

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*May 27, 2004*

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on May 27, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Appropriative Pool

Ken Jeske, Chair	City of Ontario
Nathan deBoom, Vice-Chair	Milk Producers Council
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
Ray Wellington	San Antonio Water Company
Gerald J. Black	Fontana Union Water Company
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
James T. Bryson	Fontana Water Company

Agricultural Pool

Pete Hall	Sate of California Institute for Men
Bob Feenstra	Milk Producers Council

Non-Agricultural Pool

Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
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**Watermaster Board Members Present**

Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool, Crops
Terry Catlin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**Watermaster Staff Present**

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

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present**

Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Sondra Elrod	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Kathy Tiegs	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Hill	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gordon Johnson	Metropolitan Water District
Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Lorraine Aoy Edwards	Metropolitan Water District
Denis Wolcott	Metropolitan Water District
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Barrett Kehl	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Bill Stafford	Marygold Water Company
John Huitsing	Milk Producers Council

Steve Garten	Southern California Water Company
Jim Johns	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Cindy DeChaine	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Rich Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Terry Mesa	City of LaVerne
Robert Tolk	Monte Vista Water Company
Robert Nobels	State of California, CIM

The Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Jeske at 9:05 a.m.

## **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

Added Item Prior to the Consent Calendar: Rialto Pipeline Emergency Shutdown

Gordon Johnson from the Metropolitan Water District gave a presentation on the Rialto Pipeline Emergency Shutdown and noted there was a handout on the back table also regarding this issue. Mr. Johnson stated, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Inland Empire residents are being asked to suspend non-essential water use during the pipeline shutdown for emergency repairs on the major water line to begin June 7, 2004. Mr. Johnson presented the details of the repairs that needed to be made and a brief discussion ensued. Denis Wolcott from the Metropolitan Water District commented on the communications/publications that would be broadcast via television and/or newspapers next week which will allow the public and water agencies time to prepare for this event. Noting this task will be finalized shortly. Mr. Wolcott informed the Chino Basin Watermaster that if we receive phone calls in this regard to refer them to their local water agency for their questions and concerns.

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held April 22, 2004

#### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of April 2004
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period March 1 through March 31, 2004
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2003 through March 2004

#### **C. STATUS REPORT #10**

Authorize Staff and Counsel to File Report with the Court for December 2003 to February 2004 Period

#### **D. WATER TRANSACTION**

1. Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer from Southern California Water Company to Fontana Water Company the Amount of 2000 acre-feet
2. Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer from West Valley Water District to Monte Vista Water District the Amount of 650 acre-feet
3. Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer from City of Pomona to Fontana Water Company the Amount of 500 acre-feet

*Motion by Wellington, second by DeLoach, and by unanimous vote  
**Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item D, as presented***

## II. BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. 2004/2005 WATERMASTER BUDGET

Mr. Rossi stated there were no changes to the presented budget from the last package and also noted the budget was unanimously approved by the Pool Committee Members. No other discussion took place.

*Motion by DeLoach, second by Black, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve the 2004/2005 Watermaster Budget, as presented***

### B. CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR BASIN MONITORING PROGRAM FOR NITROGEN/TDS IN THE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED

Mr. Rossi commented this consideration was coming to the Advisory by unanimous recommendation by the Pool Committee Members. Mr. Rossi reviewed the Agreement and stated there would be tremendous benefit from the Agreement. The question of whether or not the \$18,500 cost was going to be every year or every three years was presented. Mr. Rossi stated this cost would be incurred every three years. No other discussion took place.

*Motion by Wellington, second by Crosley, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve the Agreement for Basin Monitoring Program for Nitrogen/TDS in the Santa Ana River Watershed, as presented***

### C. DISCUSS AGREEMENT BETWEEN IEUA AND WATERMASTER FOR BASIN MONITORING ACTIVITIES

Mr. Rossi noted this item was not being presented for action at this meeting, although it would be brought back in June for consideration when the committee members had sufficient time to review the presented data. Mr. Rossi asked the committee members to turn to page 133 of the packet to begin reviewing the existing Tables. Mr. Rossi stated there would be volume laboratory discounts along with other benefits gained by this Agreement. A brief discussion ensued and Mr. Rossi stated this item would be on the agenda for next month.

### D. CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCWD, MWDOC, IEUA, AND WATERMASTER FOR THE JOINT USE OF SERVICE CONNECTION OC-59

Mr. Rossi reviewed this Agreement and noted there were no other changes being made to this Agreement other than adding Watermaster as part of the Agreement. Mr. Atwater interjected making the Committee members aware that Three Valleys Municipal Water District had recently requested to be added to the Agreement. Mr. Rossi stated this request was unanimously approved at the Pool meetings. A discussion regarding the tracking of the water took place and Mr. Rossi ensured the Committee that Watermaster will be able to track to track the water.

*Motion by DeLoach, second by Bowcock, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve the Agreement between OCWD, MWDOC, IEUA, Watermaster, and Three Valleys Water District (to be added to the Agreement prior to signing), as presented***

## III. REPORTS/UPDATES

### A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

#### 1. Attorney/Manager Meeting – April 28, 2004

Counsel Fife commented the Attorney/Manager meetings are progressing well and reminded the Committee members who had been given "homework" assignments, they were due today. Counsel Fife noted the next meeting was scheduled for June 2 and the subsequent meeting following that would be on June 9.

#### 2. Patent Issue

Counsel Fife commented on the recently awarded patent for recharge basins and informed the Committee this item was added to the Legal Affairs Committee Agenda at the ACWA conference in Monterey. Counsel Fife confirmed that several other water agencies

had heard from the gentleman who obtained the patent and noted one of them had actually paid him for his services.

3. Wilson v. Watermaster  
Counsel Fife informed the Committee members this case has been settled and noted there was an additional handout on the back table regarding the settlement.
4. Hearing Date For Approval Of DYY Storage Agreement  
Counsel Fife confirmed the filing of the Dry Year Yield Storage Agreement pleading with the court on May 12, 2004 and stated the hearing is set for June 24, 2004. Noting Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Three Valleys Municipal Water District have now approved the Agreement and once the court approves it Watermaster will also sign it. Additionally, Counsel Fife anticipates all to go well in regards to the court approving this agreement.

Added:

5. Chino Land and Water Case  
Counsel Fife informed the Committee that the Chino Land & Water case which was submitted to the Supreme Court was denied to be heard by the Supreme Court.

## **B. CEO/STAFF REPORT**

1. Discuss Draft Recharge Operating Plan  
Mr. Rossi presented the draft operating plan for recharge and asked the Committee to turn to page 151 of the packet for review. Mr. Rossi noted this has been a challenging year due to the 23,600 acre feet of requirement to recharge water, 6,500 acre feet of that for the MZ1 Peace Agreement requirement, the other 16,600 is the replenishment obligation for over pumping from the prior year. One of the challenges was a direct result from the fires and then the Christmas day storm bringing a lot of silt and ash down into the basins, taking Montclair off line which is where the majority of recharge occurs. Mr. Rossi reviewed the table discussing the conjunctive use plan for the new Dry Year Yield (DYY) Metropolitan Water District (MET) program and the replenishment deliveries in detail. Mr. Rossi agrees Watermaster should obtain as much wet water as we can because of the benefits to the basin. Discussion ensued regarding the cyclic account as well as safe yield issues.
2. Discuss the Draft Chino I and Chino II Desalter Projects Groundwater Monitoring and Mitigation Plan  
Mr. Rossi commented this was the Chino Basin Desalter Authority's Draft plan and that Tom O'Neil of Jurupa Community Service Department was contacted to put together a presentation at the Pool meetings in June to fully explain all aspects of this plan. Mr. Rossi stated that the Agricultural Pool Committee Members were very interested in this plan at the last Pool meeting and had requested a full presentation be made with this regard. Mr. Rossi noted this item will be on the Agenda for next month.

## **C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

**Note: Due to the added Rialto Pipeline Shutdown presentation at the beginning of the meeting, IEUA passed on commenting on their section.**

1. Rialto Pipeline Shutdown Next Winter (Repairs)  
No comment was made regarding this item.
2. State Budget Impacts on IEUA  
No comment was made regarding this item.
3. MWD DYY Project Status & Planned Replenishment Deliveries During FY 2004/05  
No comment was made regarding this item.
4. Water Resources Report  
No comment was made regarding this item.

- 5. Water Conservation Status Report  
No comment was made regarding this item.
- 6. Recycled Water Program  
No comment was made regarding this item.
- 7. Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project (Recharge)  
No comment was made regarding this item.
- 8. State/Federal Legislation  
No comment was made regarding this item.
- 9. Public Relations  
No comment was made regarding this item.

**IV. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Jeske wished Mr. Rossi all the best at Western Municipal Water District and thanked him for all his hard work and efforts on behalf of Chino Basin Watermaster. Chair Jeske reminded the Pool members there would be a luncheon and presentation to Mr. Rossi at noon.

Mr. Rossi thanked the Committee members for a great three years and expressed his appreciation for all the assistance they had given him during his time at Watermaster.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

The question was presented to the Committee members regarding Mr. Rossi's replacement. A brief discussion ensued regarding the person who would be taking Mr. Rossi's place in the interim as well as long term; along with how the replacement issue would be handled, such as, an agency, advertisement, etc. Chair Jeske stated this item will be addressed during the closed session at the Watermaster Board meeting today and that he would keep all parties apprised as to the outcome of that meeting.

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

May 24, 2004	11:00 a.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting @ BB&K
May 27, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
June 2, 2004	12:00 p.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting @ BB&K
June 9, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting @ BB&K
June 10, 2004	3:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
June 17, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
June 24, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Advisory Committee Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_