

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
BOARD MEETING
March 25, 2004

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on March 25, at 1:00 p.m.

WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Neufeld, Chair	Fontana Union Water Company
Dan Rodriguez, Secretary	City of Pomona
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel	Agricultural Pool, Dairy
Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
Don Schroeder	Western Municipal Water District

Watermaster Staff Present

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

Watermaster Consultants Present

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

Others Present

Vic Barrion	Reliant Energy, Etiwanda LLC
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Dave Crosley	City of Chino
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
Henry Pepper	City of Pomona
David DeJesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Bill Stafford	Marygold Mutual Water Company
Jim Erickson	City of Chino
Oscar Gonzalez	Integrated Water Resources

The Watermaster Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Nuefeld at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

Section III. REPORTS/UPDATES, Item B. CEO/STAFF REPORT, # 5. Discussion Regarding Interim Plan for the Management of Subsidence was pulled from the Agenda to be placed on the Agenda for the April meeting by Mr. John Rossi requested by Terry Catlin, Vice-Chairman who would not be present at today's Watermaster Board meeting.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board meeting held March 1, 2004

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of February 2004
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004
3. Treasurer’s Report of Financial Affairs for the Period January 1 through January 31, 2004
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2003 through January 2004

Motion by Kuhn, second by Bowcock, and by Majority vote with one abstention by Don Schroeder

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

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. IEUA STORAGE AGREEMENT

Mr. Rossi referred to the staff letter on page 25 of the packet, which is seeking approval of the Storage Agreement for Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and Metropolitan Water District. Mr. Rossi referenced the Draft Agreement starting on page 27 of the packet; noting that by unanimous vote through the Pools and Advisory Committee is bringing this recommendation for approval to the Watermaster Board, noting the approval to allow staff and legal counsel to make minor edits was added to the motion at the Advisory Committee meeting. With this approval the Agreement will be filed with the Court.

Motion by Bowcock, second by Kuhn, and by unanimous vote

Moved to approve minor edits by legal counsel and/or staff and the filing of the Storage Agreement with the Court

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Monte Vista Water District Motion – Hearing April 22, 2004
Counsel Slater commented this item was on the Monte Vista motion regarding the issue equitable allocation of salt credits. The hearing date has been scheduled for April 22, 2004. Watermaster has had an opportunity to review the pleading and has a summary of the pleading and a recommendation which is in the form of a memorandum dated March 25, 2004. With regard to the memorandum counsel indicated that the relief sought by Monte Vista is consistent with a more generalized desire by several parties to provide updates on a number of items. Counsel noted that the recommendation of the memorandum is that the attorney/manager group be convened to address Monte Vista’s issues.

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

Moved to approve to call an Attorney/Manager meeting to discuss the Monte Vista Water District Motion

2. Chino Land & Water Appellate Court Final Decision
Counsel Slater commented on the final outcome regarding the Chino Land & Water case claiming the final decision is unchanged after all oral argument was received and this case is finished.
3. MZ1 Workshop with Special Referee
Counsel Slater stated it was agreed to continue this workshop and noted we are trying to align the workshops with whatever hearing may be necessary, as a part of the approval of the Dry Year Yield process. He noted that there is no specific urgency at this point in time for holding the workshop.

A question was presented to Counsel with regard to type of workshop this was. Counsel Slater referred to this workshop as an update workshop only.

4. Wilson v. Chino Basin Watermaster
Counsel Slater informed the Board the insurance company has assumed the cost of paying for the defense and the recovery. Commenting there was a demur hearing held on March 24, 2004 on the complaint and noted counsel had not received a status report on that yet.

B. CEO/STAFF REPORT

1. Andy Malone Will Make a Presentation Regarding OBMP Progress through December 31, 2003

Mr. Rossi introduced the upcoming presentation by commenting about the past presentations regarding updating the parties on what progress has been made on the OBMP since 1999. And stated that Hydraulic Control, Desalters, and Maximum Benefit were the three topics covered at prior meetings and today's topic would be on the MZ-1 Interim Plan for Subsidence.

Mr. Malone gave his presentation on MZ-1 Interim Monitoring Program Update which started with the Objectives of MZ-1 Interim Plan (from OBMP). Noting three objectives, 1) Minimize subsidence and fissuring in the short term, 2) Collect information necessary to understand the extent, rate, and mechanisms of subsidence and fissuring, and 3) Formulate a long-term management plan. Mr. Malone commented that the Interim Monitoring Program consisted of Ground-Level Surveys, InSAR Mapping, and Aquifer-System Monitoring and noted that he would be going into more detail later in the presentation regarding the Aquifer-System monitoring. He examined mappings of Class-A, Class-B, and proposed Class-B Monuments. Mr. Malone explained in detail the Aquifer-System Monitoring which was followed by maps and pictures of Extensometers. Key findings were discussed concerning several charts on the subject of pumping tests. Lastly, a review of upcoming tasks for 2004/2005 was presented.

Mr. Rossi stated that there is an MZ1 Technical Committee meeting in approximately two weeks and will agendaize this, discuss it, and bring it back to the Board.

2. Update Regarding AGWA Strategic Planning Session

Mr. Rossi referred to page 35 of the packet from the February 27, 2004 Strategic Planning Workgroup, at which time, he met with approximately 11 to 12 of the general managers out of the 15 agencies that make up the association. Also, commenting AGWA discussed the future of the committee and noted that AGWA has focused on sharing information gathering rather than a proactive advocacy role. He was pleased to inform the Board that AGWA decided to stay together as an agency. Mr. Rossi asked the Board to turn to pages 36 through 38 to share from that meeting the decision that four sub-committees would be formed out of the main group and each sub-committee would have largely one main focal point; such as Regulatory Issues, Legislative Issues, Metropolitan Water District Issues, and Communications. Comment was received by Chair Neufeld stating he felt the AGWA Committee needed to put together a Mission Statement or Policy Statement regarding what the AGWA Committee is there to do.

3. Update Regarding MWD Perchlorate Task Force

Mr. Rossi with the assistance of Mr. Rich Atwater, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) encouraged Metropolitan Water District to allow Water Quality Committee members to join the Perchlorate Task Force which would allow members to be a part of the all aspects of this committee. No date has been set for the next meeting however with groundwater issues increasing it was felt that this was the just right time to form this committee and address these ever-increasing issues. Mr. Rossi will keep Board members apprised of its progress.

4. Update Regarding Recharge

Mr. Rossi reminded the Board of the request from the last Board meeting to have an updated presentation regarding the recharge program/construction progress and introduced Mr. Treweek to begin his slide presentation. Mr. Treweek stated that he had previously given a six month update and that this presentation would be his yearly update.

Chairman Neufeld acknowledged that with the early departure of two Board members the presentation should be rescheduled.

5. Discussion Regarding Interim Plan for the Management of Subsidence

This item was pulled from the agenda under the Agenda/Reorder section

IV. INFORMATION

1. Response to Monte Vista Water District Letter Dated December 11, 2003 Regarding Assessment Package

Mr. Rossi updated the Board on the response letter in the packet starting on page 101 which was written in direct response to the Monte Vista Water District letter December 11, 2003 addressing three Assessment Packages preparation related issues. Mr. Rossi commented that he would be issuing a revised response letter.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

A question regarding the status of the motion which was passed at the February Board meeting requiring staff to meet with our local legislators concerning the water quality problems was presented. Mr. Rossi commented that he, Mr. Kuhn, and Chairman Nuefeld are scheduled to fly to Sacramento on April 27, 2004 for just that purpose.

A question regarding the applications for credit (Form 7) and whether this matter was moving forward or not was presented. Mr. Rossi commented that this issue is moving forward and he had received written comments from the City of Chino and with the help of legal counsel will be formulating a recommendation to be brought to the April Pool meetings. A question of whether this will be the development of a policy or responding to specific requests was presented. Mr. Rossi commented that he is developing a recommendation which will possibly be a foundation for a policy discussion and is a work in process.

A question regarding the Desalter II and the inquiry if we are on or off track with this project was presented. Mr. Rossi offered that the CDA is responsible for construction and operations; the Watermaster is involved in terms of the completion of the wells and understanding how the system is going to work from our water quality objective standpoint. Generally this project is on track although there have been some budget questions, bids rejections, and contracts that were pulled back. Mr. Rossi offered he would contact a CDA representative to come to the next Board meeting and give an update. It was noted a presentation was not required and what the Board was looking for was the bottom line answer on progress and timing.

A statement was presented to the Board with regard to the time in which the Watermaster Board met and the possibility of changing that time to accommodate members who drive far or use busy freeways late at night. Mr. Rossi commented he would look into this.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rossi informed the Board members that Watermaster has a new web site and would encourage the members to visit it. Noting Agendas, Minutes, and scheduled meetings on a calendar would be available from this new site and in a more "user friendly" format.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

March 23, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee Meeting
March 25, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
April 6, 2004	2:00 p.m.	Water Quality Meeting
April 7, 2004	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Group Meeting
April 8, 2004	3:00 p.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
April 20, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
April 22, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Watermaster Board Meeting Adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: April 22, 2004