

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**Joint Meeting of the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pools**  
*March 13, 2003*

A Joint Meeting of the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pools was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 8632 Archibald Ave., Suite 109, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on March 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Jeske, Chair	City of Ontario
Robert DeLoach, Vice-Chair	Cucamonga County Water District
Gerald Black	Fontana Union Water Company
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills
Mike McGraw	Fontana Water Company
Carole McGreevy	Jurupa Community Services District
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Bill Stafford	Marygold Mutual Water District
Ray Wellington	San Antonio Water Company

**NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Jenkins	County Department of Airports
Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company

**Agricultural Pool Members Present**

Robert DeBerard	Crops
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**Watermaster Board Members Present**

Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
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**Watermaster Staff Present**

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Accounting/Office Manager
Mary Staula	Recording Secretary
Devonya Williams	Trainee

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

**Others Present**

Bo Chen	City of Pomona
Rick Hansen	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Rita Kurth	Cucamonga County Water District
Mohamed El Amamy	City of Ontario
Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Diane Sanchez	State Department of Water Resources

Chair Jeske called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

He introduced Mr. Jenkins, County Department of Airports, Non-Agricultural Pool.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursement Report – February 2003
2. Combining Schedule Of Revenue, Expenses And Changes In Working Capital For The Period July 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003
3. Treasurer’s Report of Financial Affairs For The Period December 1, through January 31, 2003
4. 2002-03 Actual YTD Revenues And Expenses Compared With Adopted 2002-03 Budget

Motion by DeLoach, second by McGraw, and by unanimous vote, the Appropriate Pool

***Moved, to approve Consent Calendar Items A.1 through 4, as presented.***

Motion by Jenkins, second by Bowcock, and by unanimous vote, the Non-Agricultural Pool

***Moved, to approve Consent Calendar Items A.1 through 4, as presented.***

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. OBMP STATUS REPORT #6**

Mr. DeLoach suggested dovetailing this status report with SB34, specifically with regard to water quality efforts. He recommended those areas be highlighted and addresses perchlorate issues and the document be a part of the discussions at the next SB34 meeting.

Motion by Kinsey, second by Black, and by unanimous vote, the Appropriate Pool

***Moved, to recommend approval of OBMP Status Report No. 6 for filing with the Court on March 31, 2003, with non-substantive corrections as necessary, and the water quality efforts highlighted.***

Motion by Jenkins, second by Bowcock, and by unanimous vote, the Non-Agricultural Pool

***Moved, to concur with action taken by the Appropriate Pool.***

**B. CONSIDER NOTICE TO TERMINATE CURRENT OFFICE LEASE**

Mr. Rossi reminded the members that the committees previously approved staff move forward with negotiations to relocate the Watermaster offices to the facilities previously occupied by Cucamonga County Water District. Watermaster’s current lease contract includes an early-cancellation clause in year 2003, with submittal of a six-month notice. Staff is requesting authorization to provide a notice in April to the current landlord of Watermaster’s intent to move on or about September 30, 2003.

Motion by Kinsey, second by Rodriguez, and by unanimous vote, the Appropriate Pool

***Moved, to recommend staff be authorized to notify the current landlord by April 1 of Watermaster’s intent to move on or about September 30, 2003.***

Motion by Jenkins, second by Bowcock, and by unanimous vote, the Non-Agricultural Pool

***Moved, to concur with action taken by the Appropriate Pool.***

**C. WATER TRANSACTION**

Notice of Sale or Transfer of Right to Produce Water In Storage From the City of Chino to the City of Ontario in the amount of 6,000 acre-feet of water (noticed on January 28, 2003).

Motion by DeLoach, second by McGreevy, and by unanimous vote, the Appropriative Pool  
***Moved, to recommend Advisory and Board approval in April of the Notice of Sale or Transfer of Right to Produce Water in Storage from the City of Chino to the City of Ontario in the amount of 6,000 acre-feet of water.***

Motion by Jenkins, second by Bowcock, and by unanimous vote, the Non-Agricultural Pool

***Moved, to concur with action taken by the Appropriative Pool.***

#### **D. PRESENTATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF WATER QUALITY PROGRAM**

The members were provided with a compilation of water quality data (OBMP Program Element 6) gathered through several efforts such as sampling private wells, DHS website on public drinking wells, and modeling for the Dry Year Yield (DYY) Program. Mr. Wildermuth reported that groundwater modeling is near completion and simulations of DYY Program scenarios are being conducted. He provided overheads of maps indicating the collective results and status of the Water Quality Program (OBMP Program Element 6). Watermaster has been working closely with regulatory agencies to define water quality challenges and to refine the water quality management criteria. Water quality monitoring has been refined to identify and characterize water quality anomalies such as the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) anomaly north of the Chino I Desalter well field. Currently, water samples are being analyzed for general minerals, general physical parameters, hexavalent chromium, silica, barium, perchlorate, 1,2,3-trichloropropane, etc.

Mr. Argo referred to some of the work product that ultimately is going to be assembled as part of the Dry Year Yield (DYY) Project. When discussing storage programs, whether dry-year yield or a larger storage programs, he said that all of the water quality issues come to play. The Storage and Recovery Program document will include an assessment of treatment technologies that deal with various water qualities. The good news is the RO treatment can remove perchlorate as well as TDS. Black & Veatch developed a range of costs to construct, and typical operating costs as part of the report for the MWD DYY Project. In general, they will be quantifying the water quality issues and picking the treatment technologies needed. They will show which of the specific technologies have been picked to solve individual projects being advanced by each retail agency. Mr. Argo said that storage & recovery, conjunctive-use and partnerships are necessary to protect and save our local resources.

Mr. Wildermuth continued with his presentation focusing on the modeling work being done. Looking at the mapping being done now, the data flow building up and the water quality anomalies, he said this is the right time to form a Water Quality Committee. A monitoring plan to evaluate the state of hydraulic control in the southern end of the Basin has not yet been developed. Also, Watermaster will be developing a key well program based on future sampling.

Mr. Rossi said this data is very timely as far as discussions on SB34 and in a larger context, how to approach regional water quality issues. By putting this information out today, he had hoped for feedback and at next month's meetings they could talk about the formation of a Water Quality Committee and discuss where to go from there.

### **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

1. Chino Land & Water SBSC Case No. RCV 06484

This case was dismissed in its entirety by Court Order. Chino Land & Water has until May

- 3 to appeal the Court's decision.
2. Attorney/Managers Meeting(s)  
No meeting is calendared at this time.
3. Niagara Water Company Well Production  
Subsequent to Counsel Fife drafting a compliant, Niagara Water Company (Niagara) expressed a desire to intervene into the Appropriative Pool without production rights and pay replenishment costs. However, additional data is needed and terms pertaining to past production need to be worked out. Staff and Legal Counsel will meet with Niagra at 4:00 p.m. today at Watermaster. There was a brief discussion regarding Niagara's past production. The County does not provide information to Watermaster when permits to drill wells are issued. Niagara's well was drilled in May 2001. This is something Watermaster needs to work out with the County. Legal Counsel concurred that it would be much easier to work with interveners if Watermaster knew in advance that a well was going to be drilled.

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

1. Update regarding Dry Year Yield Project  
Last month after a preliminary kick-off meeting, the Dry Year Yield business deal with MWD was finalized and the parties are moving forward with the project participants on subsequent agreements. Mr. Rossi recommended a conference call be scheduled with the project participants regarding the retail agreements to see if they have any last minute input. He will make some calls and let everyone know the date and time. The exhibit to MWD's contract pertaining to facilities to be built needs to be finalized. Watermaster is looking for feedback from the individual agencies on how staff can assist with the next step. Jurupa had asked for a copy of the report prepared by Rod Smith but has not received it. Watermaster was asked to amend this item in April and include a historical report on the work that was done with data and the recommendations from the Report. Additionally, they would like to know what hurdles were identified that have not been resolved and any new hurdles that have been perceived. After further discussion, it was determined these matters of concern should be discussed in a workshop setting. Mr. Rossi offered to find a date and schedule the workshop.
2. Update regarding Recharge Improvement Project  
A tentative date of April 11 has been set for the Recharge Basin Project groundbreaking. Meetings have been held with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the need for permits for basins that are jurisdictional. This late finding could result in a time delay with potential costs to contractors. They will be meeting again next Thursday. Staff has been working with IEUA on reporting issues and anticipates a reimbursement of \$170,000 from bond proceeds for monies expended on the project predicated by a reimbursement agreement Watermaster will bring forward next month.
3. Update regarding Replenishment Water Order  
Watermaster finished spreading 6500 acre-feet supplemental water in December 2002 and has submitted an order to MWD for the 6500 acre-feet replenishment obligation. MWD advised Watermaster last week that they have wet water available, which is good news. To the extent the wet water runs out before Watermaster has completed its obligation, the balance will be taken out of the cyclic account.
4. Update regarding SB34 Legislation  
Mr. Rossi met with legislators last week. The discussion centered around the concept of forming a voluntary organization that would allow people to sign up for funding that might be available for looking into the salt/perchlorate problems. They are looking at criteria for applying for grant funding.

SB34 legislation was discussed earlier in the meeting along with related items.

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 27	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
April 10	10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting – Appropriative & Non-Ag Pools
	1:00 p.m.	Ag Pool Meeting
April 24	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

**FUTURE EVENTS**

April 8 & 9	AGWA/WEF Water Quality Conference @ Ontario Doubletree
April 11	Recharge Basin Project Groundbreaking
May 7, 8 & 9	ACWA Conference in Lake Tahoe <b>(Conflict with the May 8 Pool Meetings)</b>

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Secretary

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