

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2003

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA 91710 on September 25, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis Yates, Chair	City of Chino
Terry Catlin, Vice-Chair	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dan Rodriguez, Secretary	Appropriative Pool, City of Pomona
Vic Barrion	Non-Agricultural Pool, Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC
Robert Nicholson, Alternate	Appropriative Pool, Nicholson Trust
David DeJesus, Alternate	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Donald Schroeder	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool, Crops
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel	Agricultural Pool, Dairy
Michael Whitehead	Appropriative Pool, Nicholson Trust

Appropriative Pool Members Present

Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Mohamed El-Amamy	City of Ontario
Mike McGraw	Fontana Water
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
Mike Maestas	Chino Hills

Watermaster Staff Present

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Mary Staula	Administrative Assistant
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
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Others Present

Barbara Gilbert	Western Municipal Water District
Diane Sanchez	State Department of Water Resources
Sylvia Hale	California Attorney Generals Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yates at 1:06 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA – ADDITION/REORDER

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held August 28, 2003

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Cash Disbursement Report – August 2003

C. STATUS REPORT NO. 8

Authorize staff and legal counsel to make non-substantive edits if necessary and file OBMP Implementation Status Report No. 8 with the court

D. WATER TRANSACTION

Transfer of Annual Production Right for FY 2002-2003 from Santa Ana River Water Company to Jurupa Community Services District in the amount of 2,000 acre-feet (*Notice mailed August 7, 2003, Approved by the Pool Committees August 14, 2003*)

E. CONSIDER SUPPORTING IEUA'S CONJUNCTIVE USE FY 2004 FUNDING REQUEST

Authorize support of IEUA's funding request for House budget line item of \$500,000 in the FY 2004 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill to provide essential funding for the continued implementation of this water development project, and to monitor for perchlorate and other water quality problems in the Chino Basin.

Motion by Nicholson, second by DeJesus, and by unanimous vote

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

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. BALANCE OF RECHARGE & DISCHARGE IN ALL AREAS, AND DETERMINATION OF OPERATING STORAGE & SAFE STORAGE

At the August meetings, Mr. Wildermuth presented a Draft Technical Memorandum on the Dry-Year Yield findings related to recharge and discharge in all areas and operating storage and safe storage. The Pools took unanimous action on September 11, recommending that the Watermaster file the report with the Court.

Motion by Barrion, second by DeJesus, and by unanimous vote

Moved, to direct legal counsel to file the Technical Memorandum on Dry-Year Yield findings related to recharge and discharge in all areas and operating storage and safe storage with the court.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Chino Land & Water vs. Lewis Investment Company
Counsel Fife reported on the appeal filed by Chino Land & Water vs. Lewis Investment Company. Lewis Investment Company received an extension to October 24 for responding to Chino Land & Water's opening brief. As a result, Watermaster has postponed filing an Amicus Brief.
2. Chino Paragraph 15 Motion

Paragraph 15 Motion was continued by the court to August 2004.

3. September 4, 2003 Hearing
At the September 4 hearing, the court approved the amendment to the Cyclic Storage Agreement with MWD.
4. Central Basin Appellate Decision
Counsel reviewed the Central Basin appellate decision handed out and determined it would have no effect on the Chino Basin. Chino Basin's Judgment stipulates storage rights.

B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES

1. Establishment of Workgroup to address Monte Vista Water District's issues
Mr. Atwater was appointed as chair for this workgroup. The workgroup will be reviewing upcoming salt budgets and MVWD issues.
 2. Update regarding MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24
It was reported that the meeting was well attended. The committee reviewed a technical presentation by Wildermuth Inc. and agreed to meet again in two months. Mr. Yates commented that people are extremely interested in committee meeting outcomes and asked staff to keep the parties informed.
 3. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting on Wednesday September 24
This was also a well attended meeting. Jerry Thibeault attended the meeting and discussed ways that the agencies could help them with monitoring water quality.
 4. Update regarding Relocation of Watermaster Offices
Relocation is complete and went smoothly, although the remodeling of the Meeting Room will not be finished for meetings until November.
 5. Update regarding State's Desal Task Force Meetings on August 26 and 27
Mr. Rossi was able to sit in Mr. Atwater's place at the State's Desal Task Force meeting while Mr. Atwater was in Sacramento to help with the draft.
 6. Update regarding preparation of 2003/2004 Assessment Package
The Assessment Package is being finalized and a draft will be presented at the next meeting.
- ADDED 7. Upcoming Colorado Tour
The Colorado tour will be October 10, 11 and 12. For further information please contact Sondra Elrod at Inland Empire Utilities Agency at (909) 993-1747.

C. AGWA REPORT

Meetings were held at the new AGWA facility. The members have a clear understanding of their long-term strategies and will be looking at long-term goals. It was felt the September meeting was very productive.

1. Minutes for meeting held August 18, 2003.
2. Agenda for meeting held September 15, 2003.

D. OTHER REPORTS

None

E. INFORMATION

Mr. Rossi was asked to give a speech at the University of California Biennial Ground Water Conference, Ontario Doubletree Inn, October 28 and 29, 2003. Mr. Rossi will be addressing good groundwater the first day and good communication on the following day.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Yates will be going to Washington DC in October regarding Highway 71 issues and volunteered to make contacts regarding water issues while he is there. If anyone is interested, please contact him or Watermaster. Mr. Rossi thanked him and will let him know.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A reception to commemorate the retirement of Mary Staula will be held directly after the Agricultural Pool Meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. on October 9.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Secretary

Minutes Approved: October 23, 2003