

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL MEETING
October 9, 2003

A meeting of the Agricultural Pool was held at the offices of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, California, on October 9, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Nathan DeBoom, Chair	Milk Producers Counsel
Gene Koopman, Vice-Chair	Milk Producers Counsel
Glen Durrington	Crops
Jack Hagerman	State of California, CIM
Ron La Brucherie	Dairy
Robert Feenstra	Dairy
Pete Hettinga	Milk Producers Counsel
John Huitsing	Crops
Craig Stewart	Geomatrix/State of California

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Vic Barrion	Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC
Steve Arbelbide	California Steel Industries (CSI)

Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Mary Staula	Administrative Assistant
Sheri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Legal Counsel Present

None

Watermaster Consultants Present

None

Others Present

Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Steve Lee	Reid & Hellyer

Chair deBoom called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Note: Due to the unavailability of Pool Member representation at the originally scheduled joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural meeting, Vic Barrion, Non-Agricultural Chair, attended the Agricultural Pool meeting.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Joint Meeting of the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pools held August 14, 2003
2. Meeting of the Appropriative Pool held September 11, 2003
3. Meeting of the Agricultural Pool held August 14, 2003
4. Meeting of the Agricultural Pool held September 11, 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

Motion by Feenstra, second by Koopman, and by unanimous vote
Moved, to approve Consent Calendar Items, as presented.

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

Mr. Rossi reviewed the hand out of Form 7 Application for Reimbursement or Credit against OBMP Assessment being submitted by the City of Chino. This application was handed out to the Advisory and Board Members on September 25, 2003. Mr. Rossi continued to give a brief description of the ION Exchange Plant for which Chino is seeking credit in accordance to the revised Watermaster Rules & Regulations. Mr. Rossi stated that Michael Fife was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement and that he has knowledge of the background in regards to the Peace Agreement that would have provided additional beneficial information for this topic. Discussion ensued with regard to this application and it was noted that this was the first Form 7 received by Watermaster. Dialogue on impact, how credits will be approved and by what methods ensued. The Pool was reminded that Form 7 did not exist when Pomona applied for credit and this is a new topic for Watermaster and is in the preliminary discovery stage at present. Numerous comments were made in relation to salt removal credits, assessment issues, replenishment costs and the issuance of some type of credit in regard to Form 7. Mr. Rossi commented that he was seeking direction by bringing this item to the pools first for discussion. He is aware it will require serious deliberation, planning and combined efforts to come to a resolution. Mr. Rossi finalized the discussion and remarked that he would have more information to offer at the next meeting after review by the Appropriate Pool, Advisory Committee and Board.

No action taken.

B. DRY YEAR YIELD OPERATINGPLAN FOR FISCAL 2003/2004

Mr. Rossi expanded on this business item with an additional hand out recapping the Conjunctive Use Annual Operating Plan. The Annual Operating Plan was divided into 5 service connections for either direct delivery or in-lieu for fiscal year 03/04. A brief discussion ensued in this regard. Mr. Rossi added that this plan would have no impact on the Watermaster budget and requested at this time the item be approved by the Committee Members.

Motion by Koopman, second by Feenstra, and by unanimous vote
Moved, to approve Annual Operating Plan, as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

None

B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES

1. Update regarding MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24, 2003
The MZ1 meeting with Mr. Scalmanini in attendance was a very productive and informative meeting according to Mr. Rossi. The progress report for MZ1 Interim Monitoring Program for July 23, 2003 was presented to the MZ1 committee by Mark Wildermuth of Wildermuth Environmental. Benchmark Surveys, InSAR, and Aquifer-System Monitoring were the three main topics that were briefly reviewed by Mr. Rossi.
2. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24, 2003
Mr. Rossi showed the committee the same power point presentation presented to the Water Quality Committee recently, which is available for those who want a copy. In addition to the power point presentation Mr. Rossi referred to the California Water Desalination Task Force Findings and Recommendations hand out, and then touched on the Key Findings and Major Recommendations highlighted in this report. During and after the presentation Mr. Rossi was asked several questions in regards to the quality of water in the Chino Basin. Several committee members expressed the desire to attend Water Quality Committee Meetings or have the findings made available to them. Mr. Rossi welcomed all to attend the meetings. A high interest was expressed in Perchlorate issues. It was noted that, Perchlorate is being reviewed by the USDA as well as many technical advisors. It was stated that funds for studies and clean up need to be made available for this serious situation to be addressed properly. There were questions as to whether or not the Montgomery Study provided any benefit and what role the desalters will have in resolving water quality issues. Discussion ensued for several minutes and ended with the offer that a more thorough analysis by Wildermuth Environmental will be presented at the next meeting.
3. Update regarding preparation of 2003/2004 Assessment Package
Mr. Rossi stated that Watermaster is in the process of automating the assessment package and Traci Stewart is helping out in this regard. The Assessment Package is being developed and the draft numbers will be submitted at the Advisory and Board meeting on October 23, 2003.
4. Discuss holiday meeting schedules
The balance of meetings for the month of October will be held at IEUA and this decision was in agreement with the committee members. Watermaster staff is working diligently on preparing the new Meeting Room for meetings in November. It was decided that there will be no scheduled Watermaster Committee or Board meetings in the month of December unless something comes up and then a meeting will be called.

C. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

None

D. INFORMATION

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

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

A question was asked whether or not wells affected by the new desalter will be tested prior to the new desalters going in? Mr. Rossi remarked that the Watermaster has been getting a baseline of water levels. Additionally, the CDA is working on their draft well recovery and mitigation plan that will be coming back to the pools. Mr. Atwater stated we are right on target and making sure these issues will be covered prior to the start of the project. The question of potable water for troughs and barns was addressed. Lastly, it was asked if the location of final wells for the desalter were identified. Mr. Atwater commented that the Chino II Desalter's location was still in the process and they will be working on this in the fall. A brief discussion took place in regard to these items.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Staula received praise for her years of dedication and was offered warm wishes for her future endeavors. The members were invited to go into the next room for a reception in Mary's honor right after the meeting was adjourned.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 23, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

Note: October 23 meetings will be held at Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Bldg. A Board Room, 6075 Kimball Road, Chino, California, 91710 (909) 993-1600

November 13, 2003	1:00 p.m.	Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Meetings

November 20, 2003	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

Note: November 13 and 20 meetings will be held at the new Watermaster offices, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California (909) 484-3888

Note: Vic Barrion, Non-Agricultural Chair, concurred with an approval for the Agricultural Pool meeting actions for the Non-Agricultural Pool.

Chair deBoom adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Secretary

Minutes Approved: November 13, 2003

