

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*October 23, 2003*

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA, on October\_23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nathan deBoom, Chair	Dairy, Milk Producers Council
<u>Agricultural Pool</u>	
R. Pete Hall	State of California Institute for Men
<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
Michael McGraw	Fontana Water Company
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Ray Wellington	San Antonio Water Company
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Bill Stafford	Marygold Water Company

Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Sheri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
David Marquez	Hatch & Parent
Andy Malone	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Joe LeClaire	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

Other Presents

Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Hill	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Sondra Elrod	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dan McKinney	Special Counsel to the Agricultural Pool
Diane Sanchez	State Department of Water Resources
Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Rick Rees	Geomatrix for the State of California

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

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

Pulled Item E for Board Member discussion.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR****A. MINUTES**

1. Advisory Committee  
Meeting of the Advisory Committee meeting held August 28, 2003  
Meeting of the Advisory Committee meeting held September 25, 2003
2. Watermaster Board  
Meeting of the Watermaster Board meeting held September 25, 2003

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of September 2003
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003  
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3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003  
Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for August 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2003  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual August 2003

**C. CONSIDER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Staff recommends that the Advisory Committee and Board authorize staff to enroll the Chino Basin Watermaster as a member of the Southern California Water Committee.

**D. DRY YEAR YIELD OPERATING PLAN FOR FISCAL 2003/2004**

The pools unanimously recommend approval of the FY 2003/04 Conjunctive Use Operation Plan.

*Motion by Jeske, second by Garibay, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar, items A through D as presented***

**E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MWD/IEUA GROUNDWATER STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The pools unanimously recommend approval of the MWD/IEUA Groundwater Storage Account for the Dry Year Yield Program.

*Motion by Jeske, second by Garibay, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar, as amended with revision of verbiage for item E to approve the MWD/IEUA groundwater storage account conditional upon the annual approval by the Chino Basin Watermaster of the annual Dry Year Yield Operating Plan.***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS - POSSIBLE ACTION****A. REQUEST FROM CITY OF CHINO (FORM 7) FOR CREDIT AGAINST OBMP ASSESMENTS**

Mr. Rossi discussed this item and informed those in attendance that following the pool meetings on October 9, 2003, staff received direction from the pools to begin an analysis of the City of Chino's request for further consideration for assessment credit by Watermaster. Dialogue continued on the subject of criteria issues and how the criteria will be set in order to advance in course of action. It was stated that the Form 7 application is a process and will

require time for data to be collected and analyzed. Mark Wildermuth of Wildermuth Environmental will be requested to develop formal criteria for policy development on this issue and Chino Basin Watermaster will analyze potential budget impacts. A request was made that both written as well as verbal communications be documented and on hand when brought back to the Board for further consideration on how to proceed.

*No action taken.*

### **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. Counsel Fife distributed the draft for Notice of Motion to Continue October 30, 2003 workshop re MZ1 interim subsidence plan. Counsel Fife commented that Mr. Scalmanini although very pleased with the progress of the MZ1 committee recommended the workshop be rescheduled sequentially to allow further data to be formulated. Mutually Chino and Chino Hills agreed with this postponement.
2. Counsel Fife referred to the hand out dated October 1, 2003 which referenced the August 7, 2003 letter from Jane Farwell of the State Water Resources Control Board requesting that the Chino Basin Watermaster provide a water availability analysis that takes into account seasonal availability and other relevant factors. It was also stated that the updated model used in this analysis produced a statistically stationary time series representing the expected surface water discharge that would occur if existing land use and drainage conditions are held constant for long periods of time. This, along with other pertinent documentation on the analysis is available in the Wasteload Allocation Report and the July 2003 Addendum.
3. Counsel Fife reported on the extension filed for the Chino Land & Water lawsuit. He noted the extension was granted until October 24, 2003. Counsel Fife commented when the draft was complete counsel would forward the draft to the Chino Basin Watermaster for distribution. No hearing date has been presently set for this case and as a result, Watermaster has postponed filing an Amicus Brief although will proceed once the case is settled.

#### **B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES**

1. Update regarding MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24, 2003  
Mr. Malone made a presentation on the findings and progress of analysis for the MZ1 Interim Monitoring Program. He described the collection of groundwater levels, INSAR mapping, and Aquifer System Monitoring. Mr. Malone commented on the Aquifer System Monitoring and how it is providing aquifer data as it relates to pumping within the basin. Mr. Malone acknowledged with recent gathered data Wildermuth Environmental will be able to complete a long term plan for MZ1. Mr. Malone invited all interested parties to attend the next MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting on November 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at Chino Basin Watermaster offices.
2. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24, 2003  
Mr. Rossi mentioned the next Water Quality meeting would be held on November 12, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices. Dr. LeClaire of Wildermuth Environmental stated the Water Quality Committee meets for the purpose of reviewing water quality issues. Dr. LeClaire gave a presentation that focused on the following a) Locate the leading edge of the total dissolved solids/total organic carbon/volatile organic chemicals created by the Kaiser Steel, b) Identify the potential sources of perchlorate throughout the basin, c) Identify the source(s) of VOC anomaly located south of the

Ontario Airport and north of the Chino-1 Desalter well field and, d) Identify source(s) of the Chino Airport VOC plume. It was noted the Regional Water Quality Control (Regional Board) has identified a Potential Responsible Party (PRP) and a groundwater investigation to better characterize the plume prior to mitigation that is already underway. Watermaster is tracking the progress of this investigation. Dr. LeClaire stressed that the goal of these water quality investigations is to compile enough evidence for the Regional Board to issue Investigation Orders to the PRP's. This will facilitate the regulatory process, while shifting the majority of the investigation/cleanup cost burden to the PRPs.

Mr. Rossi added comment to the letter written to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California dated September 26, 2003 in regard to Perchlorate Contamination in the Chino Groundwater Basin and the available Metropolitan surplus funds and allocation. Mr. Atwater distributed a letter dated October 14, 2003 from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in response to the aforementioned letter. Mr. Atwater expressed encouragement from this responsive letter and felt optimistic to receive funding for Perchlorate matters.

3. Discuss holiday meeting schedules

Mr. Rossi noted the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings will be held one week early on November 20, 2003 instead of November 27, 2003. He commented the Pool meetings are scheduled for November 13, 2003 and that the November meetings will be held at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices as planned.

**C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

1. MWD IRP – Rich Atwater

Mr. Atwater summarized the Integrated Resources Plan which is currently being drafted. MWD will be seeking public input on the draft and will hold a series of public meetings in the months of November and December for this purpose. Mr. Atwater commented that MWD is planning on finalizing the IRP document in January. He also noted that this year was a historic year for storage water and with the completion of this document there will be better management and increased yield.

2. Tier I/II Status – Rich Atwater

Mr. Atwater reviewed the IEUA Cumulative Monthly Tier 1 Imported Water Deliveries for 2003-2003 hand out and concentrated on the historical trends. A brief discussion ensued regarding statistics and Mr. Atwater assured the Board that the statistics were currently being reviewed and updated.

3. Southern California Regional Profile – Martha Davis

Ms. Davis went over the main points on the Water Plan Update 2003 "An Investment Guide for California's Water Future" Executive Summary hand out, which included recommendations for investment in California's water future. Ms. Davis briefly reviewed the revised schedule and deadlines for comments. Ms. Davis discussed the Southern California Regional "Snapshot" Profile Draft Questionnaire and its ability to provide a tool for Cal Fed's water quality decisions. This questionnaire contains uncomplicated questions and will be extremely beneficial to water decisions. Water agencies are being encouraged to participate in submitting the questionnaire.

4. B160 State Water Plan – Martha Davis

Ms. Davis conveyed that in her opinion the B160 Draft Report really recognizes our needs, and felt that the past tools used were inadequate. The report includes projections on running out of water, the California water plan, growth plans presently and in the future, average pumping needs, recovering additional water and sources, and finally, additional storage. Ms. Davis recommends taking a look at the California Water Resource website and seeing what they are all about and what they are presently working on.

5. MWD Dry Year Yield Program – John Rossi  
Mr. Rossi gave a brief update on MSD Dry Year Yield activities and stated that he will be working with water agencies over the next few months regarding the Tier I allocations. Mr. Kinsey gave a brief overview on what Monte Vista Water District is doing regarding the Tier I allocations. Mr. Rossi reported that Kathy Tiegs of Inland Empire Utility Agency must have the certification letters by November 4, 2003.
6. Recycled Water Program – Rich Atwater  
Mr. Atwater reviewed the September 2003 Recycled Water Survey hand out and touched basis on several of the Active Projects. Mr. Atwater commented on how well the toilet program went and how efficiently the whole process was run. Mr. Atwater referenced the Free Tree Planting Program hand out and offered a tour of how recycled water plays a significant role for these trees and the program. He asked what the best way to distribute 30,000 trees was. Mr. Atwater also made mention of the 2,000<sup>th</sup> high efficiency clothes washer rebates.
7. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project (Recharge)  
This item will be discussed at the next meeting – no comment made. Please refer to the September 2003 Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project Summary attached for update.
8. IEUA September Water Resources Report – David Hill  
Mr. Hill highlighted the Water Resource Planning Activity hand out. Mr. Hill also commented on the Free Tree Planting Program which will include free native trees and shrubs and information on the importance of this type of trees, shrubs and their care and maintenance. This program will target schools, parks and other public properties.
9. State/Federal Legislation – Martha Davis  
Ms. Davis recapped the September 30, 2003 Legislative Report attached. This four page report written by Dave Weiman which provides a monthly report on his federal activities on behalf of IEUA and reviews various legislative issues from recycling programs, contaminants, hearings, funding bills and IEUA working partners. Ms. Davis also reported on the September Legislative Report from Geyer and Associates.
10. Public Relations – Sondra Elrod  
Ms. Elrod commends IEUA on receiving the Governor's Award for New Headquarters. The presentation of this award will be on November 17, 2003 in Sacramento, California. Ms. Elrod also asked for letters of support in regards to the recycled water projects. Ms. Elrod commented on the recent toilet project and commended Kathy Tiegs on the fantastic job she did on distributing the 800 toilets.

#### **D. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

No comment.

#### **E. INFORMATION**

1. MWD Rialto Pipeline "Planned Shutdown" for January 12-16, 2004  
Mr. Rossi commented on the current schedule and need for the five day shutdown.
2. Water Desalination Task Force  
Mr. Rossi presented comment on the May – September 2003 California Water Desalination Task Force findings and Recommendations. Mr. Atwater stated that an email would be forth coming regarding strategy for funding on a 3<sup>rd</sup> desalter. Ms. Davis added there is a great deal of dialogue in Southern California presently regarding desalination and criteria for funding this process, furthermore signatures of support would provide a strong endorsement for moving forward with recommendations in this regard.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comment.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment.

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

November 12, 2003	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting
November 13, 2003	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting
November 19, 2003	2:00 p.m.	Water Quality Committee Meeting
November 20, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

**Note: All meetings will be held at the Watermaster offices, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California (909) 484-3888**

Chair deBoom adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

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Secretary

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