

**Minutes**  
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
**WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**  
*November 20, 2003*

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, November 20, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennis Yates, Chair	City of Chino
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**

Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga County Water District
Mike McGraw	Fontana Water Company

**Watermaster Staff Present**

John Rossi	Chief Executive Officer
Sheri Rojo	Finance Manager
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Scott Slater	Hatch & Parent
Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent

**Others Present**

Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company
Phil Rosentrater	Western Municipal Water District
Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

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

**PULIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR****A. MINUTES**

1. Meeting of the Watermaster Board meeting held October 23, 2003

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of October 2003
2. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for September 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003
3. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through September 2003

Motion by Vanden Heuvel, second by Kuhn, and by unanimous vote

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

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS - POSSIBLE ACTION****A. PRESENT DRAFT 2003/2004 ASSESSMENT PACKAGE**

Mr. Rossi presented the draft 2003/2004 Assessment Package which was previously presented to the Pools on November 13, 2003 and the Advisory Committee on November 20, 2003.

Mr. Rossi showed slides on pumping and related replenishment which included descriptions of, 1) Chino Groundwater Production in acre feet from 1974-2003, 2) Agricultural Re-Allocation in acre feet for 2000-2004, and 3) Appropriative Pool Production from 2000-2004 in acre feet. Mr. Rossi re-stated the comment that was presented at the Advisory Committee meeting. It was stated that not approving the assessment package now would affect several water agencies year end reports. Staff requested that the assessment package be approved now with the stipulation that revisions be addressed the subsequent year.

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

***Moved to approve the Draft 2003/2004 Assessment Package subject to change after evaluation and to carry modifications to subsequent year.***

**B. PRESENTATION ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR RECHARGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Gordon Treweek, Project Engineer for Chino Basin Watermaster made several presentations. Mr. Treweek's first status report was on the GE Test Cell Facility. This presentation included a site environmental history, Ground Water (GW) contaminants of concern, and lastly site remedial actions. The second status report was on the GE Flat Iron Facility, this presentation included site history, site environmental history, GW contaminants of concern, soil contaminants of concern, and lastly site remedial actions. Mr. Treweek's final presentation was on the Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project which included construction activities from March to October 2003. This presentation reviewed the Lower Day Basin, Victoria Basin, Banana Basin, RP3 Basin, Declerz Basin, Turner 1, 2, 3 & 4 Basins, Brooks Basin, and the College Heights Basin and detailed construction modifications and upgrades. Discussion ensued in regards to these basin projects and how the enhancements will affect the Chino Groundwater Basin.

No action was taken

### C. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY AND CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Mr. Rossi commented that this item was presented to the Pools on November 13, 2003 and the Advisory Committee on November 20, 2003 and that unanimous action was taken at the Pool and Advisory meetings approved the Memorandum of Understanding that opens up preliminary non-binding negotiations for the Storage and Recovery Project with Castaic Lake Water Agency. Mr. Rossi offered that Castaic Lake Water Agency was looking for a long term commitment and they seemed to be very interested in storing water in the Chino Basin. Counsel Slater acknowledged that Castaic Lake Water Agency was looking for 50,000 acre feet of storage and that it is understood that this endeavor would need to be scrutinized for any physical injury but that we are very early in the project. Discussion continued and Chair Yates asked that the Board be kept informed regarding this matter.

Motion by Vanden Heuvel, second by Barrion, and by unanimous vote

***Moved to approve the start of the negotiation process with Castaic Lake Water Agency for potential Storage and Recovery.***

### III. REPORTS/UPDATES

#### A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Chino Land & Water Lawsuit Update regarding filing of Amicus Brief

Counsel Slater distributed the revised brief; revision was made to the brief handed out at the Pool meetings on November 13, 2003, and commented on the timing of filing the revised brief due to Lewis Homes filing an appeal. Counsel wants to observe the impact of the brief and the possibility of a shift in strategy. Once the appeal brief is assessed after Thanksgiving, counsel will file the reply brief. Counsel Slater is asking that the filing of the brief be postponed pending review of the appeal and delayed filing be approved.

Motion by Hofer, second by Whitehead, and by unanimous vote

***Moved to approve the delay of filing reply brief after review of Lewis Homes appeal.***

2. Metropolitan Water District Dry Year Yield Storage Transmittal to Court

Counsel Slater distributed this Court Transmittal for *Motion for Approval of Storage and Recovery Program Application* which was reviewed at Pool and Advisory meetings. Counsel Slater commented this item has the potential to be heard in court by next year.

Motion by Vanden Heuvel, second by Hofer, and by unanimous vote

***Moved to approve the filing of the Metropolitan Water District Dry Year Yield Storage Transmittal to the Court.***

#### B. CEO REPORT/UPDATES

1. Update regarding DWR Grant Request for Conjunctive Use Project

Mr. Rossi graciously thanked Rich Atwater and Inland Empire Utilities Agency for their assistance on filing this grant application on our behalf. It was referenced that this was the last portion of Proposition 13 money and that our application was rated very high. DWR will know more in January/February for the final word on dollar amounts granted. It is anticipated that we would be receiving 45% - 62% of our asking grant amount totaling more than \$10,000.00. Mr. Rossi will keep the Board members apprised and noted Chino Basin Watermaster was looking at 4 possible projects to allocate these funds to; 1) Well Head Treatment, 2) Expansion on the Desalter II, 3) Upland Basin Project, and 4) Improvements on the Master Recycle Water Plan.

2. Update regarding Water Quality Committee Meeting of Wednesday November 12, 2003  
Mr. Rossi noted the Water Quality Committee had a productive meeting on November 12, and the committee at present is analyzing various plumes. Mr. Rossi remarked that concentration was being placed on an anomaly south of the Ontario Airport. This particular plume is currently being scrutinized because not a great deal of work has been done to characterize it.

A discussion ensued relative to the possibility of providing assistance to the Regional Water Quality Control Board to prepare orders for Possible Responsible Parties to investigate the site. It was noted that caution needs to be taken when dealing with pointing the finger at potential responsible parties and the fall out of costs, time and various other aspects. In this regard, Mark Wildermuth was requested to perform a prompt analysis on the time frame of assistance and some direction on several significant areas of concerns that were presented.

3. New Watermaster Brochure  
Mr. Rossi offered commentary on the recently produced Annual Report that will be mailed shortly. Additionally, Mr. Rossi pointed out the new Watermaster brochure is available for distribution. It was presented this was not a project specific brochure inasmuch an overview on Watermaster in general and can be used as a tool in various connections.
4. Discuss holiday meeting schedules  
Mr. Rossi noted unless there was a need to meet, no meetings are scheduled for the month of December.

#### **C. INFORMATION**

1. MWD Rialto Pipeline "Planned Shutdown" for January 12-16, 2004  
Mr. Rossi commented on this planned maintenance shutdown and noted there was no new information to report.
2. Letter from Robert DeLoach, Cucamonga County Water District, regarding Perchlorate Remediation – Department of Defense  
It was noted that the Water Quality Committee would review this letter at the next meeting.

#### **D. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

None

#### **IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comment was made in regards to keeping Board members longer and not rotating as done in previous years because it makes the passing down of communications and pending decisions difficult. Chair Yates thanked all the people he had worked with and stated it was a wonderful learning experience and a real pleasure to have chaired the meetings.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

*Pursuant to Article 2.6 of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action regarding Personnel Matters and/or Potential Litigation.*

Chair Yates called a recess at 2:37 p.m. for the confidential session to convene.

Chair Yates reconvened the Watermaster Board meeting at 3:02 p.m.

The only action item at the confidential session was that Mr. Rossi receives a 3% merit increase effective January 1, 2004. Consensus was Mr. Rossi was performing satisfactorily and was a pleasure to work with. The salary increase was presented to the Watermaster Board for approval.

Motion by Whitehead, second by Barrion, and by majority vote

***Moved to approve a 3% merit increase for Mr. John Rossi starting January 1, 2004***

**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

**Notes: 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 3:10 p.m.

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Secretary

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