

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**  
*October 23, 2003*

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA 91710 on October 23, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**Appropriative Pool Members Present**

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| Mark Kinsey  | Monte Vista Water District |
| Ken Jeske    | City of Ontario            |
| Henry Pepper | City of Pomona             |
| Dave Crosley | City of Chino              |
| Raul Garibay | City of Pomona             |

**Watermaster Staff Present**

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

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

|              |                                |
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| Andy Malone  | Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. |
| Joe LeClaire | Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. |
| Scott Salter | Hatch & Parent                 |

**Others Present**

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| Diane Sanchez | State Department of Water Resources   |
| R. Pete Hall  | State of California Institute for Men |
| Garry Cohoe   | City of Chino Hills                   |

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

**PULIC COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATION FOR MARY STAULA'S RETIREMENT**

Chair Yates, read a commendation and then presented Ms. Staula with a plaque. Chair Yates commended Mary on her outstanding years of dedication and service, and expressed how she would be

greatly missed. Ms. Staula thanked everyone for the beautiful plaque and commented on how ironic it was that when she was originally hired it was for Inland Empire Utilities Agency and now she has come full circle and is commemorating her retirement at Inland Empire Utilities Agency. Ms. Staula expressed appreciation for the friendships she had built and for all the amazing years she had spent working with so many wonderful people. She thanked everyone and wished the Watermaster Board and present attendees best regards for the future.

## **AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

Pulled Item E for Board Member discussion.

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. MINUTES**

1. Advisory Committee  
Meeting of the Advisory Committee meeting held August 28, 2003  
Meeting of the Advisory Committee meeting held September 25, 2003
2. Watermaster Board  
Meeting of the Watermaster Board meeting held September 25, 2003

#### **B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of September 2003
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003  
Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003  
Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for August 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2003  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual August 2003

#### **C. CONSIDER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Staff recommends that the Advisory Committee and Board authorize staff to enroll the Chino Basin Watermaster as a member of the Southern California Water Committee.

#### **D. DRY YEAR YIELD OPERATING PLAN FOR FISCAL 2003/2004**

The pools unanimously recommend approval of the FY 2003/04 Conjunctive Use Operation Plan.

*Motion by Vanden Heuvel, second by Catlin, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar, items A through D as presented***

#### **E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MWD/IEUA GROUNDWATER STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The pools unanimously recommend approval of the MWD/IEUA Groundwater Storage Account for the Dry Year Yield Program.

*Motion by Schroeder, second by Kuhn, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to approve Consent Calendar, as amended with revision of verbiage for item E to approve the MWD/IEUA groundwater storage account conditional upon the annual approval by the Chino Basin Watermaster of the annual Dry Year Yield Operating Plan.***

### **II. BUSINESS ITEMS - POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. REQUEST FROM CITY OF CHINO (FORM 7) FOR CREDIT AGAINST OBMP ASSESMENTS**

Mr. Rossi discussed this item and informed those in attendance that following the pool meetings on October 9, 2003, staff received direction from the pools to begin an analysis of the City of Chino's request for further consideration for assessment credit by Watermaster. Discussion ensued regarding Form 7 and the question of whether or not agencies can file for reimbursement or credit reducing annuls assessments. A comment was made with regard to the City of Pomona's assessment for credit and noted this credit was actually negotiated during the formulation of the Peace Agreement. Consideration whether the City of Pomona had set some sort of precedence will be investigated and brought back to the Committee and Board members. Once a final decision is made on criteria and financial outcome that Form 7 will be a great incentive for projects and Watermaster needs to encourage these types of endeavors. Development of objective criteria needs to be completed in order to proceed. With those notations, it was commented that Mark Wildermuth of Wildermuth Environmental will be requested to develop formal criteria for policy development on this issue and Chino Basin Watermaster will analyze potential budget impacts. Lastly, Watermaster needs to evaluate funding worthy projects on on going bases. A request was made that both written as well as verbal communications be documented and on hand when brought back to the Board for further consideration on how to proceed.

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

1. Counsel Slater distributed the draft for Notice of Motion to Continue October 30, 2003 workshop re MZ1 interim subsidence plan. Counsel Slater commented that Mr. Scalmanini although very pleased with the progress of the MZ1 committee recommended the workshop be rescheduled sequentially to allow further data to be formulated.
2. Counsel Slater reported on the extension filed for the Chino Land & Water lawsuit. He noted the extension was granted until October 24, 2003. Counsel Slater commented when the draft was complete counsel would forward the draft to the Chino Basin Watermaster for distribution. No hearing date has been presently set for this case and as a result, Watermaster has postponed filing an Amicus Brief, although will proceed once the case is settled.

**B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES**

1. Update regarding MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24, 2003  
Mr. Malone made a presentation on the findings and progress of analysis for the MZ1 Interim Monitoring Program. He described the collection of groundwater levels, INSAR mapping, and Aquifer System Monitoring. Mr. Malone commented on the Aquifer System Monitoring and how it is providing aquifer data as it relates to pumping within the basin. Mr. Malone acknowledged with recent gathered data Wildermuth Environmental will be able to complete a long term plan for MZ1. Mr. Malone invited all interested parties to attend the next MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting on November 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at Chino Basin Watermaster offices.
2. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting of Wednesday September 24, 2003  
Mr. Rossi mentioned that the next Water Quality meeting would be held on November 12, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices. Dr. LeClaire of Wildermuth Environmental stated the Water Quality Committee meets for the purpose of reviewing water quality issues. Dr. LeClaire gave a PowerPoint presentation that focused on the following, a) Locate the leading edge of the total dissolved solids / total organic carbon/volatile organic chemicals created by the Kaiser Steel, b) Identify the potential sources of perchlorate throughout the basin, c) Identify the source(s) of VOC anomaly located south of the Ontario Airport and north of the Chino-1 Desalter well field and,

d) Identify source(s) of the Chino Airport VOC plume. It was noted the Regional Water Quality Control (Regional Board) has identified a Potential Responsible Party (PRP) and a groundwater investigation to better characterize the plume prior to mitigation that is already underway. Watermaster is tracking the progress of this investigation. Dr. LeClaire stressed that the goal of these water quality investigations is to compile enough evidence for the Regional Board to issue Investigation Orders to the PRP's. This will facilitate the regulatory process, while shifting the majority of the investigation/cleanup cost burden to the PRPs.

Mr. Rossi referred to letter dated September 26, 2003, to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and their current surplus of funds and their process of determining how to best use the funds for Perchlorate contamination issues.

Mr. Rossi commented on the Environmental Data Resource Management Company and received comment requesting more concise information on what the company is looking for as far as resources and staff to continue background research to locate PRP's and start producing orders.

3. Discuss holiday meeting schedules

Mr. Rossi noted the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings will be held one week early on November 20, 2003 instead of November 27, 2003. He commented the Pool meetings are scheduled for November 13, 2003 and that the November meetings will be held at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices as planned.

**C. ASSOCIATION OF GROUNDWATER AGENCIES**

1. Minutes for the meeting held September 15, 2003

Mr. Rossi noted the minutes of the Association of Ground Water Agencies (AGWA) were attached for review.

2. Agenda to be held October 20, 2003

Attached – No comment made.

**D. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

None

**E. INFORMATION**

1. MWD Rialto Pipeline "Planned Shutdown" for January 12-16, 2004

Mr. Rossi commented on the current schedule and referred to this shutdown as planned maintenance.

2. Water Desalination Task Force

Mr. Rossi briefly commented on the May – September 2003 California Water Desalination Task Force findings and Recommendations. Discussion ensued on desalters and their relevance to water demands and the recent field investigations on reevaluating the current desalter's production.

**IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dialogue on Perchlorate standards ensued and it was stated the need to better inform legislative personnel on Perchlorate issues. The idea of a workshop on Perchlorate was addressed in order to have a tool to inform people of this important matter. Exploration on a workshop will continue and will be brought back to the Committees for consideration. Chair Yates informed the Board that he would be attending the Southern California Water Meeting in Washington DC regarding contamination issues and would bring back information on discussed topics.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

No comment.

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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|-------------------|------------|---|
| November 12, 2003 | 9:00 a.m.  | MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting               |
| November 13, 2003 | 1:00 p.m.  | Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting |
|                   | 3:00 p.m.  | Agricultural Pool Meeting                     |
| November 19, 2003 | 2:00 p.m.  | Water Quality Committee Meeting               |
| November 20, 2003 | 10:00 a.m. | Advisory Committee Meeting                    |
|                   | 1:00 p.m.  | Watermaster Board Meeting                     |

**Note: All meetings will be held at the Watermaster offices, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California (909) 484-3888**

Chair Yates adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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Secretary

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