

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
Joint Meeting of the Appropriative Pool and Non-Agricultural Pool
April 10, 2003

A joint meeting of the Appropriative Pool and Non-Agricultural Pool was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 8632 Archibald Ave., Suite 109, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on April 10, 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
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Mike Maestas	City of Chino Hills
Mike McGraw	Fontana Water Company
Carole McGreevy	Jurupa Community Services District
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company
Bill Stafford	Marygold Mutual Water District

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Vic Barrion	Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC
Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company

Watermaster Consultants Present

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

Watermaster Staff Present

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

Others Present

Rita Kurth	Cucamonga County Water District
Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District

Appropriative Pool Chair Jeske called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

Appropriative Pool Only

1. Draft minutes - Annual Appropriative Pool Meeting held January 16, 2003

Non-Agricultural Pool Only

2. Draft minutes - Annual Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting held January 16, 2003

Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pools

3. Draft minutes - Joint Meeting of the Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pools held February 13, 2003
4. Draft minutes - Joint Meeting of the Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pools 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 McGraw, second by Stafford, and by unanimous vote

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

Chair Barrion stated that the Non-Agricultural Pool concurs with action taken by the Appropriative Pool with the following amendments on A.2, Draft Minutes of the Annual Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting held January 16, 2003:

Minute Item 1.A Pool Vice-Chair should be:

James Jenkins, San Bernardino County Dept of Airports

Minute Item 1.B 2003 Advisory Committee Members should be:

Vic Barrion, Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC

James Jenkins, San Bernardino County Dept of Airports

Steve Arbelbide, California Steel Industries

II. BUSINESS ITEMS**A. FORMATION OF WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to OBMP Program Element 6, the pool committees considered formation of the Water Quality Committee (WQC). The members discussed recommendations for the composition of the WQC and requested staff to schedule a meeting.

Motion by McGraw, second by Kinsey and by unanimous vote

Moved, to recommend forming a Water Quality Committee comprised of Appropriative Pool members and a representative from the Non-Agricultural Pool, the Agricultural Pool, IEUA, and the RWQCB. Recommendations from the Water Quality Committee will come back through the Watermaster approval process.

Chair Barrion stated that the Non-Agricultural Pool concurs with the action taken by the Appropriative Pool.

B. NIAGARA WATER COMPANY INTERVENTION

Niagara Water Company requested to intervene into the Judgment with the understanding of not owning water rights in the Basin and the obligation to pay replenishment costs for water pumped in 2002.

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

Moved, to recommend approval for Niagara Water Company to Intervene into the Judgment.

Chair Barrion stated that the Non-Agricultural Pool concurs with the action taken by the Appropriative Pool.

Item E was taken out of order at this time**E. NEW YIELD FROM ADDITIONAL RECHARGE (Appropriative Pool)**

Mr. Wildermuth's hand out regarding Storm Water Recharge Estimates per Basin was used as a preliminary recharge summary for new yield. Based on discussion, the following three items must be determined: 1) how to calculate new yield, 2) how often reconciliation should be done, and 3) when adjustments (i.e. credits or debits) should be made. Based on evaluation, Mr. Wildermuth estimates a maximum of five years to indicate the first adjustment. By the fourth or fifth year, the model will generate enough data to base the next estimate on longer terms. Current estimates on new yield for the first year will be 11,720 to 12,000 acre-feet.

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

Moved, to proceed with allocation of estimated New Yield tied to recharge improvements in the amount of 11,720 to 12,000 acre-feet per year. Re-evaluate in 2008 based on staff recommendation and allocation of safe yield in 2004 using same method as debt service.

C. CONSIDER LETTER TO MWD

The Pool members were asked to consider a recommendation to mail the enclosed MWD letter regarding additional use of Proposition 50 funds for the QSA deal.

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

Moved, to approve the MWD letter as presented, with a recommendation to copy legislators. As clarification, authorize staff to move forward with letters of this nature and place a notice in the future agenda package that it was done.

Chair Barrion stated that the Non-Agricultural Pool concurs with the action taken by the Appropriative Pool.

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 Crosley, second by Rodriguez, and by unanimous vote

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

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 has indicated they plan to appeal the Court's ruling to dismiss this case but an actual appeal has not been filed.

2. Attorney/Managers Meeting(s)
There are no meetings scheduled at this time.

Added:

3. Watermaster's Santa Ana River Application
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 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

1. 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 meetings 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 today.
3. Recharge Improvement Project
The Corps of Engineers issued a permit subject to the Regional Board's 401 permits for the Recharge Improvement Project.
4. OBMP Status Update
The following items will be 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 there was a good turnout and the AGWA/WEF Water Quality Conference was very successful.
9. Other

C. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

None

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Secretary

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