

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**Special Meeting of the Appropriative Pool**  
*City of Ontario*  
*May 21, 2003*

A special meeting of the Appropriative Pool was held at the City of Ontario, 1425 S. Bon View Ave, Ontario, CA, on May 21, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.

**APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Ken Jeske, Chair           | City of Ontario                    |
| Robert DeLoach, Vice-Chair | Cucamonga County Water District    |
| Rich Atwater               | Inland Empire Utilities Agency     |
| Ron Craig                  | City of Chino Hills                |
| Dave Crosley               | City of Chino                      |
| Raul Garibay               | City of Pomona                     |
| Mark Kinsey                | Monte Vista Water District         |
| Mike McGraw                | Fontana Water Company              |
| Carole McGreevy            | Jurupa Community Services District |
| J. Arnold Rodriguez        | Santa Ana River Water Company      |
| Ray Wellington             | Santa Antonio Water Company        |

**NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Vic Barrion | Reliance Energy |
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**Watermaster Consultants Present**

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

**Watermaster Staff Present**

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| John Rossi  | Chief Executive Officer |
| Mary Staula | Recording Secretary     |

**Others Present**

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| Rita Kurth   | Cucamonga County Water District |
| Mike Maestas | City of Chino Hills             |

Appropriative Pool Chair Jeske called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Rossi explained that the meeting would not be recorded, however, minutes would be prepared.

**I. MAXIMUM BENEFIT PROPOSAL/BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT**

At the Pool meetings held May 15, 2003, Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. presented information regarding the most recent process through the Regional Water Quality Control Board on the Maximum Benefit Proposal/Basin Plan Amendment. The Appropriative Pool took no action at that time. The Appropriative Pool members scheduled this special meeting to continue discussing the matter.

Following the distribution of handout materials, the appropriators discussed "salt credits" as defined in Section 5.5 of the Peace Agreement and in Section 4.10 of the Rules & Regulations. There were opposing opinions expressed with regard to how and when salt credits would be allocated that

related back to negotiations of the Peace Agreement. The history and interpretations of salt removal and salt credits discussed during formulation of the Peace Agreement were reviewed.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of salt currently being removed at Desalter I. It was noted that the numbers have not yet been quantified. Under implementation of the OBMP, salt credits from Desalter I will go toward cleaning up the legacy contamination in the Basin whereas the Desalter I expansion and the future Desalter II will fall under the 80/20 Rule.

Mr. Wildermuth handed out engineering data predating Desalter I that indicated an estimated amount of salts coming in from recharge (recycled water, imported water and stormwater) and out from the desalter. Mr. Wildermuth was asked to update the numbers in the engineering data prior to the next Appropriative Pool meeting. Questions were asked about how salt credits might be available from other Watermaster activities and how some credits could be left over after assignment. Watermaster staff was asked to talk to the Regional Board about assigning left over credits to Watermaster or about accumulating salt credits.

Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) felt that salt credits should be assigned to the appropriators before recycled water (net), not on total credits (gross). Mr. Kinsey said MVWD did not agree to subsidize the Recycled Water Program. To resolve an inequity, less expensive recycled water could be purchased. However, everyone agreed that the fundamental question is whether or not there will be salt credits.

Counsel Fife explained that it is up to the Regional Board to create the salt credits and Watermaster can only divide what they decide. It was suggested that staff take a look at what is currently being removed at Desalter I subject to Section 5.5, determine what Chino II Desalter might do based on best information and find out how the system would work to benefit the people. Once that has been accomplished, a salt credit and debit methodology could be created. Staff was asked to discuss salt credits with the Regional Board, how credits would work with or without the Basin Plan Amendment, and fall back on antidegradation requirements.

CDA issues were mentioned. Mr. Craig said that the City of Chino Hills never envisioned a commodity value to salt credits. Discussion continued regarding the concept of overall costs and benefits shared vs. project by project and Item F on the Plan vs. required third desalter commitment.

The following is a summary of actions to be taken:

- 1) Watermaster staff to discuss salt credits with the Regional Board
- 2) Mr. Wildermuth to revise/update TDS/TIN in and out credits schedule and consider net/gross issue (with or without recycled water)
- 3) (Something about clarifying the language where it says "we are going to do a study.")
- 4) Agendize this item for possible action by the Appropriative Pool in June.

Chair Jeske adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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