

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
August 28, 2003

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of Cucamonga County Water District, 10440 Ashford Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729 on August 28, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nathan DeBoom, Chair <u>Agricultural Pool</u>	Dairy, Milk Producers Council
Jack Hagerman <u>Non-Agricultural Pool</u>	State of California Institute for Men
Vic Barrion <u>Appropriative Pool</u>	Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC
Gerald Black	Fontana Union Water Company
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Rita Kurth	Cucamonga County Water District
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Michael McGraw	Fontana Water Company

**Watermaster Staff Present**

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Daniel Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Mary Staula	Recording Secretary
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Devonya Williams	

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Dave Argo	Black & Veatch
Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

**Others Present**

Boyd Hill	McCormick, Kidman & Behrens
Dave Hill	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Diane Sanchez	State Department of Water Resources

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Rossi introduced Danielle Maurizio, Watermaster's Senior Engineer.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. MINUTES**

Draft Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held July 24, 2003

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursement Report – July 2003
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs For June 1 through June 30, 2003
4. 2002-03 Actual YTD Revenues And Expenses Compared With Adopted 2002-03 Budget

**C. WATER TRANSACTIONS**

Application to Recapture Water in Storage by Fontana Water Company in the amount of 2.516 acre-feet stored by the Nicholson Trust and Transfer Annual Production Right or Safe Yield from The Nicholson Trust to Fontana Water Company in the amount of 4 acre-feet (*Notice mailed June 11, 2003; Approved by the Pool Committees July 10 & 17, 2003*)

Motion by Crosley, second by Barrion, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to approve Consent Calendar Items A through C, as amended to add \$150,000 for digesters to be included in the FY 2003/2004 budget as an extension of the Peace Agreement negotiations.***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS****A. STORAGE & RECOVERY PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET**

The members were asked to authorize the scope and budget for the Storage & Recovery Project engineering services in the amount of \$373,749. Black & Veatch reviewed the scope and presented additional information pertaining to specific tasks. Mr. Rossi noted that funds for this project were included in the FY 2003-2004 budget. The work is scheduled for completion by July 2004. There have been no changes made since Pool review on August 14.

Motion by Kinsey, second by Crosley, and by majority vote

***Moved, to authorize the scope of work and budget for Black & Veatch engineering services on the Storage & Recovery Project.***

**B. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR WATERMASTER OFFICE**

The terms outlined on page 43 of the agenda package for the lease agreement between Chino Basin Watermaster and Cucamonga County Water District (CCWD) were reviewed. Relocation of the Watermaster office is anticipated to occur on or about September 12, 2003. Mr. Rossi discussed the various improvements and upgrades required to ready the building. Cucamonga County Water District provided most of the building improvements while Watermaster is responsible for upgrades such as computer/telephone wiring, equipment for the Board Room, relocation of the copy machines, etc. The new lease cost plus the amortized costs for relocating are at, or less than Watermaster's current monthly expenditures, while almost doubling the square footage in office space.

Motion by Kinsey, second by Crosley, and by majority vote

Abstain: Kurth (CCWD)

***Moved, to approve the terms in the lease agreement between Chino Basin Watermaster and Cucamonga County Water District for relocating the office of Watermaster.***

**C. CHINO BASIN FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

In a presentation, Tom Love of Inland Empire Utilities Agency outlined Bid Packages No. 1 through No. 7 for the Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project. He discussed the Engineer's estimate and the budget for construction of Bid Package No. 3, the Jurupa Basin Force Main. The low bid was from W. A. Rasic Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,889,477. The Inland Empire Utilities Agency recommended the construction for Bid Package No. 3 be awarded to W.

A. Rasic Construction, Inc. and that Watermaster's CEO and IEUA's GM be authorized to finalize and execute the construction contract.

Discussion ensued with regard to facilitating the management and operations of the basins 24 hours/day, seven days/week. Several related details have yet to be worked out in that regard. Mr. Rossi suggested the details be taken to the Recharge Group for discussion at their meeting on Tuesday, September 9. The Board Members were asked to receive this as information only and staff will bring it back for action after the Recharge Group has met.

*No action.*

**D. STATEMENT OF INTENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND LOCAL ENTITIES**

A letter was received from Cucamonga County Water District requesting Watermaster support a Statement of Intent between the DOD and local agencies by becoming a co-signatory on the document. A copy of the letter was included in the meeting package. Mr. Rossi said he was considering requesting authorization to sign the Statement of Intent, executed on July 11, 2003, in order to expand collective efforts and resources to effect solutions to perchlorate issues. John Rossi requested this item be deferred to the Water Quality Committee for a recommendation at the September meetings.

*No action.*

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. Chino Land & Water  
Counsel Fife reported on the appeal filed by Chino Land & Water vs. Lewis Investment Company and provided copies of Chino Land & Water's opening brief as a handout. Legal Counsel recommended Watermaster file an Amicus Brief if this case goes forward.
2. Hearing re Cyclic Storage Agreement Amendment  
Court will hear the motion to approve the Amendment to the MWD Cyclic Storage Agreement on September 4 at 1:30 p.m. No opposition is anticipated.

**ADDED:**

3. Forebearance Plan  
The City of Chino and the City of Chino Hills have indicated participation in the Forebearance Plan for another year. The City of Chino will file a request for continuance of Paragraph 15.
4. Colonies Project  
The Colonies Project CEQA case was settled last week. Other portions of the case were dismissed. One outstanding issue pertains to the Flood Control District's easements on the property. If the judge finds that the Flood Control District has abandoned their easements, Watermaster may want to file an Amicus Brief.

**B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES**

1. Status Report on the Recharge Project  
Status on the Recharge Project was discussed earlier in this meeting. However, Mr. Rossi added that integration of the improvements to the City of Upland basin with the College Heights basin could save some money and is currently being discussed.
2. Status Report on MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting on July 23, 2003  
Mr. Rossi referred to page 97 of the agenda package for a hard copy of the MZ1 Interim Monitoring Program Progress Report. Legal Counsel was asked to draft an agreement, which should be available for review in 60 days.
3. Status Report on Water Quality Committee Meeting of August 27, 2003  
Mr. Rossi apologized for the cancellation of Wednesday's Water Quality meeting. The

Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on September 24, 1:30 p.m., at the office of Watermaster. Mr. Wildermuth is working on the investigation of perchlorate as well as reviewing the comments on the Statement of Intent between the DOD and local agencies.

ADDED:

4. Watermaster Office Relocation

Mr. Rossi pointed out that the September Pool meetings would be held at the offices of Cucamonga County Water District and the Advisory Committee and Board meetings will be held at Watermaster's new location.

**C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY REPORT**

Mr. Hill reported on IEUA items 1 through 6:

1. Conservation Programs

ULF Toilet Program. 443 rebate applications have been received for ULF toilets. On September 6, CCWD will distribute 600 ULF toilets; October 4 has been scheduled by the City of Ontario to distribute 500 ULF toilets; and IEUA's Regional Event will be held October 18 at Fontana Public Works where 800 ULF toilets will be distributed.

HECW Rebate Program. More than 1,776 rebates have been issued.

Swimming Pool Cover Rebate Program. During the month of September, 38 homeowners who participated in the swimming pool cover rebate program will be interviewed to understand the use patterns associated with the pool covers.

Water Brooms. The water broom school distribution has been completed. Of the 242 water brooms available for distribution, 220 were actually provided to the schools; facility maintenance personnel.

California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC)

On September 9, IEUA will host the quarterly meeting of the CUWCC, a statewide organization responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Best Management Practices.

2. Public Relations

- MWD and IEUA will each present a \$20,000 check to the Chino Basin Water Conservation District for the City Makeover Project, Sept. 15, 7:00 p.m., Montclair Council Chambers.
- Orange County Water District's VIP Desalter Tour, September 19.
- Rancho Cucamonga County Grape Harvest Festival at the Epicenter, October 3, 4, 5.
- Colorado River Aqueduct Tour, October 10-12
- Water Education Foundation's Southern California Groundwater Tour Breakfast Meeting, October 15, 8:30 a.m., IEUA Event Room

3. Recycled Water Program

July 2003 Recycled Water Summary was included on page 61 of the agenda package.

4. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project (Recharge)

Presented under agenda item II.C.

5. IEUA June Water Resources Report

August 2003 Summary of Water Resources Planning Activity was provided as a handout.

6. State/Federal Legislation

Legislative reports begin on page 8 of the agenda package.

7. MWD Dry Year Yield Program

Mr. Rossi gave a brief update on MWD Dry Year Yield activities.

**D. OTHER REPORTS**

None

**E. INFORMATION**

City of Chino Hills Notice of Forbearance

Progress Report MZ-1 Interim Monitoring Program

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

September 11, 2003	8:30 a.m.	Storage & Recovery Workshop @ CCWD
	10:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CCWD
	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ CCWD

**Note: September 11 meetings will be held at Cucamonga County Water District, 10440 Ashford Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729**

September 25, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

October 9, 2003	8:30 a.m.	Storage & Recovery Workshop
	10:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting

October 23, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

Added:  
September 24, 2003                      Water Quality Meeting

Chair deBoom adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 23, 2003