

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 25, 2003

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on September 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Nathan DeBoom, Chair	Dairy, Milk Producers Council
<u>Agricultural Pool</u>	
Jack Hagerman	State of California Institute for Men
Sylvia C. Hale	State of California Attorney General's Office
<u>Non-Agricultural Pool</u>	
Vic Barrion	Reliant Energy, Etiwanda
<u>Appropriative Pool</u>	
Gerald Black	Fontana Union Water Company
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Rita Kurth	Cucamonga County Water District
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills
Michael McGraw	Fontana Water Company
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Ray Wellington	San Antonio Water Company

Watermaster Pool Members Present

Bill Stafford	Appropriative Pool, Marygold Mutual Water Company
Mohamed El-Amamy	City of Ontario

Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Mary Staula	Administrative Assistant
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
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Other Presents

Sondra Elrod	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gary Hackney	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Hill	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dan McKinney	Special Counsel to the Agricultural Pool
Diane Sanchez	State Department of Water Resources
Barrett Kehl	Chino Basin Water Conservation District

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

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES (Watermaster Board)

1. Draft Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held August 28, 2003

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursement Report – August 2003

C. STATUS REPORT NO. 8

Authorize staff and legal counsel to make non-substantive edits if necessary and file OBMP Implementation Status Report No. 8 with the court

D. WATER TRANSACTION

Transfer of Annual Production Right for FY 2002-2003 from Santa Ana River Water Company to Jurupa Community Services District in the amount of 2,000 acre-feet (*Notice mailed August 7, 2003, Approved by the Pool Committees August 14, 2003*)

E. IEUA CONJUNCTIVE USE FY 2004 FUNDING REQUEST

Authorize support of IEUA's funding request for \$500,000 in the FY 2004 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for continued implementation of this water development project, and to monitor for perchlorate and other water quality problems in the Chino Basin.

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

Moved, to approve Consent Calendar Items A through F, as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. BALANCE OF RECHARGE & DISCHARGE IN ALL AREAS, AND DETERMINATION OF OPERATING STORAGE & SAFE STORAGE

At the August meetings, Mr. Wildermuth presented a Draft Technical Memorandum on the Dry-Year Yield findings related to recharge and discharge in all areas and operating storage and safe storage. Comments received were incorporated into the Final Draft, which was reviewed at this meeting. Mr. Rossi reported that the pools took unanimous action on September 11, 2003 recommending the Final Draft be filed with the court.

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

Moved, to direct legal counsel to file the Final Draft Technical Memorandum on Dry-Year Yield findings related to recharge and discharge in all areas and operating storage and safe storage with the court.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Chino Land & Water vs. Lewis Investment Company
Counsel Fife reported on the appeal filed by Chino Land & Water vs. Lewis Investment Company. Lewis Investment Company received an extension to October 24 for their response to Chino Land & Water's opening brief. As a result, Watermaster has postponed filing an Amicus Brief.
2. Chino Paragraph 15 Motion
Chino Paragraph 15 Motion was continued by the court to August 2004.
3. September 4, 2003 Hearing

At the September 4 hearing, the court approved the seventh amendment to the Cyclic Storage Agreement with MWD.

4. Central Basin Appellate Decision
Counsel reviewed the Central Basin appellate decision handed out and determined it would have no effect on the Chino Basin. Chino Basin's Judgment stipulates storage rights.

B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES

1. Establishment of Workgroup to address Monte Vista Water District's (MVWD) issues
Mr. Atwater was appointed as chair for this workgroup. The workgroup will be reviewing upcoming salt budgets and MVWD issues.
2. Update regarding MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24
It was reported that the meeting was well attended. The committee reviewed a technical presentation by Wildermuth Inc. and agreed to meet again in two months.
3. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting on Wednesday September 24
This was also a well-attended meeting. Jerry Thibeault attended the meeting and discussed ways that the agencies could help them with monitoring water quality.
4. Update regarding Relocation of Watermaster Offices
Relocation is complete and went smoothly, although the remodeling of the Meeting Room will not be finished for meetings until November.
5. Update regarding State's Desal Task Force Meetings on August 26 and 27
Mr. Rossi was able to sit in Mr. Atwater's place at the State's Desal Task Force meeting while Mr. Atwater was in Sacramento to help with the draft.
6. Update regarding preparation of 2003/2004 Assessment Package
The Assessment Package is being finalized and a draft will be presented at the next meeting.

- ADDED 7. Upcoming Colorado Tour
The Colorado tour will be October 10, 11 and 12. For further information please contact Sondra Elrod at Inland Empire Utilities Agency at (909) 993-1747.

C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY AGENDA

1. QSA Update – Martha Davis
Ms. Davis reviewed a hand out from the Department of Water Resources California Water News, a compilation of significant news articles and comments including the Colorado QSA Agreement. The QSA discussions continue. The U. S. Department of the Interior issued a determination that the water being used by Imperial Irrigation District is being wasted. In late August, MWD and other agencies failed to come to agreement on the QSA.
2. Imported Water Report - Dave Hill
Mr. Hill presented graphs summarizing IEUA's service area total water demand, including IEUA, CCWD and WFA's cumulative monthly Tier 1 imported water deliveries for calendar year-to-date. He noted that 2002 was the driest year in history.
3. MWD Dry Year Yield Program - John Rossi
Mr. Rossi recapped the operating plan for in-lieu deliveries and the benefits of the Tier II's immediate impact on basin deliveries "Black Box Concept".
4. Recycled Water Program – Tom Love
Mr. Love reported that starting August 5, Reliant Energy began taking recycled water. Reliant has requested low ammonia in the water and staff is working with RP-4 Operations to achieve their request.
5. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project (recharge) - Tom Love
Mr. Love gave an informative presentation to the Recharge Group. Work is progressing in each groundwater recharge basin under this project, including improvements in flood

control channels. Bid package #7 is going well and should be complete in the next 60-90 days.

6. IEUA August Water Resources Report - Dave Hill
Mr. Hill reviewed the Water Resource Planning Activities. Highlighting Chino Basin Watermaster (CBWM), Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), CALFED: Updates, Colorado River: Updates & Issues, Water Conservation Program Activity Summary, and Water Resources Coordination Calendar.

7. State/Federal Legislation - Martha Davis
Ms. Davis highlighted significant Senate Bills, Assembly Bills, and Propositions and discussed recommendations. For complete details, legislative reports are included in the agenda package, pages 105-149.
8. Public Relations - Sondra Elrod
Ms. Elrod invited the group to the upcoming Leadership Breakfast at IEUA, Bldg. B on October 22 at 7:30 a.m. in the Event Room. Ms. Elrod reported that the recent Community Day went well and they are now looking forward to the Grape Harvest Festival in Ontario on October 18.

D. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

None

E. INFORMATION

Mr. Rossi was asked to speak at the University of California Biennial Ground Water Conference, Ontario Doubletree Inn, October 28 and 29, 2003. He will be addressing good groundwater the first day and good communication on the following day.

IV. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A reception to commemorate the retirement of Mary Staula will be held directly after the Agricultural Pool Meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. on October 9.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Note: October 23 meetings will be held at Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Bldg. A Board Room, 6075 Kimball Road, Chino, California, 91710 (909) 993-1600

November 13, 2003	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meetings

November 20, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

Note: November 13 and 20 meetings will be held at the new Watermaster offices, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California (909) 484-3888

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 23, 2003