

**Minutes**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**BOARD MEETING**

*June 24, 2004*

The Watermaster Board Meeting was held at the offices of the Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California, on June 24, at 11:00 a.m.

**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bob Kuhn, Chair	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Michael Whitehead	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.
John Huitsing	Agricultural Pool, Crops
Paul Hofer	Agricultural Pool, Crops
Bob Bowcock	Vulcan Materials Company (Calmat Division)
Bill Kruger	City of Chino Hills
Donald Schroeder	Western Municipal Water District

**Watermaster Staff Present**

Sheri Rojo	Chief of Watermaster
Gordon Treweek	Project Engineer
Danielle Maurizio	Senior Engineer
Sherri Lynne Molino	Recording Secretary

**Watermaster Consultants Present**

Scott Slater	Hatch & Parent
Michael Fauver	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

**Others Present**

Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Carole McGreevy	Jurupa Community Services District
Raul Garibay	City of Pomona
David DeJesus	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Ken Jeske	City of Ontario
Dave Crosley	City of Chino

The Watermaster Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Kuhn at 11:03 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER**

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board meeting held May 27, 2004

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cash Disbursements for the month of May 2004
2. Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Working Capital for the Period July 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004
3. Treasurer's Report of Financial Affairs for the Period April 1 through April 30, 2004
4. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2003 through April 2004

**C. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)**

Consider Approval for 2.5% COLA included in the FY 2004-05 Budget, beginning July 1, 2004

*Motion by Bowcock, second by Kruger, and by unanimous vote*

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

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. CONSIDER COOPERATIVE MONITORING AGREEMENT BETWEEN IEUA AND WATERMASTER FOR BASIN MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Rojo noted this item was being brought to the Board through unanimous approval by the Pool and Advisory Committee. The question was presented to staff regarding the way the numbers were split and if those numbers remained the same or had they been changed. Ms. Rojo stated the numbers had actually gone down approximately \$400,000 in total. Mr. Jeske commented on how the splits were decided upon, noting the request for review by IEUA had been accomplished.

*Motion by Kruger, second by Whitehead, and by unanimous vote*

***Moved to Approve the Cooperative Monitoring Agreement between IEUA and Watermaster for Basin Monitoring Activities, as presented***

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

**1. Attorney/Manager Meetings**

Counsel Slater commented that all parties are working hard at the Attorney/Manager meetings. Noting three separate sessions have been held to wrap issues up, two half days and one full day. Counsel Slater stated that at the conclusion of the last meeting we were able to secure a unanimous agreement on how to dispose of the salt credit issue. The Monte Vista Water District has graciously agreed to extend its motion until September and we have a formal understanding of how that is to be resolved and are waiting to develop written documentation on that until we see how the balance of issues are resolved. Counsel Slater acknowledged that the Monte Vista Water District issue is completely resolved, no matter the outcome, of any other issues pending. If in the next couple meetings we are successful in completing the negotiations we will then bring back the full package to the Pool members, Advisory Committee, and the Watermaster Board for ultimate adoption.

*Added Comment:*

Counsel Slater commented there is a hearing scheduled for this afternoon with reference to the final stage for the Dry Year Yield Agreement, wherein we will receive the final stamp; there is no known opposition and no papers in opposition have been filed regarding the submitted agreement. Counsel Slater anticipates court approval today.

**2. Santa Ana River Application Process**

Counsel Slater discussed the continuing relationship between Orange County and Inland Empire (specifically the Chino Basin parties) which evolved from the 1969 Judgment. Orange County filed an application to remove the Santa Ana River from the fully appropriated stream list, there were hearings held which the Chino Basin parties participated in. Those processes were resolved favorably towards Chino Basin, in which we were also allowed to move forward on our application process. Orange County was required to then prepare an environmental documentation. The draft environmental document is complete for review and comment, noting our final comments are due on the on July 7. Counsel Slater stated that on the back table there is a draft letter from

Watermaster of our comments collected and encouraged all to read this draft and to get back to him as quickly as possible with comments on the comment letter; these are due by July 7, 2004.

## B. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Rojo added comment, stating the AGWA committee recently held their meeting here, and the minutes from the meeting will be in the next packet for the Board's review. A handout regarding the Colorado River which basically states there is a lack of water in the River, and an update regarding regulatory issues is available at the back table for information purposes. Ms. Rojo also noted there is going to be an upcoming Water Quality Conference which is being held in Ontario during October and Watermaster will be gathering more information on the conference as it comes in and will make it available at the meetings for all interested parties.

### 1. Update on the Draft Chino I and Chino II Desalter Projects Groundwater Monitoring and Mitigation Plan

Ms. Rojo informed the Board that Tom O'Neil was unable to attend this meeting today and was planning on giving a full presentation at the July Board meeting.

### 2. MWD Refund for Water Sales from 2002/2003 of \$188,113.38

Ms. Rojo stated a check will be mailed for this refund. Ms. Rojo informed the Committee that the refund was a result from Metropolitan Water District reevaluating their rate structure from prior years as it relates to their reserve balances. Ms. Rojo noted on page 97 of the packet was a breakdown on who would receive a refund. It was noted there was some rounding differences from page 97 to page 98 for reference. The question of whether or not that refund would be credited against assessments was presented and Ms. Rojo commented that the refund would go out in the form of a check.

### 3. \$132,000 Reimbursement from MWD – Per The Dry Year Yield Funding Agreement

Ms. Rojo noted this item was for information purposes only and wanted to inform the Committee that Watermaster will be sending out a bill to Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Ms. Rojo affirmed that according to the terms of the DYY funding agreement Watermaster is allowed to bill MWD \$132,000 a year as reimbursement of administrative expenses related to the management of the Dry Year Yield program fee per the contract, nothing due to inflation this figure will increase every year.

### 4. Update Regarding the Recharge Improvement Project

Mr. Treweek gave the Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Project March 2003 – March 2004 presentation. The discussion topics covered for the presentation was 1) Budget and Schedule, 2) Immediate Concerns, 3) On-Going Projects, and 4) Future Projects. Mr. Treweek reviewed construction budget statuses for Bid Package 1 through 7. An analysis of construction schedules was examined including excavation, connection, force main, pump station, monitoring, imported supply, and flexibility. Mr. Treweek discussed the immediate concern with regard to imported water recharge. A question was presented to Mr. Treweek with regard to the SCADA system at Grove Basin and how the situation with the controls was being handled. Mr. Treweek stated that Mr. Feenstra from the Ag Pool had asked Watermaster to look into this condition. Mr. Treweek confirmed he had gone to the Basin to investigate and noted that the Flood Control District has not been able to bring the SCADA system up to operational level; we have asked one of our contractors to go out and investigate further and report back to us their findings as to what they see the problems to be and we will keep the Board members apprised to a time frame when this will be complete.

Mr. Treweek noted a demonstration test was performed and the basin percolated well, at 5 feet per day. This test also revealed that as the water percolated, it was hitting a clay layer and then running laterally and daylighting in the Upland Basin which is approximately 200

yards south of the College Heights Basin. Watermaster has contracted with URS, who performed the original geotechnical evaluation of that basin, and asked them to determine how we can make the College Heights Basin functional for our requirements.

**IV. INFORMATION**

1. Black & Veatch Technical Memorandum – Agricultural Land Conversion Study

Ms. Rojo stated that Mr. Rossi asked Black & Veatch to perform this study as we went into the attorney/manager process where there had been discussions regarding the desalters. There was expressed desire to acquire technical information concerning the rate of Agricultural leaving the southern end of the basin Counsel stated. A discussion regarding this study ensued and Ms. Rojo commented this handout was included in the agenda package for informational purposes only at this time.

**V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Hofer stated there have been several comments received at the last two Agricultural Pool meetings that he has attended concerning the two plumes, one being the Chino Airport Plume and the other the Ontario Airport Plume. The understanding at the Ag Pool is that there have been requests for additional information to determine the scope of the plumes and there is additional testing taking place. One of their main concerns is there have been a lot of “busy work” and “well data requests”, both resulting in zero action or at least no action that the Ag Pool can determine. Mr. Hofer acknowledged he was bringing the concern of the Ag Pool members to the Board level in anticipation to see a more rapid action from the results of the recent tests and requests. Mr. Hofer also noted he was asked to mention one of the by-pass wells being affected by a plume. Chair Kuhn affirmed there is an Executive Oversight Committee who is presently meeting with Ms. Rojo on a weekly basis for the purpose of reviewing on-going issues relating to Watermaster and commented that this topic has been on the agendas for discussion. Chair Kuhn recognized this is not an issue which is being taken lightly at Watermaster and is being addressed with great fervor.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bowcock addressed the issue that Dan Rodriguez, our present Board Secretary/Treasurer, has not been available for the Watermaster Board meetings for the past several months and administrative issues are stemming from his absence. A brief discussion ensued and it was decided to accept a motion for consideration of reappointment of this position.

*Motion by Bowcock, second by Whitehead, and by unanimous vote  
**Moved to approve adding this item Agenda Item for action***

*Motion by Bob Bowcock to nominate Mr. Bob Kuhn as the new Board Secretary/Treasurer*

Mr. Kuhn accepted the new position.

**Chair Jeske acknowledged the acceptance and so moved Mr. Bob Kuhn as the new Board Secretary/Treasurer starting immediately**

A recess to hold the Confidential Session was called by Chair Kuhn at 12:02 p.m.

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Kuhn called the Board meeting back to order after the Confidential Session at 12:20 p.m.

The following items were the result from the Confidential Session.

Revised job description for the new Chief Executive Officer:

- Item 9: Successfully work in Regional affairs
- Item 10: Successfully work in state wide issues

In addition under qualifications portion of the job description specifically under education and experience the second sentence will read knowledge of California water policies and issues demonstration experiences under state wide issues and with those changes the Board adopted the updated and revised job description.

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 21, 2004	1:00 p.m.	AGWA Meeting
June 24, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Hydraulic Control Atty/Mgr Technical Workgroup
June 29, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting @ BB&K
July 8, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
July 14, 2004	12:00 p.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting @ BB&K
July 19, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
July 21, 2004	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting
July 22, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Watermaster Board Meeting Adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: July 22, 2004