

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
May 29, 2003

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 8632 Archibald Ave., Suite 109, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on May 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Agricultural Pool

Nathan DeBoom, Chair

Non-Agricultural Pool

Vic Barrion

Appropriative Pool

Gerald Black

Ron Craig

Dave Crosley

Mark Kinsey

Michael McGraw

Carol McGreevy

J. Arnold Rodriguez

Ray Wellington

Dairy, Milk Producers Council

Reliant Energy, Etiwanda

Fontana Union Water Company

City of Chino Hills

City of Chino

Monte Vista Water District

Fontana Water Company

Jurupa Community Services District

Santa Ana River Water Company

San Antonio Water Company

Watermaster Pool Members Present

Rich Atwater

Bill Stafford

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Marygold Mutual Water Company

Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi

Sheri Rojo

Devonya Williams

Chief Executive Officer

Finance Manager

Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife

Mark Wildermuth

Hatch & Parent

Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

Other Presents

Raul Garibay

Peter Van Haam

Jack Hagermond

Dave Hill

Josephine Johnson

Dan McKinney

Rick Rees

Amy Rego

Diane Sanchez

Robert Sock

City of Pomona

Cal DOT

CIM

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Monte Vista Water District

Special Counsel to the Agricultural Pool

Geomatrix (State of California)

Metropolitan Water District

State Department of Water Resources

Monte Vista Water District

The Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair deBoom at 10:05 a.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

## I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursement Report – April 2003
2. Combining Schedule Of Revenue, Expenses And Changes In Working Capital For The Period July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs For March 1 through March 31, 2003
4. 2002-03 Actual YTD Revenues And Expenses Compared With Adopted 2002-03 Budget

Motion by Deloach, second by McGraw, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

## II. BUSINESS ITEMS - POSSIBLE ACTION

### A. AMENDMENT NO. 7, CYCLIC STORAGE AGREEMENT

Mr. Rossi reported that Amendment No. 7 Cyclic Storage Agreement has filtered through all three pools with unanimous recommendation. Mr. Rossi recommends approval from the Advisory Committee to forward this item to the Watermaster Board, which will provide Watermaster the opportunity to utilize approximately 32,000 acre-feet of water in the Cyclic Storage Account for replenishment activities.

Motion by Deloach, second by McGraw, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to recommend approval of Amendment No. 7, Cyclic Storage Agreement.***

### B. BALANCE OF RECHARGE & DISCHARGE IN ALL AREAS; DETERMINATION OF OPERATING STORAGE & SAFE STORAGE; AND THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF TRANSFERS

Mr. Rossi reported that Mark Wildermuth made a presentation to the Pools introducing considerable concepts and assumptions that are being used to determine calculations for the Recharge and Discharge of operable storage, safe storage and cumulative impact of transfers. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to bring this item back in June for consideration.

***No action taken***

### C. PROPOSED FY 2003-04 WATERMASTER BUDGET

Mr. Rossi stated that it was recommended to add new elements to the FY 2003-2004 budget related to the OBMP. Mr. Rossi outlined the significance of these elements for clarification and how dollars are allocated through this program. These elements consist of "Hydraulic Control Monitoring Program"; an effort to ensure water in lower basin does not leave the basin. Mr. Rossi also stated that a \$250,000 of grant funding from DWR and AB303 requested by Watermaster will be reallocated and available by next year to decrease the line item of this program. "Inactive Well Protection Program", "Water Quality Committee and "Comp Recharge – Basin Program O&M" are other additional elements that have been added to the FY 2003-2004 budget under the OBMP. The "Comp Recharge – Basin Program O&M will be added the first year for incremental maintenance and operation cost on the recharge program. Mr. Rossi estimates that only ½ the budgeted amount will be used because there will be no significant recharge activities until the capitol project is completed. These elements will be implemented upon approval of the FY2003-2004 budget.

Mr. Rossi reported that if the budget is approved as is, there will be a 1% to 2% increase in assessments. Mr. Rossi added that \$150,000 line item for Salt Credit Management will be included in the draft budget for consideration and discussion based on a recommendation from the Agricultural Pool.

**No action taken**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 03-04**

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 03-04 in support of IEUA's conjunctive-use grant application to DWR. (The draft resolution will be sent out prior to the meeting.)

Motion by Deloach, second by McGreevy, and unanimous vote

**Moved to approve Resolution No. 03-04 in support of the IEUA's conjunctive-use grant application to DWR.**

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- 1. Chino Land & Water SBSC Case No. RCV 06484  
Counsel Fife reported that there has been no new information on the appeal pertaining to the Chino Land & Water Case.
- 2. Watermaster's Santa Ana River Application  
Counsel Fife reported on the notice of protests pertaining to the Watermaster application that was filed. Counsel Fife expresses acknowledgment of the 30-day deadline to respond to these protests and is working on formulating responses to be circulated through the group upon filing with the court. Forest Service has agreed to withdraw their protest.

Added:

- 3. Markot Case  
Counsel Fife stated that this case was originally against IEUA and San Bernardino County Flood Control regarding property rights and was later intervened into by Watermaster. An appeal was filed with the court prior to Hatch & Parent joining Watermaster in assisting with legal services. In lieu of this appeal, the Watermaster Board offered a settlement of \$100,000 which has not been claimed after three years. A decision was made to dismiss the case with no settlement.
- 4. June 5<sup>th</sup> Hearing  
Counsel Fife reported that there is a hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2003 to consider a variety of matters including approval of the MWD Agreement, the Watermaster Annual Report, Status Report and Niagara's Intervention. No oppositions are expected to be filed, although the Court would like Watermaster to provide supplemental information to file with the Court.
- 5. State's Concerns with Status Report Phrase  
Counsel Fife reported on a paragraph phrase included in the Status Report that raised concerns with the State not abiding by the agreement to allow for transducers in their wells. Counsel Fife spoke to Marilyn Levine and worked out the issue.
- 6. Niagara costs per Kuhn's request:  
Counsel Fife reported that a memo has been provided to the Watermaster Board summarizing the cost of the Niagara Settlement. In January and February 2003 a cost of \$18,429.67 was incurred for litigation preparation upon the Board's direction to file suit against Niagara. In March 2003, a cost of \$8,376.55 was incurred as a result Niagara's request for intervention.

**B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES**

1. Storage & Recovery Project Meeting Update  
Mr. Rossi reported that staff would continue progress on this project. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2003
2. Water Quality Committee Update  
Mr. Rossi reported that the Water Quality Committee met on May 20<sup>th</sup> to finalize a plan from the objectives of the level of activity for which the committee will be involved; and will forward this plan through the pool meetings next month for approval.
3. Recharge Improvement Project Update  
Mr. Rossi reported that staff has been working to get the permits for the Recharge Improvement Projects and the Regional Board has been very helpful in assisting Watermaster with this process. The contractors have been notified that staff plans to get these project back on line on or before the winter season.
4. Reschedule June 26 Advisory & Board Meetings to June 19  
Mr. Rossi asked to reschedule the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meeting from June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup> due to an invitation from WESTCAS to speak on the OBMP and the Chino Basin Maximum Benefit Proposal.
5. Other  
Mr. Rossi reported on the Storage & Recovery Special Meeting on the Maximum Benefit Basin Plan Amendment language. Specifically Monte Vista had some issues regarding the language and how it may impact issues pertaining to recharge of recycled water. Monte Vista was also concerned that the language may have a bearing on the salt credits concept included in the Peace Agreement. Upon discussion of this meeting, staff was directed to bring additional information for discussion at the next pool meetings scheduled June 12, 2003.

Mr. Rossi reported on the grant application that needs to be submitted to DWR by June 9, 2003 of \$76,000,000 that is available for conjunctive-use programs.

Mr. Rossi stated that the operating plans must be in by June 1, 2003 for the Long-Term In-Lieu Storage Program to be submitted by Friday. If there are any questions contact Mr. Rossi or Andrew Lazenby.

Mr. Rossi reported that SAWPA acknowledged that the Watermaster would receive an integrated project of the year award for the OBMP at an award ceremony held on Thursday, June 4, 2003. Mr. Rossi will ask Mr. Yates to accept this award on behalf of Watermaster.

**C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY (IEUA)  
INTER-AGENCY WATER MANAGERS' REPORT**

1. MWD Status Report  
Mr. Atwater stated that the written reports on the details of the recharge construction and the Recycled Water Program are available.

Mr. Atwater reported that the MWD Agreement would not work for MZ1 this year unless we took off 3,000 acre-feet of tier 1 or tier 2 purchases, but stated that this is statistical data and can probably be avoided.

## 2. Conservation Programs

### Water Awareness

Mr. Hill reported that most of the residents in the Inland Empire service area adopted resolutions recognizing the importance of water and the incentive programs are being promoted in all service areas. During the next several months, the Water Smart "Come Rain or Come Shine" packets will be given out to local legislators and congressman to inform them of all conservation programs in the Inland Empire Valley.

### Water Brooms

Mr. Hill reported that IEUA with the help of various retail agencies gave out 62 water brooms were given to public agencies within the service area for demonstration and incentives. Cost of these water brooms was supplied by surcharge fund with an additional incentive of \$100 provided by Metropolitan Water District.

### Toilets

Mr. Hill reported that forms and applications would be available in toiletry retail stores. Mr. Hill stated that these retail stores are getting a lot of response from the service area on this incentive program. This form will be issued to the Plumbers in the service areas as well.

Mr. Hill reported on the City Make-Over Announcement that MWD held on May 21<sup>st</sup> in downtown Los Angeles to announce all the winners of the City Make-Over Program that provided a \$75,000 grant to one city of each county of the service area. Rancho Cucamonga was one of the winners presented for the landscape beautification project using native plants. In addition, MWD added a secondary award to one project of each county for \$20,000, which was presented to the City of Montclair who put in a proposal with Monte Vista and the Chino Basin Conservation Water District.

### Water Softener Project

Mr. Atwater reported that the Water Softener Bill was sent through the legislative assembly. Mr. Atwater states that the Water Softener Industries optioned out of the Water Quality Association; therefore the assembly did not oppose any amendments on the bill, so IEUA is moving forward with the Water Softener Project. Mr. Atwater also stated that once the bill has been processed through the State Senate, local ordinances would regulate the new water softeners. In proceeding with this process, IEUA has been working with AWWA Research Foundation, National Water Resources Institute and California Department of Water Resources to collect data on the impact of the Water Softener Project. IEUA is also working on economic review of designing voluntary incentives (rebates, etc) to encourage residents to replace old water softeners with new and improved water softeners.

Mr. Atwater reported on the Colorado River and QSA negotiations to let staff know that he and Mr. Rossi have been working with other member agencies in Southern California on a strategy to resolve the issues between the San Diego County Water Authority, MWD and the Colorado River QSA. Mr. Atwater had a conversation with the General Manager of the Orange County Water District to develop a strategy to ensure water quality liability, which included lowering the MWD rate to encourage more storage in groundwater basins and minimize the use of Prop 50 monies. Mr. Atwater would like to include these strategies in an amendment to SB117 for use of Prop 50 funds for local projects in Southern California as the State implements the QSA.

## IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**  
None

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 12, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting of the Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pools
	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting
June 19, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board

Chair deBoom adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 24, 2003