

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**AGRICULTURAL POOL**  
*April 10, 2003*

The Agricultural Pool meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 8632 Archibald Ave., Suite 109, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on April 10 at 1:00 p.m.

**AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert DeBerard, Chair	Crops
Nathan deBoom, Vice-Chair	Dairy - Milk Producers Council
Glen Durrington	Crops
Jack Hagerman	State of California Institution for Men
John Huitsing	Dairy - Milk Producers Council
Ron LaBrucherie	Dairy
Jeff Pierson	Crops - Unitex Corporation

**Appropriative Pool Members Present**

Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
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**Watermaster Staff Present**

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Mary Staula	Recording Secretary
Devonya Williams	

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Steven Lee	Special Counsel, Reid & Hellyer
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Chair DeBerard called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. MINUTES**

1. Draft minutes - Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Pool Meeting held January 16, 2003
2. Draft minutes - Meeting of the Agricultural Pool held February 25, 2003
3. Draft minutes - Meeting of the Agricultural Pool held March 13, 2003

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursement Report – March 2003
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for February 1 through February 28, 2003
4. 2002-03 Actual YTD Revenues and Expenses Compared with Adopted 2002-03 Budget)

Motion by Koopman, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote

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

## **II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. FORMATION OF WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to OBMP Program Element 6, the pool considered formation of the Water Quality Committee (WQC). The members discussed recommendations for the composition of the WQC and determined they would like to appoint two representatives to serve on the committee.

Motion by Koopman, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to appoint two members of the Agricultural Pool to serve on the Water Quality Committee, Mr. deBoom and Mr. Brommenschenkel.***

### **B. NIAGARA WATER COMPANY INTERVENTION**

Mr. Rossi reported that Niagara Water Company requested to intervene into the Judgment under the terms required and will pay replenishment costs for water pumped in 2002.

Motion by Pierson, second by Koopman, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to recommend approval of Niagara Water Company's request to intervene into the Judgment.***

### **C. CONSIDER LETTER TO MWD**

Consider draft letter to MWD regarding additional use of Proposition 50 monies for the QSA deal.

Motion by Pierson, second by Koopman, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to authorize that the Chair of the Watermaster Board sign the letter to MWD regarding the use of Proposition 50 funds for the QSA deal.***

### **D. MZ1 MANAGEMENT PLAN - EXTENSOMETER INSTALLATION & TESTING**

Layne Christianson was the low bidder for drilling services for the extensometers. Mr. Rossi reported that the bid was within the budget parameters with a 10% contingency and he received prior authorization from the Pool and Board Chairs to execute the contract in order to allow Layne to move on site April 7 to comply with the Court completion date of June 30.

Motion by Pierson, second by LaBrucherie, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to ratify the action to execute the contract with Layne Christianson for drilling services for the extensometer.***

### **E. SALT MANAGEMENT BUDGET (Agricultural Pool)**

Mr. Rossi stated that a line item in the amount of \$150,000 was not utilized and no action has been taken on this project. Mr. Rossi recommended the pool request Watermaster to research the maximum benefits of the salt management program and amend the Proposed FY 03-04 Budget to include the project and the original amount budgeted. This item will be on the May agenda for continued discussion and possible action.

### **F. NOTIFICATION OF WATER QUALITY SAMPLING RESULTS (Agricultural Pool)**

Mr. Rossi stated that Watermaster is a communicator of information, not a regulatory agency, to assist well owners in understanding the importance of water quality

notifications; therefore, he suggested notifications be issued in both English and Spanish to ensure that disclosed information to the owner is clear and complies with the legalities of operating wells.

Motion by Koopman, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to request Agricultural Pool Special Legal Counsel research the legalities and responsibilities for notifying well owners and users of sampling results and bring back information and a recommendation in May.***

### III. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Chino Land & Water SBSC Case No. RCV 06484  
Counsel Fife reported that Chino Land & Water may appeal the Court's ruling to dismiss this case but an actual appeal has not yet been filed.
2. Attorney/Managers Meeting(s)  
No meetings scheduled at this time.

**Added:**

3. Watermaster filed an application to secure its water rights in the Chino Basin. The protest period for Watermaster's application closed March 31, 2003. Four protests were received: 1) The U. S. Forrest Service which was filed in error, 2) Fish and Wildlife Service filed against all applicants, 3) Eastern Valley Water District also filed against all applicants and 4) Cucamonga County Water District filed to protect their pre-1914 rights. Watermaster will include a standard permit condition that whatever Watermaster gets will be subject to CCWD's pre-1914 rights.

#### B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES

(Taken out of order)

##### 9. Other

##### a) New Yield from Addition Recharge - Action taken by the Appropriative Pool

In accordance to the Peace Agreement, Rules and Regulations and OBMP, new yield is to satisfy the replenishment obligation of the desalters. Watermaster's implementation of the Recharge Master Plan is anticipated to begin producing new yield as early as next year. Mr. Wildermuth reported on the use of modeling to determine new yield on a five-year basis and described two concepts for calculating and allocating new yield; an actual year-to-year measurement of the additional stormwater recharged or the use of an average amount based on operational assumptions of the recharge facilities improvements.

Motion by Koopman, second by LaBrucherie, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to add the Calculation of New Yield from Recharge Facilities Improvements as an action item to the agenda.***

Motion by Koopman, second by LaBrucherie, and by unanimous vote

***Moved, to ratify the action taken by the Appropriative Pool on the calculation concepts of new yield from the recharge facilities improvements.***

1. The Meter Installation Program  
Mr. Wellington requested a report on this item. Mr. Rossi said there are 34 meters remaining to be installed. Staff anticipates meeting the June 30 deadline.
2. Dry Year Yield Project  
Project meeting schedule for next week:

Tuesday, April 15 @ 3:00 p.m. at Watermaster

Thursday, April 17 @ 2:00 p.m. at the City of Ontario

Meeting notices will be sent out this afternoon.

3. Recharge Improvement Project

The Corps of Engineers issued a 401 permit for the Recharge Improvement Project from the Regional Board to resume operational procedures.

4. OBMP Status Update

The following issues will be re-evaluated and reviewed by the pools in June:

- 1) Safe Storage and Operating Storage
- 2) Balance of Recharge and Extraction for Areas & Sub-Areas
- 3) The effects of Transfers

5. AB303 Grant Application Update

Mr. Woodling, Chief of the Conjunctive-Use Program for DWR, advised Mr. Rossi that Watermaster was accepted for AB303 funding of monitoring wells as part of Watermaster's Hydraulic Monitoring Control Program. However, the AB303 Grant was a general funded program subsequently removed by the Governor's office. Although the funds are no longer available at this time, they may become available again in the future.

6. AB599 Update

Mr. Rossi stated he would review the complete AB599 program with any interested party. The idea of the AB500 program is to leverage investment and Title 22 sampling. This program required prioritizing the basins throughout the state, which revealed that 50 out of 475 basins in California provide more than 90% of the groundwater. The state will contract with USGS to sample "key wells" in each basin (maximum of 60 in any given basin) for a basin-wide assessment. Approximately 25% of the "key wells" will either be drilled by the state or permission will be obtained from the responsible entity for USGS to do further low-level sampling. It is important to note that the state will not mandate this sampling program; local agency approval must be received for them to move forward.

7. SB34 Legislation

No report update.

8. AGWA/WEF Water Quality Conference

Mr. Rossi reported that the conference was very successful.

**C. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

None

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Secretary

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