procedure. There shall be an opening statement by Watermaster staff, summarizing the subject matter and purpose of the hearing and the procedures to be followed. The designated hearing officer will then ask all persons wishing to participate in the hearing to identify themselves. Staff shall present any written reports, or summary of any findings resulting from an investigation of the Application or the Complaint. The Applicant or the Complainant shall then proceed in the case in chief, followed by the Contestant(s) or the Respondents. The Applicant and the Complainant will then be afforded an opportunity to present any responsive evidence. The hearing officer may allow further response as the interests of justice may require. Questions from the hearing officer or Watermaster staff shall be appropriate at any time.
- (j) Opening Statements and Closing Briefs. Prior to presenting their case, any party to the proceeding may file a written opening statement, or may make an oral opening statement, the length of which may be prescribed by the hearing officer. At the

close of the hearing, if the hearing officer deems it advisable, time will be allowed for the filing of written briefs.

- (k) Record. The record of the hearing shall consist of all documents submitted for consideration as well as all testimony presented. Tape recordings of all testimony shall be made. Any party, at that party's sole expense, may have a court reporter present at the hearing.
- (l) Completion of Record. The Hearing Officer may request assistance from Watermaster staff and general counsel in completing the record, proposed findings and recommendations. The Hearing Officer shall transmit his or her proposed findings to the Advisory Committee within thirty days of the close of the hearing. The proposed findings of the hearing officer shall be based upon substantial evidence in the record.

10.25 Watermaster Determinations.

- (a) Watermaster shall consider and may approve, deny, or condition any contested Application. Prior to rendering a determination on a contested Application or a Complaint, both the Advisory Committee or the Board may also each remand the matter for further findings by the hearing officer a maximum of one time each. The hearing officer shall conduct any additional hearings and complete its review and rehearing and transmit its subsequent report to the Advisory Committee within thirty days from the date of notice from Watermaster of the need for additional findings.
- (b) A contested Application or a Complaint shall be considered at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee following the transmittal of the record, proposed findings of fact and recommendations by the hearing officer and no later than 30 days from the date of the hearing. The Advisory Committee shall consider the Application, the staff summary and analysis and staff report, any rebuttable presumption, the Contest, Answer, the record, proposed findings of fact and any recommendations of the hearing officer. The Advisory Committee may amend, modify, accept or reject the report of the hearing officer, or it may direct the hearing officer to conduct a re-hearing to receive additional evidence, direct the filing of additional briefs or request oral argument.
 - (i) The findings and decision adopted by the Advisory Committee shall be supported by citations to substantial evidence in the record.
 - (ii) If the Advisory Committee fails to base its decision on substantial evidence in the record or fails to consider the proposed findings of fact developed by the Hearing Officer, subject to the right of the Advisory Committee to remand for further findings, any Advisory Committee mandate shall not be

binding on the Watermaster Board. This provision shall not be considered in construing the power of the Watermaster Board or the Advisory Committee that may exist under the Judgment.

- (c) Following consideration by the Advisory Committee, the matter shall be transmitted to the Board for consideration within the next thirty (30) days. The Board shall also consider the Application, the staff summary, analysis and staff report, any rebuttable presumption that may be applicable, the Contest, the Answer, the record, the proposed findings of fact and recommendations of the hearing officer, as well as the Advisory Committee action consistent with the Judgment. The Watermaster Board may amend, modify, accept or reject the report of the hearing officer, or it may direct the hearing officer to conduct a re-hearing to receive additional evidence, direct the filing of additional briefs or request oral argument. If the Board directs the hearing officer to conduct a re-hearing, then the proposed findings of fact and any recommendations shall be transmitted to the Advisory Committee for re-consideration prior to transmittal to the Board.
- (d) Watermaster Action. In acting upon a Complaint, or by approving, denying or conditioning in whole or in part any Application under this Article, the determinations made by the Watermaster Advisory Committee and Board shall be based upon substantial evidence in the record developed by the hearing officer and then before the Advisory Committee and Board. In making such determinations, the Advisory Committee and Board shall act in a manner consistent with the Judgment, the Peace Agreement and these Rules and Regulations. Each shall support its determinations by written findings. Each shall consider all relevant evidence presented and give due consideration to the policies and purposes set forth in the Judgment as well as Article X, section 2 of the Peace Agreement and the OBMP Implementation Plan.
- (e) No Restriction on Rights to Judicial Review Following Determination by Watermaster. Nothing herein shall be construed as imposing any limitation on any party's rights to seek judicial review of a Watermaster decision under this Article pursuant to paragraph 31 of the Judgment once Watermaster has rendered a decision on the respective Application or, in the case of a Complaint, to seek judicial review of a Watermaster decision where a party to the Judgment has elected to pursue Watermaster review of an action under this Article.
- (f) Emergency Review. In the event of a sudden, unforeseen and unexpected emergency impacting the health, safety and welfare of a party to the Judgment or the Basin, the party to the Judgment may seek immediate judicial review in accordance with the provisions of the Judgment and the Local Rules.
- (g) Undue Delay. Absent a Watermaster determination that extraordinary circumstances exist, Watermaster shall render its final decision on any Application

filed under this Article within 180 days from the date the Application is deemed complete by Watermaster Staff. In the event Watermaster fails to offer a satisfactory response to repeated requests by a party to the Judgment to approve, deny or condition an Application or to rule on a Complaint, a party to the Judgment may request judicial review of the matter prior to the final Watermaster action.

- (h) Effective Date of Watermaster Action.
 - (i) For purposes of judicial review, any action determination or rule of Watermaster shall be the date on which the decision is filed.
 - (ii) For the purposes of determining the date on which an approved Application pursuant to Article X shall be considered effective, the approval shall relate back to date the completed Application is filed.

10.26 Application, Contests, Complaints Fees and Expenses.

- (a) Each party to the proceeding shall bear its own costs and expenses associated with the proceeding.
- (b) Watermaster's summary and analysis and participation in any hearing under this Article X shall be considered a general Watermaster administrative expense.
- (c) Upon request by the Agricultural Pool, Non-Agricultural Pool, or Appropriative Pool, the parties shall renegotiate this section 10.26. This renegotiation shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the adoption of a Court-approved resolution to address potential costs, fees and procedures incurred by parties to the Judgment and Watermaster in resolving frivolous and repetitiously unsuccessful similar contests.
- (d) Nothing herein shall be construed as precluding the right or claim by any party to the Judgment to request a reviewing Court under paragraph 31 of the Judgment to award litigation fees and costs to the extent such fees and costs may be available under general law.

EXHIBIT C

*Declaration of Bradley J. Herrema ISO Watermaster's Motion for Court Approval of Update to Watermaster Rules and Regulations
Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.
San Bernardino Case No. RCV RS 51010*



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RE: *Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.*
 Comments on Proposed Amendments to Watermaster Rules and Regulations
San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV 51010

Dear Mr. Kavounas:

The State of California, as a party to the judgment, submits the following comments on Watermaster's November 10, 2021 proposed revision to its Rules and Regulations (Revision). We understand the Revision is being undertaken pursuant to the trial court's July 21, 2021 "Order Re Motion Regarding Implementation of the Local Storage Limitation Solution" (LSLS Order). Our comments are offered in that context and do not extend to other prospective edits to Watermaster's Rules and Regulations.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REVISION

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The page numbers listed in the Table of Contents were not updated in the Revision and therefore are inaccurate.

Definitions

While you have not revised the definitions for "Chino I Desalter Expansion" and "Chino I Desalter," at subparagraphs (s) and (t) on pages 2 and 3, they both refer to a "present capacity of approximately eight (8) mgd . . ." Is this an accurate description of "present" conditions? If not, we propose that these definitions also be revised to reflect actual "present" conditions.

The definition of "Local Storage," at subparagraph (uu) on page 5, identifies "a cumulative maximum of 100,000 acre-feet" limit for supplemental water under local storage

agreements for parties to the judgment. However, at subparagraph (d) on page 48 of the Revision, that 100,000 acre-feet limitation has been replaced with “Maximum Local Storage Quantity” (defined at subparagraph (xx) on page 6 pursuant to the LSLs). Please clarify why this paragraph specifies that the limit is Maximum Local Storage Quantity. Please also clarify what you mean by the “amounts classified as Supplemental Water under the procedure set forth in section 8.1 above.” (Revision, ¶ 8.2(d), p. 48.)

Administration

Paragraph 2.0 on page 13 uses the term “e-mail” but the remainder of the document refers to “electronic mail.” We assume there is no distinction but suggest one term be used consistently throughout the Revision.

Safe Yield and Operating Safe Yield, Interim Correction

Paragraph 6.5(c) of the Revision does not track the trial court’s July 31, 2020 Safe Yield Reset Order (Order). It reads instead as a modification of the Order.

The Order provides that if the State Water Resources Control Board’s conservation measures result in a reduction in urban irrigation that is reasonably likely to materially reduce recharge, “Watermaster *shall* conduct a reevaluation of the Safe Yield in the Chino Basin. If the State’s measures are determined to change the Safe Yield ... by more than 2.5% during the Reset Term, Watermaster *will* promptly move the court to reset the Safe Yield. . . . (Order, ¶ V, p. 15, italics added.) The Revision removes these mandatory actions by requiring Watermaster to only make a recommendation to the court. (Revision, ¶ 6.5(d), p. 30.) Paragraph 6.5(c) should be revised to accurately reflect Watermaster’s nondiscretionary obligations under the Order.

Storage

Paragraph 8.1(b) on page 43 references “agreements identified in section 8.1(f)(iii),” but section 8.1(f)(iii) is deleted.

Paragraph 8.2(i) on page 50 references “subsection (j)(i) and (j)(ii),” but there are no such subsections.

CONCLUSION

The State appreciates the opportunity to comment on this initial effort to revise Watermaster’s Rules and Regulations. Thank you for considering our feedback. We look

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December 10, 2021
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forward to reviewing an updated draft, and we reserve the right to further comment as the Revision is developed.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss our concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Re: Comments on Proposed Changes to Watermaster Rules and Regulations

Dear Peter and Brad:

The City of Ontario ("Ontario") appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Chino Basin Watermaster's Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), as it is critically important that these documents be clear and implementable. Generally, it is Ontario's belief that a complete and orderly review of the entirety of the Regulations is needed to ensure consistency with all Court-ordered documents.

Absent the desire to update the Regulations in its entirety, Ontario would like to reiterate its formal comments previously made during the review of proposed changes to the Regulations in 2019 and recognize that while some concerns were addressed, most comments are still applicable. The previously transmitted letters dated August 2, 2019 and October 3, 2019 are attached for your convenience.

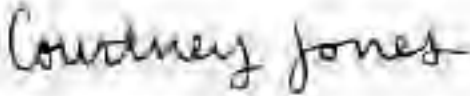
Additionally, Ontario has the following comments to the 2021 Regulations proposed changes.

- Section 6.5, "Recalculation of Safe Yield," subsection (c) (i), Revise language to directly reflect the entirety of Section V. of the Orders Regarding Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding the 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of the Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6, dated July 31, 2020.

- Section 8.2, “Local Storage: Special Considerations,” subsection (a), the following sentence “Thereafter a party to the Judgement may continue to Produce the actual quantity of Excess Carry-Over Water and Supplemental Water in its storage account,” should remain and not be deleted as proposed.

Ontario appreciates Watermaster’s efforts to update the Regulations and the opportunity to provide comments and participate in the process.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Comments on Proposed Changes to Watermaster Rules and Regulations (2019)

Comments Submitted by Ontario on Proposed Changes to Watermaster Rules and Regulations (2019)

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Re: Comments Submitted by Ontario on Proposed Changes to Watermaster Rules and Regulations

Dear Peter:

In a letter dated August 2, 2019, and transmitted via e-mail on August 30, 2019, the City of Ontario ("Ontario") submitted formal comments on the proposed changes to the Watermaster Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"). On September 12, 2019, the Appropriative Pool Committee reviewed at its regular meeting an updated draft of the Regulations. Watermaster presented the updated draft and indicated that it was in response to comments received both verbally and in writing.

Ontario's comments were separated into three general comments with eight examples as well as an additional eight specific comments. The most recent draft of the Regulations incorporates three out of the 16 requested changes. Watermaster has not provided an explanation to Ontario as to why the other 13 changes were not incorporated. In addition, at the September 12, 2019, Appropriative Pool Committee meeting, Watermaster indicated that it did not intend to respond directly to Ontario's letter.

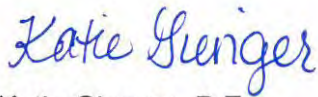
It is unclear why most of Ontario's comments have not been incorporated, and as a result, Ontario views the draft updated Regulations as inconsistent with the March 2019 Court Order. Ontario requests a written response from Watermaster addressing each change suggested by

Ontario in its letter and providing the rationale for not incorporating it into the latest draft. The previously submitted letter is attached for your convenience.

In addition, following its review of the most recent draft, Ontario has two additional comments. First, the Regulations do not discuss the fact that the Land Use Conversion factor of 2.0 is in effect for the term of *Peace 1 and any extension thereof* (emphasis added). Second, the Regulations do not incorporate the revised Re-Operation schedule adopted as part of the recent court order.

Ontario appreciates Watermaster's efforts to update the Regulations and the opportunity to provide comments and participate in the process. As stated in the prior comment letter, it is critically important that the Regulations be clear and implementable, as well as consistent with Court-ordered documents. To achieve this goal, which Ontario believes to be shared amongst Watermaster and the parties, Ontario respectfully requests the transparency of a detailed response to its comments, including the comments submitted previously and those submitted as part of this follow-up letter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Comments on Proposed Changes to Watermaster Rules and Regulations

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Re: Comments on Proposed Changes to Watermaster Rules and Regulations

Dear Peter:

The City of Ontario ("Ontario") appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Chino Basin Watermaster's Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), as it is critically important that these documents be clear and implementable. Ontario submits the following comments on the proposed changes to the Regulations that Watermaster referred to the parties for comment.

I. General Comments

A. Watermaster Should Clarify an Overall Purpose for the Regulations that is Consistent with the Judgment and the Peace Agreements.

Currently the Regulations consist of a collection of provisions and language taken directly from the Judgment, the Peace Agreements, and Court orders (collectively, the "CAMA"). The Regulations could become more useful and streamlined if their overall purpose was clarified as the CAMA are legally binding regardless of whether their provisions are incorporated into the Regulations. Clarifying an overall purpose in writing will assist the parties in reviewing and approving the Regulations.

The Judgment and the Peace Agreements include a number of provisions to guide the development of the Regulations, which could be used as a starting point to formulate a clear statement of purpose, including the following:

- Section 18 of the Restated Judgment requires that “[u]pon recommendation by the Advisory Committee, Watermaster shall make and adopt, after public hearing, appropriate rules and regulations for conduct of Watermaster affairs, including, meeting schedules and procedures, and compensation of members of Watermaster.” (Emphasis added.)
- Section 28 of the Restated Judgment requires that “Watermaster shall adopt, with the approval of the Advisory Committee, uniformly applicable rules and a standard form of agreement for storage of supplemental water, pursuant to criteria therefore set forth in Exhibit ‘I.’” (Emphasis added.)
- Section 41 of the Restated Judgment states that: “Watermaster, with the advice of the Advisory and Pool Committees, is granted discretionary powers in order to develop an optimum basin management program for Chino Basin, including both water quantity and quality considerations. Withdrawals and supplemental water replenishment of Basin Water, and the full utilization of the water resources of Chino Basin, must be subject to procedures established by and administered through Watermaster with the advice and assistance of the Advisory and Pool Committees composed of the affected producers. Both the quantity and quality of said water resources may thereby be preserved and the beneficial utilization of the Basin maximized.” (Emphasis added; see also Recitals to Watermaster Resolution No. 07-05.)
- Exhibit “G” to the Restated Judgment, at Section 9, indicates that the Regulations should include procedures for physical solution transfers of quantified production rights by the Non-Agricultural Pool “to Watermaster and thence to members of the Appropriative Pool . . .” (See also Peace II at Attachment “I”.)
- Under Peace II, Watermaster is supposed to “make conforming changes to [the Regulations] to eliminate any inconsistencies with the Peace II measures and to more effectively implement the measures from time to time.” (Peace II, § 3.1(a) and Exhibit “1,” Attachment “F,” emphasis added.)

Articulating a clear statement of purpose would provide a more manageable set of Regulations, as well as guidance on what should be included in the Regulations, as they are updated and amended. For all of these reasons, Ontario respectfully requests that Watermaster develop and articulate a clear purpose of the Regulations to help make them a more useful tool for basin management.

B. Watermaster Should Explain Differences Between the CAMA and the Regulations, Especially Where the Regulations Cite, But Do Not Adopt, the Language of the CAMA.

While the overwhelming majority of the Regulations are taken verbatim from the CAMA, a handful of provisions cite, but do not adopt the language of the CAMA. Such provisions are not clearly identified and are easy to miss within the Regulations, as illustrated in the bulleted examples below. It is unclear if these provisions differ from the CAMA.

- Section 4.5(b) of the Regulations applies only to “a party,” but this section cites to Peace I § 5.4(d), as amended, which applies to “[a]ny Producer or party.” Additionally, Section 4.5(b) of the Regulations allows credits for “the cost of shutting down . . . Groundwater Production facilities”; whereas Peace I § 5.4(d), as amended, provides such credits only for “relocating” and not for “shutting down” groundwater production facilities.
- Section 7.5 of the Regulations regarding “Desalter Replenishment” consists of a mix of terms taken from both Peace Agreements. Watermaster retained some of the same cross-references that appear in the Peace Agreements, while replacing other such cross-references with citations to the other portions of the Regulations. (See, e.g., Regulations, § 7.5(b)(i).)
- Section 8.2(j) of the Regulations, regarding uniform losses to be assessed on water in local storage, cites to Peace II, § 7.4. However, Section 8.2(j) of the Regulations omits a substantial amount of language that appears in the corresponding provisions of Peace II, which language explains the basis for determining the various loss factors that may be applied by Watermaster.
- Certain provisions of the Regulations claim to be “consistent with” the CAMA, although they are not identical to the CAMA. (E.g., the footnote to Regulations, § 4.5(b) states that it is “[c]onsistent with Second Amendment to Peace Agreement” [emphasis added].) It would be helpful for Watermaster to explain what is different from the CAMA and why.

In order to ensure that all parties have an equal opportunity to review, understand, and comment upon Watermaster’s interpretations of the CAMA, Ontario respectfully requests that for provisions in the Regulations, such as these—which appear to have been altered or adapted from the language of the CAMA—Watermaster includes language to explain its interpretation of the CAMA or other reasons for divergence from or expansion upon the CAMA.

C. Where the Regulations are Taken Directly from the CAMA, Watermaster Should Consistently and Clearly Cite Applicable Terms of the CAMA.

Where the Regulations recite parts of the CAMA, it is extremely helpful that Watermaster typically includes citations to the corresponding CAMA provisions. However, some Regulations do not provide such citations. For example:

- Section 6.3, “Accounting of Unallocated Agricultural Portion of Safe Yield,” subsections (a)(ii) and (a)(iii), reference a bifurcation of priorities as between land use conversions completed prior to October 1, 2000 and land use conversions completed after October 1,

2000. This bifurcation is not supported by a citation, and therefore the source of the Regulation is unclear.

- Section 1.1(rr) of the Regulations omits any citation to support the part of the definition of "Local Storage" which sets the storage cap at 100,000 AF.

Where a Regulation can be supported by reference to the CAMA, appropriate citations should be provided. If the language cannot be supported with citations because it diverges from the terms of the CAMA, Ontario respectfully requests that divergent elements be identified and explained.

Additionally, it can be difficult to interpret some of the citations in the Regulations because of formatting issues. For example:

- Proposed revisions to the Regulations refer to "Exhibit 4 to the Peace II Agreement, as amended." (See, e.g., Section 7.5(b)(ii), (iii).) Anyone who may refer to a copy of the Peace II Agreement for its Exhibit 4 will not find it there, because Exhibit 4 is not an attachment to Peace II. To find Exhibit 4, one must know that it is part of the attachments to the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019. This is not intuitive and therefore a more informative description is desirable.
- The Regulations repeatedly refer to Exhibit "1" to Peace II, as Exhibit "I." (See, e.g., Regulations, at fn. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24.) Other documents, such as the Judgment, do have an Exhibit "I," whereas Peace II does not.

These seemingly minor issues can be confusing in light of the complexity of the Regulations and the CAMA, as well as their voluminous exhibits and attachments. For these reasons, it is desirable to present citations with the greatest possible degree of clarity.

II. Comments on Specific Provisions

In addition to the general comments set forth above, Ontario requests that Watermaster consider the following specific comments.

A. Additional Definitions Need to Be Updated in Light of the Court's March 15, 2019 Order.

Several definitions in the Regulations require clarifications in light of the Court's Findings and Order Regarding Amendments to Restated Judgment, Peace Agreement, Peace II Agreement, and Re-Operation Schedule, dated March 15, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the "Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019"), as show in the bulleted list below.

- To help prevent confusion that may arise in the future, Section 1.1 of the Regulations, "Definitions," should include a definition of "Adjusted Physical Production." For the sake of simplicity, the definition could cross-reference Section 7.5(b)(iv).

- It would be helpful to create a new defined term for the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019. The full and complete title of that document is confusing. For example, the Regulations contain citations to "Attachment A to the Court's Findings and Order Regarding Amendments to Restated Judgment, Peace Agreement, Peace II Agreement, and Re-Operation Schedule, dated March 15, 2019." (See, e.g., Sections 1.1(iii), (jjj).) This document title references several documents and terms that are defined in their own right, such as the Peace Agreement and Peace II Agreement, and it is difficult to tell which of the documents Attachment A belongs to.
- Section 1.1(dd): The definition of "Early Transfer" should be updated to cite not only the Peace Agreement §1.1(o), but also the Court's Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019, at Attachment A, Ex. A, §2, which modify this definition.
- Section 1.1(oo): The definition of "Judgment" should more clearly identify Court orders that amend the Judgment. Because of the way the definition is currently written, it suggests that documents such as the Peace Agreement and Peace II Agreement are amendments to the Judgment, which is not the case and conflicts with Section 1.3 of the Regulations that confirms the Judgment's precedence over the Peace Agreements.

B. Safe Yield Recalculation Needs Clarifications.

The Regulations at Section 6.5 incorporate provisions from the Court Orders, dated April 28, 2017, at p. 15 of 75, §§4.2-4.3, regarding recalculation of safe yield. Ontario believes these provisions need clarification in light of the Court Findings and Order, dated March 15, 2019. This clarification and any further suggested clarifying revisions to the quoted CAMA have been shown in brackets as per widely accepted MLA and APA writing standards.

- Section 6.5(a) of the Regulations should recognize the prohibition against retroactive accounting, to avoid confusion between 6.5(a) and 6.5(h):

Initial Safe Yield Reset. Effective July 1, 2010 and continuing until June 30, 2020, the Safe Yield for the Basin is reset at 135,000 AFY. For all purposes arising under the Judgment, the Peace Agreements and the OBMP Implementation Plan, the Safe Yield shall be 135,000 AFY, without exception [save only the prohibition against retroactive accounting (§6.5(h) below)], unless and until Safe Yield is reset in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 6.5, and determined by the Court pursuant to its retained continuing jurisdiction.

- Section 6.5(b) of the Regulations should recognize that the next Safe Yield Reset might not be completed by July 1, 2020:

Scheduled Reset. Watermaster will initiate a process to evaluate and reset the Safe Yield by July 1, 2020 as further provided in this Section 6.5. Subject to the provisions of Section 6.5(c) below, the Safe Yield, as it is reset

effective July 1, 2020 [assuming the Court orders it by July 1, 2020] will continue until June 30, 2030. Watermaster will initiate the reset process no later than January 1, 2019, in order to ensure that the Safe Yield, as reset, may be approved by the court no later than June 30, 2020. . . .

- Section 6.5(c) of the Regulations should recognize that Court approval is required for any interim correction of Safe Yield:

Interim Correction. In addition to the scheduled reset set forth in Section 6.5(b) above, the Safe Yield may be reset in the event that, with the recommendation and advice of the Pools and Advisory Committee and in the exercise of prudent management discretion described in Section 6.5(e)(iii), below, Watermaster recommends to the court [and the Court approves] that the Safe Yield must be changed by an amount greater (more or less) than 2.5% of the then-effective Safe Yield.

C. The Regulations Should Clarify the Application of Section 5(b)(iv)(1) for Parties with Dual Memberships

The Regulations at Section 7.5(b)(iv) incorporate provisions from the Court Orders, dated March 15, 2019 regarding the Replenishment Assessment against the Appropriative Pool for remaining Desalter Replenishment Obligation. The practice and understanding amongst Watermaster and the parties is that this provision also applies to parties with dual membership (Peace II, § 4.4).

- Section 7.5(b)(iv)(1) of the Regulations should be clarified as shown below.

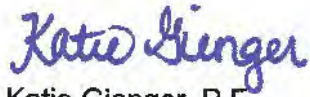
In the case of assignments among Appropriative Pool members, or between Appropriative Pool members and the Non-Agricultural Pool members under Exhibit G, ¶6 of the Judgment, resulting in pumping or production by one party to the Judgment for use by another party to the Judgment [or, in the case of dual pool membership, use by the same party under its Non-Agricultural Pool membership], the production for purposes of Adjusted Physical Production shall be assigned to the party making beneficial use of the water, not the actual producer.

III. Conclusion

Watermaster has stated that it desires to undertake an orderly process of reviewing and updating the Regulations. Ontario agrees with Watermaster's desire to engage in an orderly process and believes that the best way to accomplish that aim is, first, to engage with the parties to develop an agreed-upon statement of purpose for the Regulations.

Ontario appreciates Watermaster's efforts to update the Regulations and the opportunity to provide comments and participate in the process.

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Hello Peter and Brad,

Based on our review of the subject material we have the following comments/requested changes:

- 1) 1.1 (xx). Delete “means the maximum quantity of water that may be held in Local Storage when combined with Carry-Over Water.” Simply state the numbers and corresponding timeframes. The suggested revised definition should read as follows “Maximum Local Storage Quantity is 700,000 acre-feet until June 30, 2030. After June 30, 2030 the Maximum Local Storage Quantity shall be reduced to 620,000 acre-feet until June 30, 2035. [Court’s Findings and Order, dated July 21, 2021.]”.
- 2) 6.5 (c) (ii). Because of the 2.5% threshold described in 6.5 (c) (i), (ii) is unnecessary. However, if (i) is to remain (since it was part of the court’s order by reference), then there should be an expanded description of (or reference to) a constrained process that indicates how and when pertinent determinations are made and who makes those determinations.
- 3) 8.2 (f). In the 2nd to last sentence, the phrase “and Excess Carryover Water” should be deleted. Watermaster approves a local storage agreement as a mechanism to perfect a Party’s (Appropriator or Overlying Non-agricultural Pool member) right to preserve Excess Carryover.
- 4) 8.2 (g). “Excess Carry-Over” should be deleted from the 1st sentence as it is inappropriate to impose a time limit on the Judgment-guaranteed right to preserve Excess Carryover. Watermaster may condition (e.g. to mitigate MPI) the preservation of Excess Carryover if it is preserved in an amount that causes adverse impact, but Watermaster may not impose a “limit” on the amount of Excess Carryover preserved.

Our apologies for sending these comments to you so late.

Thanks,
Dave

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Dear Brad and Peter,

First, a very Happy New Year to both of you and the entire Watermaster team.

Second, our sincere apologies for sending these comments to you so late. Our initial review did not result in comments; however, upon subsequent review we identified the following recommended changes:

- 1.1(xx): This definition only cites the 7/21/21 Court's Findings and Order, but includes the language "when combined with Carry-Over Water" that is not supported by the 7/21/21 Court's Findings and Order. We recommend either removing this language or adding an additional citation that supports this language.
- 8.2(f): Similar to 1.1(xx), the addition of the phrases "and Excess Carryover Water" is not supported by the 7/21/21 Court's Findings and Order. Similarly, we recommend either removing this language or adding an additional citation that supports this language.

Thank you!

Best,
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Dear Watermaster Stakeholders,

Attached is the proposed revision to the Watermaster Rules and Regulations to comply with the Judge's Order regarding the Local Storage Limitation Solution. Please review and send your comments to Brad Herrema (bherrema@bhfs.com) and Peter Kavounas (pkavounas@cbwm.org) by cob Friday December 10, 2021. Comments will be considered and a workshop will be scheduled if necessary. The draft revised Rules and Regulations will be presented to Pool Committees for advice and assistance before Advisory Committee and Board consideration and ultimately filing with the Court.

Regards,
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