

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL & NON-AGRICULTURAL MEETING
November 13, 2003

A meeting of the Agricultural Pool was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on November 13, 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
Jeff Pierson	Crops
Jack Hagerman	State of California, CIM
Ron La Brucherie	Dairy
Robert Feenstra	Dairy
Pete Hettinga	Dairy

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Vic Barrion	Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC
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Watermaster Staff Present

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

Watermaster Consultants Present

Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Dan McKinney	Reid & Hellyer
Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent

Others Present

Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jerry Thibeault	Regional Water Board
John Huitsing	Dairy

Chair deBoom called the meeting to order at 1:09 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.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Agricultural Pool meeting held October 9, 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 Koopman, second by Pierson, and by unanimous vote

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

Item C was pulled from Consent Calendar for discussion.

C. WATER TRANSACTIONS

1. Notice of Sale or Transfer – the transfer of Monte Vista Irrigation Company FY 2003-04 Annual Production Rights to the Monte Vista Water District. The total quantity of water to be transferred is estimated at 1,040 acre-feet. (*Notice mailed November 7, 2003*)

2. Notice of Sale or Transfer – the lease and/or purchase of 2,500 acre-feet of water from the City of Pomona's production rights to the Monte Vista Water District. This lease is made first from the City's net under production, if any, in FY 2003-04, with any remainder to be recaptured from storage. (*Notice mailed November 7, 2003*)

Discussion ensued regarding the Notice of Sale or Transfers mailed November 7, 2003 (Item C, 1 and 2). Mr. Wildermuth of Wildermuth Environmental stated that Watermaster OBMP reviews all transfer requests for any physical injury. Mr. Wildermuth also noted that transfers are satisfactorily monitored and transfers to date have had no negative physical impact. Pool members concurred that all water transfers made within the MZ1 area should be reviewed by the MZ1 Technical Committee.

Motion by Feenstra, second by Durrington, and by unanimous vote

Moved, to approve Consent Calendar Item C, as presented, with the understanding that all transfers in the MZ1 area will be reviewed by the MZ1 Technical Committee.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS - POSSIBLE ACTION

A. PRESENT DRAFT 2003/2004 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE

Mr. Rossi reviewed in detail the draft 2003/2004 assessment package handout which is requiring no action at this meeting. Mr. Rossi made mention of the various trends across the board and perceived we were continuing to hold the line on costs. Mr. Rossi reviewed production levels and noted the downward trend by agricultural users. Dave Argo was asked to execute a storage & recovery study specifically for new and upcoming developed land, mainly due to the construction of new homes that has continued to rise at a staggering rate. This study will include water survey findings due to the extra land use of said new construction sites. An inquiring statement was made wondering if new pumps will eventually be installed for the designated use of farm lands given the rate new homes are being built and using additional water

No action taken.

B. PRESENTATION ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR RECHARGE IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT

Mr. Gordon Treweek, Project Engineer for Chino Basin Watermaster gave two status reports and one improvement project presentation. Mr. Treweek's first status report was on the GE Test Cell Facility, this presentation included a site environmental history, Ground Water (GW) contaminants of concern, and lastly site remedial actions. The second status report was on the GE Flat Iron Facility, this presentation included site history, site environmental history, GW contaminants of concern, soil contaminants of concern, and lastly site remedial actions. Mr. Treweek's final presentation was on the Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project which included construction activities from 3/19/03 through 10/15/03. This thorough presentation reviewed the Lower Day Basin, Victoria Basin, Banana Basin, RP3 Basin, Declez Basin, Turner 1, 2, 3 & 4 Basins, Brooks Basin, and the College Heights Basin and detailed construction modifications and upgrades. Discussion ensued in regards to these basin projects and how the enhancements will affect the basins water flow and testing.

No action taken.

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

Mr. Rossi commented that the staff has been discussing the potential for the Castaic Lake Water Agency to participate in a storage and recovery project with the Chino Groundwater Basin. Mr. Rossi reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Chino Basin Watermaster. This MOU puts in motion Chino Basin Watermaster to begin preliminary non-binding negotiations for Castaic's possible participation in the Chino basin Storage and Recovery Program.

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

Moved, to approve draft Memorandum of Understanding with Castaic Lake Water Agency and authorized to staff and legal counsel to make minor edits, as necessary, in addition authorizing staff to begin the negotiation process.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES**A WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. Chino Land & Water Lawsuit Update regarding filing of Amicus Brief
Counsel Fife reported on the Chino Land & Water lawsuit regarding filing of Amicus Brief. Counsel Fife handed out the draft *APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF AND AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OD CHINO BASIN WATERMATER IN SUPPORT OF LEWIS INVESTMENT CO., L.L.C.* Counsel Fife commented it would be approximately 60 days out for seeing this venture completed and that he was seeking approval to forward this draft to the Board for direction.

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

Moved, to approve draft Amicus Brief to be presented to the Board members.

2. Metropolitan Water District Dry Year Yield Storage Transmittal to Court
Counsel Fife distributed the draft *MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF METROPOLITAN DRY YEAR YIELD FUNDING AGREEMENT APPLICATION.* Counsel Fife stated that this was a long process and that this motion was the final step and anticipated no trouble. Counsel Fife noted that no action was required to file this brief.

No action taken.

B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES

1. Update regarding DWR Grant Request for Conjunctive Use Project
Mr. Rossi expressed enthusiasm in Watermasters DWR grant approval which was obtained due to the assistance of IEUA who filed on our behalf. Many thanks were given to Rich Atwater for pursuing this for us. Mr. Rossi stated by means of this grant we will have the opportunity to work on the expansion of the Desalters, the Upland Recharge Project, Imported Water Projects and Perchlorate treatments. Mr. Rossi anticipates final word on the amount of the grant in January/February 2004 and looks on to having the finances in hand and seeking direction on how funds will be allocated. Mr. Atwater commented that he felt it would be appropriate that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to congress thanking them for this grant approval.
2. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting of Wednesday November 12
Mr. Rossi gave a brief overview on the potential work on the plumes. Mr. Wildermuth gave the same presentation that was presented to the Water Quality Committee the day prior and shared comments made and received at the meeting. Mr. Wildermuth commented the OBMP envisioned the creation of the Water Quality Committee in which committee members came out of water agencies and the Watermaster organization allowing them to work together on water anomalies and water quality issues. This committee was created last summer and since its conception has worked on important water quality issues. Mr. Wildermuth offered a list of anomalies they had been working on and their status. He gave an overview of Watermaster activities and referred to Perchlorate contamination in regards to the plume. Mr. Wildermuth assured the pools that anomalies were being monitored and samplings are taken on a routine basis. Dialogue continued between committee members and Mr. Wildermuth in regards to specific well information and release of information. Mr. Thibeault offered several comments in reference to well studies and information release. Discussion continued and it was decided that this topic will be brought back to the pools in January 2004.
3. New Watermaster Brochure
Mr. Rossi made mention of the new Watermaster brochure hand out and that it would be a useful tool for a brief synopsis when meeting people and a quick source of reference as to who and what Chino Basin Watermaster is all about.
4. Discuss holiday meeting schedules
It was noted that no meetings are scheduled for the month of December and all regular Pool, Committee and Board meetings will reconvene in January 2004.

C. INFORMATION

1. MWD Rialto Pipeline "Planned Shutdown" for January 12-16, 2004
No comment made – please refer to the September 15, 2003 memo from Rich Atwater.
2. Letter from Robert DeLoach, Cucamonga County Water District, regarding Perchlorate Remediation – Department of Defense
No comment made – please refer to the October 9, 2003 letter from Robert A. DeLoach.

D. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

None

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

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 19, 2003	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee 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

No meetings are currently planned for the month of December 2003

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

Chair deBoom adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary

Minutes Approved: January 15, 2004