

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2005

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on March 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Appropriative Pool

Ken Jeske, Chair	City of Ontario
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water Company
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga Valley Water District
James T. Bryson	Fontana Water Company
Ray Wellington	San Antonio Water Company
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills
Gerald J. Black	Fontana Union Water Company
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Agricultural Pool

Nathan deBoom	Milk Producers Council
John Huitsing	Crops
Pete Hettinga	Dairy
Edward Gonsman	State

Non-Agricultural Pool

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

John Anderson	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Watermaster Staff Present

Kenneth R. Manning	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Martha Davis	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Tom Love	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
John Rossi	Western Municipal Water District
Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Steven Lee	Ag Pool Legal Representative

The Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Jeske at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

Mr. Manning asked that Item C on the consent calendar be pulled and taken as a separate action item.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on February 24, 2005

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2005
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1, 2005 through January 31, 2005
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2004 through January 2005

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

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

C. STATUS REPORT #13

Consider Authorization to File Status Report 13 with Court and Authorize Staff and Counsel to Make Minor Edits as Necessary

Mr. Manning stated that staff is seeking guidance on how the committee members want to send this recommendation to the board. A glitch occurred in that the process of previewing report #12, which was reviewed by the pools, however, never went to the board for approval. And now status report #13 is now finished and has been put through the pool process and during that process it came to the staff's attention that #12 had not been approved by the board. Mr. Manning noted the committee has reviewed #12 and #13 and both could be adopted at this time or the reports could be sent back through the processes and be presented next month. It was noted there were three areas that needed updating per the City of Chino's request and those changes have been incorporated into the reports that are in the meeting package. A brief discussion ensued.

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

Moved to approve Consent Calendar Item C Status Report #13 and Status Report #12 which was reviewed previously, as presented

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. MITIGATION OF TEMPORARY LOSS OF HYDRAULIC CONTROL

Mr. Manning stated that Mr. Wildermuth will give the formal update, however, reminded the committee members that in December 2002 Watermaster and IEUA submitted the proposal to the Regional Board requesting that the TDS and Nitrogen objectives be established using the maximum benefit concept. The Regional Board accepted the proposal with some slight modifications which are the temporary loss of hydraulic control plans that are being presented for approval today. Mr. Wildermuth stated this update report was given in detail at the pool meetings and inquired if the committee members wanted to hear a refresher. The committee members noted that there were no questions for Mr. Wildermuth and passed on hearing an update at this meeting.

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

Moved to approve the proposed mitigation of temporary loss of hydraulic control plans, as presented

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Attorney-Manager

Counsel Fife stated this item is a regular item on the agendas while the attorney-manager meetings are taking place and since the majority of committee members are present at those meetings there is no new news to report on. The next scheduled attorney-manager meeting is set for Thursday, March 31, at noon, and is being held at the Cucamonga Valley Water District office. Counsel will be distributing materials for the next meeting shortly.

2. Santa Ana River Water Rights Application

Counsel Fife stated that the application process is moving forward. Western Municipal Water District anticipates re-issuing or distributing a final on their EIR within the next few months. Orange County Water District will be re-issuing their EIR as early as April. Staff has met with the state board and has established a productive relationship with their staff. The concern has been getting involved in the disputes in which other parties are implicated and recently the Center for Biological Diversity did contact Watermaster and asked to see the environmental documents on Watermaster applications.

3. Legislation

Counsel Fife stated there are a few pieces of legislation, which were reported on at the pool meetings, which are of interest to Watermaster. The most central to Watermaster and may actually be appropriate for Watermaster to comment on is the proposal to create water courts. There is a copy of the bill, as originally proposed, on the back table. The bill with substantial revisions, which has not been reviewed by counsel, has been received late last night and will be reported on at a later date after review. The question regarding Watermaster providing an opinion on this bill through Hatch & Parent or Bill Greyer was presented. Counsel stated that would need to be discussed and it might only be the member agencies expressing positions. A discussion on lobbying ensued. Mr. Jeske noted that certain member agencies could have opinions and make those opinions known however they feel necessary. Mr. Manning stated that no position on this bill will be taken unless there was absolute consensus among the Watermaster members. A question regarding impact was presented and counsel stated the revisions have not yet been reviewed so any impact that might have been made is unknown at this time. As drafted on the back table it is unclear if it will have an impact on Watermaster; the description of the water courts are located in specific counties and San Bernardino is not one of the counties mentioned.

B. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. AGWA Update

Mr. Manning noted this item is an update on the AGWA committee which started in 1994; Mr. Rossi is very involved in this committee and currently acts as chair. Mr. Manning stated that he has currently been asked to chair the communications public information's committee for that organization. AGWA is primarily there for an effective means of enhancing groundwater basins and promote reliability of the groundwater basins.

Mr. Manning stated that as chair of the public information campaign, the committee is focusing on three areas; 1) a newsletter, 2) potential conference in the future and, 3) the web page.

2. Budget Schedule

Mr. Manning stated that the draft budget will be available in April; there will be a workshop scheduled slightly after the draft is distributed and if all goes well and on schedule the budget will be in the May package for Pool, Advisory, and Watermaster Board approval. If there are any revisions to be made, the budget will then come back in June though the approval process. No date for the workshop has been set, however look for it being in the late April early May time frame.

3. DOGS/CWIS Update

Mr. Manning stated this is a program that Watermaster has been involved with and noted it started with John Rossi and Martha Davis's input in putting together a data collection process. Watermaster staff has been working with Wildermuth Environmental on the development of this idea and our key staff person is Danielle Maurizio. Danielle will present a slide show on what has transpired and where staff plans on seeing this process evolve. Ms. Maurizio presented the committee members with the presentation titled "DOGS (Data Organizational Group and Subgroups), CWIS (Chino Watershed Information System) Map-Based Water Resource Data Management System". Ms. Maurizio reviewed the background of Phase I of the project which started in October 2003 and gave an analysis of the project approach. Ms. Maurizio noted the mapping and viewing data will be easy to use and allow users to quickly view data along with being able to annotate and print. The benefits to Watermaster parties were reviewed and the future work to be performed was examined in detail. The question regarding what type of access the producer party has to the database which is being developed was presented. Ms. Maurizio noted that data requests still come through Watermaster, however, this database would allow for a much faster process because so many locations house different sets of information that need to be collected. The question regarding base maps and GIS mapping was presented. Mr. Wildermuth stated there are a tremendous number of alternatives that can all be customized by whoever uses these maps. In the development of the scoping for this project it was the intent that various access levels would be granted according to need and authority. This system will allow water parties to enter water levels and production data. Mr. Manning stated that the intent of the process is that as it evolves it will meet the needs of the users; as we move through this process, given the sensitivity to data and data acquisition, we will keep presenting the progress back to the committee members to keep all parties informed. This is only Phase I of the project and Phase II is in the process of evolving and will be built out over many phases to ensure we have all the parties included and give maximum protocol access to parties for what is needed. Water quality data will also be selective in release of data for only authorized parties to receive that information.

4. Future Recharge Facility Improvements

Mr. Manning stated there is a handout on the back table titled "Future Recharge Facility Improvements" for reference to this item. This is a list which was compiled by IEUA that also had input from Watermaster and others on things that have been reintroduced for reconsideration. During the process of building the facilities there were decisions made during that process to balance the projects and fit the amount of money that was then available and so a number of improvements on the basins were deleted or scaled back. In the process of reviewing recharge over the past few months staff has recognized that there are some items that need to be put back on the list and this is a list of those items that need consideration under the grant funding that IEUA has of \$15 million dollars. Mr. Manning reviewed some of the items on the list that need to be considered.

C. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

1. MWD Status Report – Rich Atwater
No comment was made regarding this item.
2. MWD Projected Rates and Changes – Rich Atwater
Mr. Atwater stated the board of directors has recently met to approve their rates; the good news is that staff was successful in having zero increase for the replenishment rate. Going forward for next year IEUA will be working to stabilize the rates and even looking optimistically at getting them lowered. Mr. Atwater noted the Tier II rate effective next January 1 will go up \$15.00 dollars across the board and discussed the increase due to the ozone retrofit.
3. Recycled Water Report
Mr. Love gave a presentation update on where IEUA is on the Regional Recycled Water Program. Mr. Love reviewed the Federally Funded Projects, Existing/Under Construction Pipelines, and Regional Proposed Pipelines. Customer development including new customers, coordination with agencies, customer marketing package, and consultant technical support was reviewed in detail. Mr. Love examined the current market activities including recharge Phase I basins and Phase II basins, agricultural customers, industrial customers, irrigation customers, and construction customers. A discussion ensued with regards to hydrants for recycled water and the retrofits that will be needed.
4. CALFED Financial Strategy – Martha Davis
Ms. Davis commented on the good news that the State of California through the Department of Water Resources is required to update the California Water Plan every five years and is going to be releasing, for public review, the draft plan in April. ACWA did circulate earlier in the month a highlights page on this plan, and noted that it was important to look at that highlight page in detail. Parties will want to comment on the DWR plan because of all the importance in making sure that farm money and other potential state and federal cost sharing helps develop global projects.

Ms. Davis stated that troubling news comes from the CALFED Bay Delta financing strategy discussion. The Bay Delta Authority is under a legislative mandate to develop a ten year finance strategy to address program priorities, funding needs and costs sharing responsibilities. Ms. Davis reviewed the proposed CALFED finance plan of \$8.1 billion dollars noting that 21% was for federal, 40% is a local match, 30% was for State, and 9% is for water user fees. The Restoring Balance and Getting Results from the CALFED Program handout were reviewed. Ms. Davis recommended that any proposal to reprogram State bond money be strongly opposed.
5. State Water Plan (B160-05) – Martha Davis
No comment was made regarding this item.
6. Water Resources Report (handout)
No comment was made regarding this item.
7. State/Federal Legislation Reports
No comment was made regarding this item.
8. Public Relations Report
No comment was made regarding this item.

D. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Mr. Hansen commented that TVMWD will be approving the MWD/City of Pomona Dry Year Yield Agreement next month. Imbedded in that agreement, however, is language that all new MWD contracts are all going to include that protects MWD. A brief discussion ensued with regard to the revised language.

Western Municipal Water District

Mr. Rossi stated that Western is engaging in an IRP source water study in two phases. Phase I of that study will be completed in March and Phase II in April. Mr. Rossi commented that MWD is finishing over the next several months a system overuse study, looking at the new demand projections for the next 20 years. Mr. Rossi reviewed some of the new demands for water for Western and Eastern. Mr. Rossi updated the committee members on some new projects and discussions taking place at Western Municipal Water District.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Newspaper Articles

No comment was made regarding this item.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

A question regarding the Attorney-Manager meetings being open to all parties who want to attend was presented. Mr. Jeske stated that the meetings thus far have been intra agency meetings to get data out and available (both managers and parties to the judgment). At the last set of meetings there was a confidentiality agreement signed and no renewal has been seen for these set of meetings. The comment that at the last meetings it was more restrictive than just the signing of an agreement, that the members of the Watermaster Board were not invited until specific times. Chair Jeske noted that it might be advantageous to have some ground rules as we go into the next cycle of meetings. Counsel Fife stated that the last couple meetings were technical in stature and were not focused on the particularities of attendance. There was a confidentiality agreement for the first round of meetings which defined who invited and when the meetings resumed in March there is an oral renewal by all parties that that confidentiality agreement is still in force. This issue may be readdressed once the meetings resume.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

March 21, 2005	1:00 p.m.	AGWA Meeting
March 24, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
March 24, 2005	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
March 28, 2005	8:30 a.m.	Water Quality Meeting
March 30, 2005	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Meeting
April 14, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
April 12, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
April 28, 2005	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
April 28, 2005	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Advisory Committee Meeting Adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: April 28, 2005