

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*November 20, 2003*

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on November 20, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Agricultural Pool

Nathan deBoom, Chair

Jack Hagerman

Non-Agricultural Pool

Vic Barrion

Appropriative Pool

Gerald Black

Robert DeLoach

Ken Jeske

Mark Kinsey

Michael McGraw

J. Arnold Rodriguez

Ray Wellington

Raul Garibay

Bill Stafford

Dairy, Milk Producers Council

State of California Institute for Men

Reliant Energy, Etiwanda

Fontana Union Water Company

Cucamonga County Water District

City of Ontario

Monte Vista Water District

Fontana Water Company

Santa Ana River Water Company

San Antonio Water Company

City of Pomona

Marygold Water Company

Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi

Sheri Rojo

Danielle Maurizio

Gordon Treweek

Sherri Lynne Molino

Chief Executive Officer

Finance Manager

Senior Engineer

Project Engineer

Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife

Hatch & Parent

Other Presents

Dave Hill

Rich Atwater

Rick Hansen

Josephine Johnson

Steven G. Lee

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Monte Vista Water District

Special Counsel to the Agricultural Pool

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**

1. Meeting of the Advisory Committee meeting held October 23, 2003

## **B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of October 2003
2. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for September 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003
3. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through September 2003

Motion by DeLoach, second by Wellington, and by unanimous vote

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

## **II. BUSINESS ITEMS - POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. PRESENT DRAFT 2003/2004 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Mr. Rossi presented the draft 2003/2004 Assessment Package which was previously presented to the Pools on November 13, 2003 and the Advisory Committee on November 20, 2003. Mr. Rossi showed slides on pumping and related replenishment which included descriptions of, 1) Chino Groundwater Production in acre feet from 1974-2003, 2) Agricultural Re-Allocation in acre feet for 2000-2004, and 3) Appropriative Pool Production from 2000-2004 in acre feet. Mr. Rossi re-stated the comment that was presented at the Advisory Committee meeting. It was stated that not approving the assessment package now would affect several water agencies year end reports. Staff requested that the assessment package be approved now with the stipulation that revisions be addressed the subsequent year.

Motion by Jeske, second by DeLoach, and by unanimous vote

***Moved to approve the Draft 2003/2004 Assessment Package subject to change after evaluation and to carry modifications to subsequent year.***

### **B. PRESENTATION ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR RECHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project and Construction Activities presentation by Gordon Treweek was seen at the Pool meetings on November 13, 2003 which was taken into consideration when the Advisory Board passed on a second showing. Chair deBoom commented to Mr. Treweek on what an informative and well given presentation it was.

### **C. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY AND CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

Mr. Rossi offered comment that this item was presented to the Pools on November 13, 2003 and by unanimous vote was approved to begin preliminary non-binding negotiations for the Storage and Recovery Project with Castaic Lake Water Agency. Staff recommended approval by the Advisory Committee.

Motion by Wellington, second by Jeske, and by unanimous vote

***Moved to approve the start of the negotiation process with Castaic Lake Water Agency for potential Storage and Recovery.***

## **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**1. Chino Land & Water Lawsuit Update regarding filing of Amicus Brief

Counsel Fife distributed the revised brief; revision was made to the brief handed out at the Pool meetings on November 13, 2003, and commented on the timing of filing the revised brief due to Lewis Homes filing an appeal. Counsel wants to observe the impact of the brief and the possibility of a shift in strategy. Once the appeal brief is assessed after Thanksgiving, counsel will file the reply brief. Counsel Fife is asking that the filing of the brief be postponed pending review of the appeal and delayed filing be approved.

Motion by Garibay, second by DeLoach, and by unanimous vote

***Moved to approve the delay of filing reply brief after review of Lewis Homes appeal.***

2. Metropolitan Water District Dry Year Yield Storage Transmittal to Court

Counsel Fife distributed this Court Transmittal for *Motion for Approval of Storage and Recovery Program Application* on November 13, 2003 at the Pool meetings which is being brought to the Advisory Committee for information only. Minor comment was received at the Pool meetings. No action is required on this item.

No action taken

**B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES**1. Update regarding DWR Grant Request for Conjunctive Use Project

Mr. Rossi graciously thanked Rich Atwater and Inland Empire Utilities Agency for their assistance on filing this grant application on our behalf. It was referenced that this was the last portion of Proposition 13 money and that our application was rated very high. DWR will know more in January/February for the final word on dollar amounts granted. It is anticipated that we would be receiving 45% - 62% of our asking grant amount totaling more than \$10,000.00. Mr. Rossi will keep the members apprised and noted Chino Basin Watermaster was looking at 4 possible projects to allocate these funds to; 1) Well Head Treatment, 2) Expansion on the Desalter II, 3) Upland Basin Project, and 4) Improvements on the Master Recycle Water Plan.

Mr. Kinsey offered his recognition on the approval of our DWR grant and noted he felt that desalter projects were highly considered. Mr. Kinsey questioned the basis of how projects and overall packages were evaluated by DWR. Mr. Kinsey also inquired if a project was not sufficiently funded to complete the project what the ramifications were? It was commented that the criteria of grant approval was unknown and that DWR would be personally contacting agencies as to where funds would be applied, and it was thought DWR would understand if projects had to be cut back or not fully completed due to lack of funds.

2. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting of Wednesday November 12, 2003

Mr. Rossi noted the Water Quality Committee had a productive meeting on November 12, and the committee at present is analyzing various plumes of contamination. Mr. Rossi remarked that concentration was being placed on a fairly new anomaly south of the Ontario Airport. This particular plume is currently being scrutinized because not a great deal of work has been done to characterize it.

A discussion ensued relative to the possibility of providing assistance to the Regional Water Quality Control Board to prepare orders for Possible Responsible Parties to investigate the site. It was noted that caution needs to be taken when dealing with pointing the finger at potential responsible parties and the fall out of costs, time and various other aspects. In this regard, Mark Wildermuth was requested to perform a prompt

analysis on the time frame of assistance and some direction on several significant areas of concerns that were presented.

3. New Watermaster Brochure

Mr. Rossi offered commentary on the recently produced Annual Report that will be mailed shortly. Additionally, Mr. Rossi pointed out the new Watermaster brochure is available for distribution. It was presented this was not a project specific brochure inasmuch an overview on Watermaster in general and can be used as a tool in various connections.

4. Discuss holiday meeting schedules

Mr. Rossi noted unless there was a need to meet, no meetings are scheduled for the month of December.

**C. INFORMATION**

1. MWD Rialto Pipeline "Planned Shutdown" for January 12-16, 2004

Mr. Atwater stated there are no new specifics on this previously handed out communication to report on.

2. Letter from Robert DeLoach, Cucamonga County Water District, regarding Perchlorate Remediation to The Department of Defense

Although no comment was made on the letter from Robert DeLoach, Mr. Atwater reported on the good news from Metropolitan Water Districts Board which will offer financial incentives to spur investment in local water conservation, and reliability projects. Mr. Atwater thanked Mr. Hanson for his organization on this and offered compliments to all who helped on this endeavor.

**D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

1. Tier I/II Status – Rich Atwater (handout)

Mr. Atwater reviewed the IEUA Cumulative Monthly Tier I Imported Water Deliveries for 2002-2003, the WFA and CCWD Cumulative Monthly Full Service Imported Water Deliveries for Calendar Year 2003 and the IEUA FY 2003/2004 Monthly Water Usage for the months of July through October.

2. B160 State Water Plan – Martha Davis (oral)

Mr. Atwater relayed that Ms. Davis was out of town but wanted to report on the State Water Plan in that the plan was still being worked on and there was nothing newsworthy to report on at present.

Mr. Atwater mentioned how proud he was that the recently distributed water brooms were used on the clean up efforts for the latest fires and was told how helpful they were.

Mr. Atwater explained the possibility of working with brand new construction site model homes. Allowing and encouraging models display water savings options.

3. Southern California Regional Profile – Martha Davis (oral)

As Ms. Davis was unable to attend – No comment was made on this item.

4. MWD Dry Year Yield Program – John Rossi (oral)

Mr. Rossi's observations regarding the Dry Year Yield Project Committee was this committee was able to provide alternative ideas on treatments and analysis and that the group needs to meet again soon. It was decided that the Dry Year Yield Project Committee will meet on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices. Mr. Rossi noted that designs must be done by September 2004 and that there is some potential funding available for analysis.

Mr. Rossi offered comment on the Water Supply & Quality survey that he recently submitted. Mr. Rossi felt this survey will be a useful tool for strategy and to further educate other parties of the State on what we have accomplished and are currently working on.

5. Public Relations – Sondra Elrod (oral)  
As Ms. Elrod was unable to attend – No comment was made on this item.
6. IEUA September Water Resources Report – David Hill (handout)  
This item was not covered in this meeting – No comment made.
7. Recycled Water Program – Gary Hackney (attached)  
As Mr. Hackney was unable to attend – No comment was made on this item. See attached report for summary.
8. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project (Recharge) – Gary Hackney (attached)  
As Mr. Hackney was unable to attend – No comment was made on this item. See attached report for summary.
9. State/Federal Legislation – Martha Davis (attached)  
As Ms. Davis was unable to attend – No comment was made on this item. See attached Legislative Report dated October 30, 2003 for detail update.

#### **E. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

Mr. Rossi announced he had been elected to be the chairman of the Association of Ground Water Agencies (AGWA) and commented that AGWA was granted funding for strategic planning.

Mr. Rossi requested to receive comments on how to better serve water agencies, to think about legislation issues and for the direction of the agency. AGWA will also be working on their Mission Statement next year and Mr. Rossi is looking forward to discussing these topics in addition to other strategies at the next workshop in February 2004.

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

Mr. Kinsey inquired how the Salt Credits Work Group was commencing. Mr. Rossi offered that he felt there were no new ideas coming out of this committee and unless something new becomes available to the group, there is no real reason to meet again. Mr. Rossi acknowledged that the workgroup was designed to come up with ways to address salt credit allocation and the workgroup had gone through the processes and exhausted new ideas. Discussion ensued in regards to the effect on our administrative processes and counsel was asked for its clarification. Although Counsel Fife stated he was not able to counsel Mr. Kinsey, he said that there are other options.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

November 12, 2003                      2:00 p.m.      Water Quality Committee Meeting

November 13, 2003	1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
November 20, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

**Notes: 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 10:52 a.m.

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Secretary

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