

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Thursday, July 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. – Non-Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m. – Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

9:00 a.m. July 10, 2025

Mr. Chris Diggs, Chair

Mr. Chris Berch, Vice-Chair

At The Offices Of

Chino Basin Watermaster

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

(Call can be taken remotely via Zoom at this [link](#))

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

SAFETY MINUTE

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2025 *(Page 1)*

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended May 31, 2025 *(Page 18)*

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 708.3 AF WEST END CONSOLIDATED WATER COMPANY TO CITY OF UPLAND *(Page 33)*

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 66.4 AF WEST END CONSOLIDATED WATER COMPANY TO GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY *(Page 40)*

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E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 400 AF CITY OF UPLAND TO GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY *(Page 47)*

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

F. AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL INVOICE FOR JUNE 2025 SERVICES

Approve Egoscue Law Group, Inc. Invoice #14898 dated July 02, 2025, in the amount of \$19,900.00 for services performed during June 2025.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (OBMP) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS SCOPE OF WORK
(Page 54)

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee in finalizing the draft Scope of Work, as presented, and selection of independent firm to perform the economic analysis studies.

B. PEER REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2025 SAFE YIELD REEVALUATION FINAL REPORT
(INFORMATION ONLY)

C. VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS PROCESSING IN THE ASSESSMENT PACKAGE (INFORMATION ONLY)

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. September 12, 2025, Court Hearing (Watermaster Motion for Receipt and Filing of Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2024-2; IEUA Motion for Costs and Fees; Watermaster Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Safe Yield Evaluation)
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B. ENGINEER

1. 2024 State of the Basin Report

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Implementation of Dry Year Yield Appellate Court Ruling - Workshops
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IV. INFORMATION

A. CALIFORNIA AB1413 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT: groundwater adjudication (Page 59)

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

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07/24/25	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board

* The Watermaster Orientation series is held in person only with no remote access.

**Please note that this workshop date is currently tentative. Once the date is firm, we will issue a formal workshop notice.

ADJOURNMENT

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

11:00 a.m. July 10, 2025

Mr. Brian Geye, Chair

Mr. Bob Bowcock, Vice-Chair

At The Offices Of

Chino Basin Watermaster

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

AGENDA

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AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

SAFETY MINUTE

I. BUSINESS ITEMS – ROUTINE

A. MINUTES

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Minutes of the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2025 *(Page 6)*

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C. VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS PROCESSING IN THE ASSESSMENT PACKAGE (INFORMATION ONLY)

D. MEMBER STATUS CHANGES

1. Any proposed transfer of Safe Yield by a Member.
2. Any transfer of Safe Yield that has actually closed or been completed.
3. Any change in name or corporate identity of a Member (such as results from a merger or filing of a change of name certificate).
4. Any change in the name of a representative or alternate representative of a Member, or a change in e-mail address for either such person.

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ADJOURNMENT

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

1:30 p.m. July 10, 2025
Mr. Bob Feenstra, Chair
Mr. Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair
At The Offices Of
Chino Basin Watermaster
9641 San Bernardino Road
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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2. Ag Pool Negotiating Committee

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ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 12, 2025

The Appropriative Pool Committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on June 12, 2025.

APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Chris Diggs, Chair	City of Pomona
Jesse Pompa for Chris Berch, Vice-Chair	Jurupa Community Services District
Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Ben Orosco	City of Chino
Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Bryan Smith	City of Norco
Chad Nishida	City of Ontario
Justin Castruita for Josh Swift	Fontana Union Water Company
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
Cris Fealy	Nicholson Family Trust

APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT ON ZOOM

John Schatz	John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law
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WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Marty Zvirbulis	Fontana Water Company
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WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Bill Velto	City of Upland
Bob Kuhn	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Todd Corbin	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Director
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela Quintero	Executive Assistant
Kirk Richard Dolar	Administrative Analyst
Alonso Jurado	Water Resources Associate
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Carolina Sanchez	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost
Lucy Hedley	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Tariq Awan
Elizabeth Willis
Melissa Cansino
Eduardo Espinoza
Jiwon Seung
Megan Sims

Agricultural Pool – State of CA
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
City of Pomona
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Fontana Water Company

OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Hye Jin Lee
Norberto Ferreira
John Bosler
Mark Gibboney
Peter Dopulos
Shawnda M. Grady
Josh Swift
Aimee Zhao
Eddie Lin
John Russ
Michael Hurley
Clifford Button
Derek Hoffman
Manny Martinez
Bill Wyat
David De Jesus
Jake Loukeh
Ryan Shaw

City of Chino
City of Upland
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cucamonga Valley Water District
Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
Ellison Schneider Harris & Donlan, LLP
Fontana Union Water Company
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Jurupa Community Services District
Fennemore Law
Monte Vista Water District
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diggs called the Appropriative Pool Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:12) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER:

None

SAFETY MINUTE

(00:02:03) Mr. Corbin reminded everyone of the importance of fire safety and carrying fire extinguishers in our vehicles in case of a fire.

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A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

1. Minutes of the Appropriative Pool Committee Meeting held on May 8, 2025

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended April 30, 2025

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 4.0 AF NICHOLSON FAMILY TRUST TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 7,500 AF CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

E. AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE LEGAL COUNSEL INVOICE FOR MAY 2025 SERVICES

Approve Egoscue Law Group, Inc. Invoice #14857 dated June 02, 2025, in the amount of \$15,350.00 for services performed during May 2025.

(00:02:52)

Motion by Mr. Bryan Smith, seconded by Mr. Ron Craig; there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously among those present.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed agreement.

(00:03:12) Mr. Corbin gave a report and shared paragraph 28 of the Restated Judgment. A discussion ensued.

(00:44:37)

Motion by Mr. Justin Scott-Coe, seconded by Mr. Chris Diggs; there being no dissent, the item passed by majority vote among those present with an abstention from Mr. Nishida with the City of Ontario.

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. as presented.

B. 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Recommend the Watermaster Board to receive and file as presented.

(00:47:02) Mr. Malone prefaced the item and invited Ms. Lucy Hedley to give a report and presentation. A discussion ensued.

(01:10:44)

Motion by Mr. Ron Craig, seconded by Ms. Amanda Coker; there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously among those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented.

C. TURNER BASINS 5-10 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND INITIAL CONCEPT PLAN

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee.

(01:11:06) Mr. Corbin gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(01:37:01)

Motion by Mr. Ron Craig, seconded by Mr. Justin Scott-Coe; here being no dissent, the item passed unanimously among those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.C. as presented.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. June 13, 2025, Court Hearing (Appropriative Pool Motion for Costs and Fees; Watermaster Motion for Receipt and Filing of Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2024-2; IEUA Motion for Costs and Fees; Watermaster Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Safe Yield Evaluation)
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(01:38:08) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. None

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. West Yost Associates, Inc. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Rate Schedule
2. July Meeting Schedule
3. Update on Peer Review Engagement Proposals
4. Other

(01:41:49) Mr. Corbin announced that for Item 1, Watermaster has received a new rate schedule from West Yost for next fiscal year in accordance with the existing contract. For Item 2, he recommended continuing the regular meetings of the Pool and not going dark in July as has been customary in the past due to the ongoing items that need to be vetted unless directed otherwise by the Pool. For Item 3, he reported that Watermaster received three proposals for the peer review of the 2025 Safe Yield Evaluation Report engagement and will select one of them soon. For Item 4, he announced that Watermaster has enhanced and uploaded the new Guidance Documents to the website, and they are now available to view and/download. Finally, he reported that the Watermaster office has transitioned to Microsoft Teams phones and has discontinued the VOIP phone systems.

IV. INFORMATION

A. RECHARGE INVESTIGATION AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PROJECT 23a STATUS)

(01:45:59) Mr. Corbin informed the Pool that this was an informational item and that Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board approved a contract for the purchase of the two pumps needed to complete the project. More updates will be provided in the coming months.

B. CHINO BASIN DAY

(01:46:13) Mr. Corbin informed the Pool that the agenda for Chino Basin Day (an annual meeting with the Regional Board that occurred on May 27, 2025) can be found in the meeting package.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Pool Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Diggs adjourned the Appropriative Pool Committee meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____

DRAFT MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2025

The Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on June 12, 2025.

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Kevin Sage	CalMat Co.
Chad Nishida	City of Ontario

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Brian Geye, Chair	California Speedway Corporation
Bob Bowcock, Vice-Chair	CalMat Co.

WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Todd Corbin	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Director
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
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Alonso Jurado	Water Resources Associate
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Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
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WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
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OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Norberto Ferreira	City of Upland
Peter Dopulos	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT ON ZOOM

Kelly Alhadeff-Black	Lewis Brisbois
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CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Bob Bowcock called the Non-Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Kevin Sage was present at Watermaster and assisted Vice-Chair Bob Bowcock to announce the agenda items.

Chair Brian Geye attended via Zoom but did not Chair the meeting.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:10) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call.

AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

SAFETY MINUTE

(00:02:08) Mr. Corbin reminded everyone of the importance of fire safety and carrying fire extinguishers in our vehicles in case of a fire.

I. BUSINESS ITEMS - ROUTINE

A. MINUTES

Receive and file:

Minutes of the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on May 8, 2025

(00:03:19)

Motion by Chair Brian Geye, seconded by Mr. Chad Nishida. The Vice-Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to receive and file Business Item I.A. as presented.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended April 30, 2025

(00:03:48)

Motion by Chair Brian Geye, seconded by Mr. Chad Nishida. The Vice-Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to receive and file Business Item I.B. without approval as presented.

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 4.0 AF NICHOLSON FAMILY TRUST TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

(00:04:24)

Motion by Chair Brian Geye, seconded by Mr. Chad Nishida. The Vice-Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to receive and file Business Item I.C. as presented to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 7,500 AF CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

(00:05:13)

Motion by Chair Brian Geye, seconded by Mr. Chad Nishida. The Vice-Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to receive and file Business Item I.D. as presented to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed agreement.

(00:05:37) Mr. Corbin gave a report and presentation. A discussion ensued.

(00:07:47)

Motion by Chair Brian Geye, seconded by Vice-Chair Bob Bowcock. The Vice-Chair called for a roll call vote, and there being an abstention by the City of Ontario, the motion was deemed passed by majority vote of those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.A. as presented and to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

B. 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Recommend the Watermaster Board to receive and file as presented.

(00:09:03) Mr. Corbin gave a brief report and noted no significant findings. The Pool declined to see the presentation.

(00:10:57)

Motion by Chair Brian Geye, seconded by Mr. Chad Nishida. The Vice-Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.B. as presented and to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

C. TURNER BASINS 5-10 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND INITIAL CONCEPT PLAN

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee.

(00:11:18) Mr. Corbin gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(00:20:02)

Motion by Mr. Chad Nishida, seconded by Chair Brian Geye. The Vice-Chair called for dissent, and, none being noted, the motion was deemed passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Moved to approve Business Item II.C. as presented and to direct the Pool representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem appropriate.

D. MEMBER STATUS CHANGES

1. Any proposed transfer of Safe Yield by a Member.
2. Any transfer of Safe Yield that has actually closed or been completed.
3. Any change in name or corporate identity of a Member (such as results from a merger or filing of a change of name certificate).
4. Any change in the name of a representative or alternate representative of a Member, or a change in e-mail address for either such person.

There were no changes to note.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

1. June 13, 2025, Court Hearing (Appropriative Pool Motion for Costs and Fees; Watermaster Motion for Receipt and Filing of Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2024-2; IEUA Motion for Costs and Fees; Watermaster Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Safe Yield Evaluation)
2. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
3. Inland Empire Utilities Agency, et al. v. LS-Fontana LLC (C.D. Cal Cases Nos.: 5:25-cv-00809, 5:25-cv-01159)

(00:21:31) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. None

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. West Yost Associates, Inc. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Rate Schedule
2. July Meeting Schedule
3. Update on Peer Review Engagement Proposals
4. Other

(00:25:52) Mr. Corbin announced that for Item 1, Watermaster has received a new rate schedule from West Yost for the next fiscal year in accordance with the existing contract. For Item 2, he recommended continuing the regular meetings of the Pool and not going dark in July as has been customary in the past due to the ongoing items that need to be vetted unless directed otherwise by the Pool. For Item 3, he reported that Watermaster received three proposals for the peer review of the 2025 Safe Yield Evaluation Report engagement and will select one of them soon. For Item 4, he announced that Watermaster has enhanced and uploaded the new Guidance Documents to the website, and they are now available to view and/download. Finally, he reported that the Watermaster office has transitioned to Microsoft Teams phones and has discontinued the VOIP phone systems.

IV. INFORMATION

A. RECHARGE INVESTIGATION AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PROJECT 23a STATUS)

(00:29:09) Mr. Corbin informed the Pool that this was an informational item and that Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board approved a contract for the purchase of the two pumps needed to complete the project. More updates will be provided in the coming months.

B. CHINO BASIN DAY

(00:29:35) Mr. Corbin informed the Pool that the agenda for Chino Basin Day (an annual meeting with the Regional Board that occurred on May 27, 2025) can be found in the meeting package.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Pool Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Bob Bowcock adjourned the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____

Attachment:

1. 20250612 Volume Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.

ATTACHMENT 1

20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome		
Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
California Speedway Corporation*		Yes
CalMat Co.*		Yes
City of Ontario (Non-Ag)		Abstain
	OUTCOME:	Passed by Majority

*Participated via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 12, 2025

The Agricultural Pool Committee meeting was held at the Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on June 12, 2025.

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Bob Feenstra, Chair	Dairy
Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair	Crops
Paul Hofer	Crops
Ruben Llamas	Crops
Gino Filippi for John Huitsing	Dairy
Tariq Awan	State of California – CDCR

AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Christen Miller	County of San Bernardino
Henry DeHaan	Dairy
Nathan deBoom	Dairy
Michael Maeda for Jimmy Medrano	State of California – CDCR
Imelda Cadigal	State of California – CDCR

AGRICULTURAL POOL LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Tracy Egoscue	Egoscue Law Group, Inc.
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WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT

Todd Corbin	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. and Planning Director
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Mgr.
Daniela Uriarte	Senior Accountant
Ruby Favela Quintero	Executive Assistant
Kirk Richard Dolar	Administrative Analyst
Alonso Jurado	Water Resources Associate
Jordan Garcia	Senior Field Operations Specialist
Erik Vides	Field Operations Specialist

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost

WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Garrett Rapp	West Yost
Lucy Hedley	West Yost

OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER

Richard Rees	WSP USA
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OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM

Noah Golden-Krasner	State of California – DOJ
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feenstra called the Agricultural Pool committee meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(00:00:21) Mr. Tellez Foster conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

(00:01:02) Mr. Michael Maeda stated that he was sitting in for Mr. Jimmy Medrano.

(00:02:09) Ms. Tracy Egoscue asked the Clerk to call on Mr. Gino Filippi to vote on behalf of Mr. John Huitsing who was absent.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

None

SAFETY MINUTE

None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless any members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

A. MINUTES

Approve as presented:

Minutes of the Agricultural Pool Committee Meeting held on May 8, 2025

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Report for the Reporting Period Ended April 30, 2025

C. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 4.0 AF NICHOLSON FAMILY TRUST TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 7,500 AF CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

(00:03:09)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Ruben Llamas, and passed by unanimous roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT (ONAP)

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed agreement.

(00:04:23) Mr. Corbin gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(1:38 p.m.) Mr. Hofer joined the meeting.

(00:33:30)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Paul Hofer, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve the Business Item II.A. as presented.

B. 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRADO BASIN HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Recommend the Watermaster Board to receive and file as presented.

(00:37:11) Mr. Malone prefaced the item and invited Ms. Lucy Hedley to give a presentation. A discussion ensued.

(01:15:11)

Motion by Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Ruben Llamas, there being no dissent, the item passed unanimously by roll call vote as attached to these minutes.

Moved to approve the Business Item II.B. as presented.

C. TURNER BASINS 5-10 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND INITIAL CONCEPT PLAN

Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee.

(01:17:38) Mr. Corbin gave a report. The Pool expressed support for moving the item forward for further vetting. A discussion ensued.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL

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(01:30:33) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

B. ENGINEER

1. None

C. GENERAL MANAGER

1. West Yost Associates, Inc. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Rate Schedule
2. July Meeting Schedule
3. Update on Peer Review Engagement Proposals
4. Other

(01:34:51) Mr. Corbin announced that for Item 1, Watermaster has received a new rate schedule from West Yost for the next fiscal year in accordance with the existing contract. For Item 2, he recommended continuing the regular meetings of the Pool and not going dark in July as has been customary in the past due to the ongoing items that need to be vetted unless directed otherwise by the Pool. For Item 3, he reported that Watermaster received three proposals for the peer review of the 2025 Safe Yield Evaluation Report engagement and will select one of them soon. For Item 4, he announced that Watermaster has enhanced and uploaded the new Guidance Documents to the website, and they are now available to view and/download. Finally, he reported that the Watermaster office has transitioned to Microsoft Teams phones and has discontinued the VOIP phone systems.

IV. INFORMATION

A. RECHARGE INVESTIGATION AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PROJECT 23a STATUS)

This was an informational item, and no oral report was given.

B. CHINO BASIN DAY

This was an informational item, and no oral report was given.

V. POOL DISCUSSION

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION

A Confidential Session may be held during the Pool Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

1. Peace Agreement

(01:39:49) Ms. Egoscue announced that there will not be a confidential session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feenstra adjourned the Agricultural Pool Committee meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Secretary: _____

Approved: _____

Attachments:

1. 20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome for the Consent Calendar
2. 20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.A.
3. 20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome for Business Item II.B.

ATTACHMENT 1

20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Consent Calendar Item I.A. - I.D.
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Hofer, Paul		Absent
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John**	Filippi, Gino	Yes
Awan, Tariq		Yes
Cadigal, Imelda*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy**	Maeda, Michael*	Yes
Miller, Christen*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom

**Absent

ATTACHMENT 2

20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.A.
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Hofer, Paul		Yes
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John**	Filippi, Gino	Yes
Awan, Tariq		Yes
Cadigal, Imelda*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy**	Maeda, Michael*	Yes
Miller, Christen*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom

**Absent

ATTACHMENT 3

20250612 Roll Call Vote Outcome

Member	Alternate	Business Item II.B.
Pierson, Jeff, Vice-Chair		Yes
Llamas, Ruben		Yes
Hofer, Paul		Yes
deBoom, Nathan*		Yes
DeHaan, Henry*		Yes
Huitsing, John**	Filippi, Gino	Yes
Awan, Tariq		Yes
Cadigal, Imelda*		Yes
Medrano, Jimmy**	Maeda, Michael*	Yes
Miller, Christen*		Yes
Feenstra, Bob - Chair		Yes
	OUTCOME:	Passed Unanimously

*Participated via Zoom

**Absent



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 2025
TO: Watermaster Committees & Board
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Reports (For the Reporting Period Ended May 31, 2025) (Consent Calendar Item I.B.)

Issue: Record of Monthly Financial Reports for the reporting period ended May 31, 2025 [Normal Course of Business]

Recommendation: Receive and file Monthly Financial Reports for the reporting period ended May 31, 2025 as presented.

Financial Impact: None

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Receive and file.
Non-Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Receive and file.
Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Receive and file.
Advisory Committee – July 17, 2025 [Recommended]: Receive and file.
Watermaster Board – July 24, 2025 [Recommended]: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

A monthly financial reporting packet is provided to keep all members apprised of Watermaster revenues, expenditures, and other financial activities. Monthly reports include the following:

1. Cash Disbursements – Summarized report of all payments made during the reporting month.
2. Credit Card Expense Detail – Detail report of all credit card activity during the reporting month.
3. Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Assets – Detail report of all revenue and expense activity for the fiscal year to date (YTD), summarized by pool category.
4. Treasurer's Report – Summary of Watermaster investment holdings and anticipated earnings as of month end.
5. Budget to Actual Report – Detail report of actual revenue and expense activity, shown for reporting month and YTD, comparatively to the adopted budget.
6. Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules – Supporting schedule providing explanation for major budget variances, additional tables detailing pool fund balances, salaries expense, legal expense, and engineering expense.

DISCUSSION

Detailed explanations of major variances and other additional information can be found on the "Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules."

Watermaster staff is available to provide additional explanations or respond to any questions on these reports during the monthly meetings as requested.

ATTACHMENT

1. Monthly Financial Reports (Period Ended May 31, 2025)



Chino Basin Watermaster
Cash Disbursements
May 2025

Date	Number	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
05/05/2025	ACH5/5/25	CALPERS	May medical insurance premiums	\$ (18,210.85)
05/08/2025	25437	BANALES D.C.	Filter change and add storage tank for RO system	(590.00)
05/08/2025	25438	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT - UTILITY	Utilities: Water	(366.20)
05/08/2025	25439	ESRI	ArcGIS software training - OPS team	(7,700.00)
05/08/2025	25440	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	Landline connection for Bay Alarm system	(154.28)
05/08/2025	25441	JURADO, ALONSO	Reimbursement: Work boots	(179.38)
05/08/2025	25442	KUHN, BOB		(375.00)
05/08/2025	25443	LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP	March ONAP legal services	(1,980.00)
05/08/2025	25444	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - DEPT. AIRPORTS	May rent for extensometer site	(190.98)
05/08/2025	25445	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	Utilities: Electric	(112.70)
05/08/2025	25446	STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	FY 25 worker's compensation insurance	(2,264.91)
05/08/2025	25447	VELTO, BILL		(625.00)
05/08/2025	25448	VISION SERVICE PLAN	May vision insurance coverage	(163.19)
05/08/2025	25449	WEST YOST	March engineering services	(252,625.38)
05/08/2025	25450	UNION 76	March and April fuel purchases	(311.88)
05/08/2025	25451	BOWCOCK, ROBERT		(500.00)
05/08/2025	25452	DE BOOM, NATHAN		(125.00)
05/08/2025	25453	EGOSCUE LAW GROUP, INC.	April OAP legal services	(17,650.00)
05/08/2025	25454	FILIPPI, GINO		(500.00)
05/08/2025	25455	GEYE, BRIAN		(875.00)
05/08/2025	25456	ZVIRBULIS, MARTIN		(250.00)
05/14/2025	25457	BAY ALARM COMPANY	June security alarm monitoring service	(188.00)
05/14/2025	25458	BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK	March legal services	(162,742.06)
05/14/2025	25459	BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC.	Utilities: Waste	(168.62)
05/14/2025	25460	CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST	Account ending 6198 - See detail attached	(4,533.34)
05/14/2025	25461	CORELOGIC INFORMATION SOLUTIONS	April geographic package services	(125.00)
05/14/2025	25462	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	June lease	(11,902.91)
05/14/2025	25464	READY REFRESH	Office water dispenser May lease and deliveries	(85.05)
05/14/2025	25465	SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE	May internet services	(1,172.02)
05/14/2025	25466	VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	May janitorial service and April electrostatic spraying	(1,220.00)
05/14/2025	25467	VC3, INC.	April IT services and server battery replacement	(6,198.67)
05/14/2025	25468	WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT		(375.00)
05/22/2025	25469	BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK	April legal services	(97,550.26)
05/22/2025	25472	CLARK PEST CONTROL	Bi-monthly pest control services	(100.00)
05/22/2025	25473	LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP	April ONAP legal services	(1,760.00)
05/22/2025	25474	SOCALGAS	Utilities: Gas	(77.91)
05/22/2025	25475	SOUTHERN CA EDISON	Utilities: Electric	(1,328.54)
05/22/2025	25476	VERIZON WIRELESS	Internet services for Field Ops tablets	(239.16)
05/22/2025	25470	WEST YOST	April engineering services	(360,052.27)
05/22/2025	25471	CURATALO, JAMES		(1,000.00)
05/29/2025	25477	ACWA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY	June life insurance	(284.47)
05/29/2025	25478	BAY ALARM COMPANY	Quarterly security alarm monitoring service	(206.46)
05/29/2025	25479	JOHN J. SCHATZ	March AP legal services	(33,725.33)
05/29/2025	25480	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - DEPT. AIRPORTS	June rent for extensometer site	(190.98)
05/29/2025	25481	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	Utilities: Electric	(143.29)
05/29/2025	25482	STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	June life and disability coverage	(1,040.35)
05/29/2025	25483	VERIZON WIRELESS	Internet services for extensometer site	(38.01)
05/29/2025	25484	DOLAR, KIRK RICHARD	Reimbursement: Supplies	(48.70)
05/29/2025	25485	UNITED HEALTHCARE	April to June dental insurance coverage	(3,636.22)
Total for Month				\$ (995,882.37)



Chino Basin Watermaster

Credit Card Expense Detail

May 2025

Date	Number	Description	Expense Account	Amount
05/14/2025	25460	CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST		
		Amazon - Amazon Web Services - March 2025	6056 · Website Services	(321.37)
		United Airlines - ACWA Spring Conference - E. Tellez-Foster - to be refunded	6173 · Airfare/Mileage	(496.34)
		Kara Korner - Management meeting - E. Tellez-Foster, B. Kuhn	6141.1 · Meeting Supplies	(36.00)
		Green Mango - Lunch meeting - IEUA flood control, E. Tellez-Foster	6141.1 · Meeting Supplies	(144.56)
		Panera Bread - OPS Meeting	6141.1 · Meeting Supplies	(59.54)
		Microsoft Software - Mapping and visualization software subscription	6054 · Computer Software	(15.00)
		REV Subscription - Speech to text transcription services	6112 · Subscriptions/Publications	(29.99)
		1-800-Flowers.com - Sympathy bouquet for A. Nelson	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(67.42)
		Gloria's Cocina - Lunch meeting - S. Burton, T. Corbin	6141.1 · Meeting Supplies	(49.30)
		Mezzaterranean - Board meeting lunch 03/27/2025	6312 · Board Meeting Expenses	(565.00)
		Amazon - Cut resistant gloves	6151 · Small Tools & Equipment	(49.33)
		The Toll Roads - Toll fees for West Yost meetings 2/19/25 & 2/26/25	6173 · Airfare/Mileage	(28.84)
		91 Express Lanes - Toll fees for West Yost meeting 2/19/25	6173 · Airfare/Mileage	(50.00)
		Riverside Express Lanes - Toll fees for West Yost meeting 2/19/25	6173 · Airfare/Mileage	(53.60)
		Mr. Dumpling - Admin meeting - A. Nelson, R. Favela Quintero, D. Uriarte, K. Dolar	6141.1 · Meeting Supplies	(108.27)
		Corner Bakery - Lunch meeting - Personnel Committee	6141.1 · Meeting Supplies	(101.23)
		BambooHR - HR and Payroll System	6061.2 · HRIS System	(230.14)
		Costco - Meeting snacks and drinks	6312 · Board Meeting Expenses	(317.90)
		Costco - Office supplies	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(76.99)
		Daily Grill - CalPERS HR Benefits Conference Meal - A. Nelson	6191 · Conferences - General	(33.71)
		Marriot Burbank - CalPERS HR Benefits Conference - A. Nelson - to be refunded	6191 · Conferences - General	(10.40)
		BlueHost - Monthly Software Renewal - Standard VPN Server with cPanel	6056 · Website Services	(91.99)
		HR Direct /Poster Guard - Labor law posters renewals	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(102.35)
		International Association of Administrative Professionals - Membership Subscription	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(200.00)
		Amazon - Noise cancelling headset	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(28.02)
		Bulletpoint - Phone mounts for field trucks	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(209.01)
		Sams Pita Kabab - Cybersecurity training meal - Nelson, Tellez-Foster, Yoo	6191 · Conferences - General	(83.09)
		Ono Hawaiian BBQ - Board meeting lunch 04/22/2025	6312 · Board Meeting Expenses	(624.87)
		Office Depot - Ink cartridges	6031.7 · General Office Supplies	(349.08)
Total for Month \$				(4,533.34)



Chino Basin Watermaster

Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Assets

For the Period of July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

	JUDGMENT ADMIN.	OPTIMUM BASIN MGMT.	TOTAL JUDGMENT ADMIN & OBMP	POOL ADMINISTRATION & SPECIAL PROJECTS			GROUND WATER REPLENISH.	GRAND TOTALS	ADOPTED BUDGET 2024-2025 WITH CARRYOVER
				AP POOL	OAP POOL	ONAP POOL			
Administrative Revenues:									
Administrative Assessments	\$ 9,834,155	\$ -	\$ 9,834,155	\$ 99,200	\$ -	\$ 31,000	\$ -	\$ 9,964,355	\$ 9,833,780
Interest Revenue	-	423,682	423,682	18,020	57,521	3,073	4,172	506,468	478,500
Groundwater Replenishment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(87,377)	(87,377)	-
Mutual Agency Project Revenue	191,073	-	191,073	-	-	-	-	191,073	191,070
Miscellaneous Income	1,468	-	1,468	-	-	-	-	1,468	-
Total Administrative Revenues	10,026,695	423,682	10,450,378	117,220	57,521	34,073	(83,205)	10,575,987	10,503,350
Administrative & Project Expenditures:									
Watermaster Administration	2,761,648	-	2,761,648	-	-	-	-	2,761,648	2,528,540
Watermaster Board-Advisory Committee	264,937	-	264,937	-	-	-	-	264,937	422,420
Optimum Basin Mgmt Administration	-	854,033	854,033	-	-	-	-	854,033	1,437,940
OBMP Project Costs	-	4,132,723	4,132,723	-	-	-	-	4,132,723	4,971,020
Pool Legal Services	-	-	-	116,448	143,150	12,859	-	272,457	-
Pool Meeting Compensation	-	-	-	-	21,750	5,125	-	26,875	-
Pool Special Projects	-	-	-	-	9,454	-	-	9,454	-
Pool Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	370,660
Debt Service	-	955,086	955,086	-	-	-	-	955,086	772,770
Agricultural Expense Transfer ¹	-	-	-	174,354	(174,354)	-	-	-	-
Replenishment Water Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,425	54,425	180,234
Total Administrative Expenses	3,026,585	5,941,841	8,968,426	290,802	-	17,984	54,425	9,331,637	10,683,584
Net Ordinary Income	7,000,111	(5,518,159)	1,481,951	(173,582)	57,521	16,089	(137,630)	1,244,350	(180,234)
Other Income/(Expense)									
Refund-Recharge Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carryover Budget*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	454,875
Net Other Income/(Expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	454,875
Net Transfers To/(From) Reserves	\$ 7,000,111	\$ (5,518,159)	\$ 1,481,951	\$ (173,582)	\$ 57,521	\$ 16,089	\$ (137,630)	\$ 1,244,350	\$ 274,640
Net Assets, July 1, 2024			8,794,214	555,405	1,404,964	65,733	180,234	11,000,551	
Refund-Excess Operating Reserves			-					-	
Net Assets, End of Period			10,276,165	381,823	1,462,486	81,822	42,605	12,244,901	
Pool Assessments Outstanding				(86,315)	(586,852)	-			
Payments received in FY 25 for prior year assessments				231,381	-	-			
Pool Fund Balance				\$ 526,889	\$ 875,634	\$ 81,822			

¹ Fund balance transfer as agreed to in the Peace Agreement.

*Carryover budget will be updated once the refund for excess operating reserves has been finalized.



Chino Basin Watermaster

Treasurer's Report

May 2025

	Type	Monthly Yield	Cost	Market	% Total
Cash & Investments					
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) *	Investment	4.27%	\$ 665,832	\$ 666,398	4.9%
CA CLASS Prime Fund **	Investment	4.35%	12,363,846	\$ 12,363,227	91.6%
Bank of America	Checking		461,496	461,496	3.4%
Bank of America	Payroll		-	-	0.0%
Total Cash & Investments			\$ 13,491,175	\$ 13,491,120	100.0%

* The LAIF Market Value factor is updated quarterly in September, December, March, and June.

** The CLASS Prime Fund Net Asset Value factor is updated monthly.

Certification

I certify that (1) all investment actions executed since the last report have been made in full compliance with Chino Basin Watermaster's Investment Policy, and (2) Funds on hand are sufficient to meet all foreseen and planned administrative and project expenditures for the next six months.

Anna Nelson, Director of Administration

Prepared By:

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Budget to Actual

For the Period July 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

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	May 2024	YTD Actual	FY 25 Adopted Budget with Carryover	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
1 Administration Revenue					
2 Local Agency Subsidies	\$ -	\$ 191,073	\$ 191,070	\$ 3	100%
3 Admin Assessments-Appropriative Pool	-	9,497,193	9,521,030	(23,837)	100%
4 Admin Assessments-Non-Ag Pool	-	336,962	312,750	24,212	108%
5 Total Administration Revenue	-	10,025,228	10,024,850	378	100%
6 Other Revenue					
7 Appropriative Pool-Replenishment	-	(103,383)	-	(103,383)	N/A
8 Non-Ag Pool-Replenishment	-	16,006	-	16,006	N/A
9 Interest Income	39,448	423,682	478,500	(54,818)	89%
10 Miscellaneous Income	-	1,468	-	1,468	N/A
11 Carryover Budget	-	-	454,875	(454,875)	0%
12 Total Other Revenue	39,448	337,773	933,375	(595,601)	36%
13 Total Revenue	39,448	10,363,001	10,958,225	(595,224)	95%
14 Judgment Administration Expense					
15 Judgment Administration	59,742	427,406	721,010	(293,604)	59%
16 Admin. Salary/Benefit Costs	91,753	1,093,926	1,032,120	61,806	106%
17 Office Building Expense	16,430	213,725	234,470	(20,745)	91%
18 Office Supplies & Equip.	1,175	25,583	46,760	(21,177)	55%
19 Postage & Printing Costs	1,690	20,885	32,950	(12,065)	63%
20 Information Services	7,633	128,266	232,530	(104,264)	55%
21 Contract Services	299	48,322	111,460	(63,138)	43%
22 Watermaster Legal Services	52,202	739,504	414,060	325,444	179%
23 Insurance	-	38,572	50,950	(12,378)	76%
24 Dues and Subscriptions	375	20,167	25,900	(5,733)	78%
25 Watermaster Administrative Expenses	1,453	9,506	9,630	(124)	99%
26 Field Supplies	233	2,461	3,200	(739)	77%
27 Travel & Transportation	2,334	88,323	104,960	(16,637)	84%
28 Training, Conferences, Seminars	1,606	23,303	49,370	(26,067)	47%
29 Advisory Committee Expenses	12,467	56,131	134,130	(77,999)	42%
30 Watermaster Board Expenses	24,851	208,807	288,290	(79,483)	72%
31 ONAP - WM & Administration	5,674	39,951	120,940	(80,989)	33%
32 OAP - WM & Administration	7,668	56,892	124,220	(67,328)	46%
33 Appropriative Pool- WM & Administration	15,208	134,479	125,500	8,979	107%
34 Allocated G&A Expenditures	(46,807)	(349,623)	(540,830)	191,207	65%
35 Total Judgment Administration Expense	255,986	3,026,585	3,321,620	(295,035)	91%
36 Optimum Basin Management Plan (OBMP)					
37 Optimum Basin Management Plan	79,264	854,033	1,437,940	(583,907)	59%
38 Groundwater Level Monitoring	68,929	453,791	585,050	(131,259)	78%
39 Program Element (PE)2- Comp Recharge	21,528	1,561,573	1,774,300	(212,727)	88%
40 PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	13,911	81,567	122,010	(40,443)	67%
41 PE4- Management Plan	59,455	416,248	412,400	3,848	101%
42 PE6&7-CoopEfforts/SaltMgmt	76,678	706,780	669,380	37,400	106%
43 PE8&9-StorageMgmt/Conj Use	76,364	563,142	867,050	(303,908)	65%
44 Recharge Improvements	-	955,086	772,770	182,316	124%
45 Administration Expenses Allocated-OBMP	15,251	123,027	232,750	(109,723)	53%
46 Administration Expenses Allocated-PE 1-9	31,555	226,596	308,080	(81,484)	74%
47 Total OBMP Expense	442,936	5,941,841	7,181,730	(1,239,889)	83%
48 Other Expense					
49 Groundwater Replenishment	-	54,425	180,234	(125,810)	30%
50 Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	N/A
51 Total Other Expense	-	54,425	180,234	(125,810)	30%
52 Total Expenses	698,922	9,022,851	10,683,584	(1,660,733)	84%
53 Increase / (Decrease) to Reserves	\$ (659,473)	\$ 1,340,150	\$ 274,640	\$ 1,065,510	



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Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules

For the period July 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

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Budget to Actual

The Budget to Actual report summarizes the operating and non-operating revenues and expenses of Chino Basin Watermaster for the fiscal year-to-date (YTD). Columns are included for current monthly and YTD activity shown comparatively to the FY 25 adopted budget. The final two columns indicate the amount over or under budget, and the YTD percentage of total budget used. As of May 31st, the target budget percentage is generally 92%.

Revenues

Lines 1-5 Administration Revenue – Includes local agency subsidies and administrative assessment for the Appropriative, Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pools. Below is a summary of notable account variances at month end:

- Line 2 Local Agency Subsidies includes the annual Dy Year Yield (DYY) administrative fee received. This account is at 100% of budget due to the timing of payment.
- Line 3-4 Administrative Assessments for the Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pools include annual assessment invoices issued in November of each year. The Non-Agricultural Pool line is over budget due to changes in actual versus projected production.

Lines 6-12 Other Revenue – Includes Pool replenishment assessments, interest income, miscellaneous income, and carryover budget from prior years.

Expenses

Lines 14-35 Judgment Administration Expense – Includes Watermaster general administrative expenses, contract services, insurance, office and other administrative expenses. Below is a summary of notable account variances at month end:

- Line 16 Admin Salary/Benefit Costs includes wages and benefits for Watermaster administrative staff. The account is over budget due to vacation and severance payouts done in July.
- Line 22 Watermaster Legal Services includes outside legal counsel expenses. The account is over budget due to personnel matters not anticipated in the budget.

Lines 36-47 Optimum Basin Management Plan (OBMP) Expense – Includes legal, engineering, groundwater level monitoring, allocated administrative expenses, and other expenses.

Lines 48-51 Other Expense – Includes groundwater replenishment, settlement expenses, and various refunds as appropriate.



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Pool Services Fund Accounting

Each Pool has a fund account created to pay their own legal service invoices. The legal services invoices are funded and paid using the fund accounts (8467 for the Overlying Agricultural Pool (OAP), 8567 for the Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool (ONAP), and 8367 for the Appropriate Pool (AP)). Along with the legal services fund account for the OAP (8467), the OAP also has two other fund accounts for Ag Pool Meeting Attendance expenses (8470), and Special Projects expenses (8471). The ONAP also has a meeting compensation fund account (8511). Additionally, the OAP has a reserve fund that is held by Watermaster and spent at the direction of the OAP. The AP also has account 8368 relating to the Tom Harder contract. These fund accounts are replenished at the direction of each Pool, and the legal service invoices are approved by the Pool leadership and when paid by Watermaster, are deducted from the existing fund account balances. If the fund account for any pool reaches zero, no further payments can be paid from the fund, and a replenishment action must be initiated by the Pool.

The following tables detail the fund balance accounts as of May 31, 2025 (continued next page):

Fund Balance For Non-Agricultural Pool Account 8567 - Legal Services		Fund Balance For Appropriate Pool Account 8367 - Legal Services	
Beginning Balance July 1, 2024:	\$ 63,483.09	Beginning Balance July 1, 2024:	\$ (9,472.87)
Additions:		Additions:	
Interest Earnings	3,072.75	Interest Earnings	18,019.61
Payments received on ONAP Assessment invoices issued 11/26/24	25,000.00	Payments received on AP Assessment invoices issued 11/18/21	27,343.35
Subtotal Additions:	28,072.75	Payments received on AP Assessment invoices issued 4/21/22	39,013.34
		Payments received on AP Assessment invoices issued 10/14/22	70,478.86
Reductions:		Payments received on AP Assessment invoices issued 4/19/23	26,262.54
Invoices paid July 2024 - May 2025	(12,859.00)	Payments received on AP Assessment invoices issued 10/30/23	68,282.61
Subtotal Reductions:	(12,859.00)	Payments received on AP Assessment invoices issued 11/26/24	67,701.53
		Payments received for appeal legal expenses 2/28/25	31,498.58
Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 78,696.84	Subtotal Additions:	348,600.42
		Reductions:	
		Invoices paid July 2024 - May 2025	(116,447.71)
		Subtotal Reductions:	(116,447.71)
		Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 222,679.84

Fund Balance For Non-Agricultural Pool Account 8511 - Meeting Compensation		Fund Balance For Appropriate Pool Account 8368 - Tom Harder Contract	
Beginning Balance July 1, 2024:	\$ 2,250.00	Beginning Balance July 1, 2024:	\$ 20,577.61
Additions:		Additions:	
Payments received on ONAP Assessment invoices issued 11/26/24	6,000.00		
Subtotal Additions:	6,000.00	Subtotal Additions:	-
Reductions:		Reductions:	
Compensation paid July 2024 - May 2025	(5,125.00)	Invoices paid July 2024 - May 2025	-
Subtotal Reductions:	(5,125.00)	Subtotal Reductions:	-
Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 3,125.00	Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 20,577.61



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Pool Services Fund Accounting – Cont.

Fund Balance for Agricultural Pool Account 8467 - Legal Services (Held by AP)

Beginning Balance July 1, 2024*:	\$ 388,647.51
Reductions:	
Invoices paid July 2024 - May 2025	(143,150.00)
Subtotal Reductions:	(143,150.00)
Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 245,497.51

*Balance includes payments received totaling \$262,832.38 for Settlement Agreement outstanding invoices issued Apr. 15, 2022 and Jun. 17, 2022.

Agricultural Pool Reserve Funds As shown on the Combining Schedules

Beginning Balance July 1, 2024*:	\$ 818,112.17
Additions:	
YTD Interest earned on Ag Pool Funds FY 25	57,521.37
Transfer of Funds from AP to Special Fund for Legal Service Invoices	143,150.00
Total Additions:	200,671.37
Reductions:	
Legal service invoices paid July 2024 - May 2025	(143,150.00)
Subtotal Reductions:	(143,150.00)

Agricultural Pool Reserve Funds Balance as of May 31, 2025: \$ 875,633.54

*Balance includes payments of \$102,245.10 and \$42,025.61 received in FY 24 for outstanding invoices issued Sep. 9, 2022 and Apr. 20, 2023 for Ag Pool legal services, respectively.

Fund Balance For Agricultural Pool Account 8470 - Meeting Compensation (Held by AP)

Beginning Balance July 1, 2024:	\$ 17,694.65
Additions:	
Budget Transfers ¹	30,000.00
Subtotal Additions:	30,000.00
Reductions:	
Compensation paid July 2024 - May 2025	(21,750.00)
Subtotal Reductions:	(21,750.00)
Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 25,944.65

¹ Transfer scheduled in April 16, 2025 per communication with OAP legal counsel.

Fund Balance For Agricultural Pool Account 8471 - Special Projects (Held by AP)

Beginning Balance July 1, 2024:	\$ 51,643.00
Reductions:	
Invoices paid July 2024 - May 2025	(9,454.00)
Budget Transfers ¹	(30,000.00)
Subtotal Reductions:	(39,454.00)
Available Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025	\$ 12,189.00

¹ Transfer scheduled in April 16, 2025 per communication with OAP legal counsel.



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Watermaster Salary Expenses

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual Watermaster burdened salary costs compared to the FY 25 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of May 31st, the target budget percentage is generally 92%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 24-25 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
WM Salary Expense				
5901.1 · Judgment Admin - Doc. Review	66,012	93,860	(27,848)	70.3%
5901.3 · Judgment Admin - Field Work	2,283	11,860	(9,577)	19.3%
5901.5 · Judgment Admin - General	10,277	81,090	(70,813)	12.7%
5901.7 · Judgment Admin - Meeting	39,832	39,710	122	100.3%
5901.9 · Judgment Admin - Reporting	3,557	13,890	(10,333)	25.6%
5910 · Judgment Admin - Court Coord./Attendance	7,464	16,970	(9,506)	44.0%
5911 · Judgment Admin - Exhibit G	1,588	6,400	(4,812)	24.8%
5921 · Judgment Admin - Production Monitoring	1,002	5,440	(4,438)	18.4%
5931 · Judgment Admin - Recharge Applications	2,318	-	2,318	100.0%
5941 · Judgment Admin - Reporting	1,648	2,140	(492)	77.0%
5951 · Judgment Admin - Rules & Regs	2,241	11,260	(9,019)	19.9%
5961 · Judgment Admin - Safe Yield	57,408	9,510	47,898	603.7%
5971 · Judgment Admin - Storage Agreements	7,240	13,000	(5,760)	55.7%
5981 · Judgment Admin - Water Accounting/Database	87,614	108,290	(20,676)	80.9%
5991 · Judgment Admin - Water Transactions	5,517	5,330	187	103.5%
6011.11 · WM Staff - Overtime	6,952	18,000	(11,048)	38.6%
6011.10 · Admin - Accounting	211,635	278,330	(66,695)	76.0%
6011.15 · Admin - Building Admin	50,698	31,200	19,498	162.5%
6011.20 · Admin - Conference/Seminars	45,349	58,530	(13,181)	77.5%
6011.25 · Admin - Document Review	50,520	2,620	47,900	1928.2%
6011.50 · Admin - General	290,452	362,560	(72,108)	80.1%
6011.60 · Admin - HR	103,000	50,450	52,550	204.2%
6011.70 · Admin - IT	80,775	34,070	46,705	237.1%
6011.80 · Admin - Meeting	102,022	39,760	62,262	256.6%
6011.90 · Admin - Team Building	23,601	41,550	(17,949)	56.8%
6011.95 · Admin - Training (Give/Receive)	38,902	64,160	(25,258)	60.6%
6017 · Temporary Services	24,229	26,040	(1,811)	93.0%
6201 · Advisory Committee	30,332	82,850	(52,518)	36.6%
6301 · Watermaster Board	86,823	83,910	2,913	103.5%
8301 · Appropriative Pool	102,846	67,280	35,566	152.9%
8401 · Agricultural Pool	30,094	66,000	(35,906)	45.6%
8501 · Non-Agricultural Pool	18,625	62,710	(44,085)	29.7%
6901.1 · OBMP - Document Review	29,446	95,290	(65,844)	30.9%
6901.3 · OBMP - Field Work	4,401	50,870	(46,469)	8.7%
6901.5 · OBMP - General	93,305	81,120	12,185	115.0%
6901.7 · OBMP - Meeting	34,995	80,360	(45,365)	43.5%
6901.9 · OBMP - Reporting	9,188	11,040	(1,852)	83.2%
7104.1 · PE1 - Monitoring Program	191,177	275,490	(84,313)	69.4%
7201 · PE2 - Comprehensive Recharge	76,790	71,750	5,040	107.0%
7301 · PE3&5 - Water Supply/Desalter	934	9,510	(8,576)	9.8%
7301.1 · PE5 - Reg. Supply Water Prgm.	840	9,510	(8,671)	8.8%
7401 · PE4 - MZ1 Subsidence Mgmt. Plan	1,759	14,040	(12,281)	12.5%
7501 · PE6 - Coop. Programs/Salt Mgmt.	12,492	9,510	2,982	131.4%
7501.1 · PE 7 - Salt Nutrient Mgmt. Plan	6,753	9,510	(2,757)	71.0%
7601 · PE8&9 - Storage Mgmt./Recovery	24,925	22,520	2,405	110.7%
Subtotal WM Staff Costs	2,082,804	2,529,290	(446,486)	82%
60184.1 · Administrative Leave	-	6,550	(6,550)	0.0%
60185 · Vacation	109,417	90,280	19,137	121.2%
60185.1 · Comp Time	10,028	-	10,028	100.0%
60186 · Sick Leave	42,148	79,450	(37,302)	53.0%
60187 · Holidays	79,737	99,330	(19,593)	80.3%
Subtotal WM Paid Leaves	241,330	275,610	(34,280)	88%
Total WM Salary Costs	2,324,134	2,804,900	(480,766)	82.9%



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Engineering

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual Engineering costs compared to the FY 24 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of May 31st, the target budget percentage is generally 92%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 24-25 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Engineering Services Costs				
5901.8 · Judgment Admin - Meetings-Engineering Services	\$ -	\$ 37,066	\$ (37,066)	0.0%
5906.71 · Judgment Admin - Data Requests-CBWM Staff	55,854	101,048	(45,194)	55.3%
5906.72 · Judgment Admin - Data Requests-Non-CBWM Staff	38,411	37,008	1,403	103.8%
5925 · Judgment Admin - Ag Production & Estimation	22,992	31,096	(8,104)	73.9%
5935 · Judgment Admin - Mat'l Physical Injury Requests	1,488	39,452	(37,965)	3.8%
5945 · Judgment Admin - WM Annual Report Preparation	12,659	16,924	(4,266)	74.8%
5965 · Judgment Admin - Support Data Collection & Mgmt Process	-	39,659	(39,659)	0.0%
6206 · Advisory Committee Meetings-WY Staff	12,073	23,510	(11,437)	51.4%
6306 · Watermaster Board Meetings-WY Staff	24,183	23,510	673	102.9%
8306 · Appropriative Pool Meetings-WY Staff	18,498	23,510	(5,012)	78.7%
8406 · Agricultural Pool Meetings-WY Staff	13,664	23,510	(9,846)	58.1%
8506 · Non-Agricultural Pool Meetings-WY Staff	8,191	23,510	(15,319)	34.8%
6901.8 · OBMP - Meetings-WY Staff	59,251	37,066	22,185	159.9%
6901.95 · OBMP - Reporting-WY Staff	57,096	62,606	(5,510)	91.2%
6906 · OBMP Engineering Services - Other	61,493	51,440	10,053	119.5%
6906.1 · OBMP Watermaster Model Update	8,153	67,596	(59,444)	12.1%
6906.21 · State of the Basin Report	146,035	195,188	(49,153)	74.8%
7104.3 · Grdwtr Level-Engineering	204,911	254,627	(49,716)	80.5%
7104.8 · Grdwtr Level-Contracted Services	25,172	26,174	(1,002)	96.2%
7104.9 · Grdwtr Level-Capital Equipment	13,382	17,000	(3,618)	78.7%
7202 · PE2-Comp Recharge-Engineering Services	17,400	23,496	(6,096)	74.1%
7202.2 · PE2-Comp Recharge-Engineering Services	150,657	75,944	74,713	198.4%
7302 · PE3&5-PBHSP Monitoring Program	64,219	73,305	(9,086)	87.6%
7303 · PE3&5-Engineering - Other	6,584	16,180	(9,596)	40.7%
7306 · PE3&5-Engineering - Outside Professionals	4,500	6,500	(2,000)	69.2%
7402 · PE4-Engineering	256,862	281,239	(24,377)	91.3%
7402.10 · PE4-Northwest MZ1 Area Project	84,617	16,656	67,961	508.0%
7403 · PE4-Eng. Services-Contracted Services-InSar	32,366	39,600	(7,235)	81.7%
7406 · PE4-Engineering Services-Outside Professionals	28,346	38,600	(10,254)	73.4%
7408 · PE4-Engineering Services-Network Equipment	8,708	17,553	(8,845)	49.6%
7502 · PE6&7-Engineering	349,553	398,309	(48,757)	87.8%
7505 · PE6&7-Laboratory Services	50,452	61,242	(10,791)	82.4%
7510 · PE6&7-IEUA Salinity Mgmt. Plan	20,819	-	20,819	100.0%
7511 · PE6&7-SAWBMP Task Force-50% IEUA	12,038	27,067	(15,030)	44.5%
7517 · Surface Water Monitoring Plan-Chino Creek - 50% IEUA	24,199	33,574	(9,375)	72.1%
7520 · Preparation of Water Quality Mgmt. Plan	2,783	130,164	(127,381)	2.1%
7610 · PE8&9-Support 2020 Mgmt. Plan	-	32,584	(32,584)	0.0%
7614 · PE8&9-Support Imp. Safe Yield Court Order	538,217	768,963	(230,746)	70.0%
7615 · PE8&9-Develop 2025 Storage Plan	-	42,632	(42,632)	0.0%
Total Engineering Services Costs	\$ 2,435,820	\$ 3,215,108	\$ (779,288)	75.8%



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Legal

The following table details the YTD Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck (BHFS) expenses and costs compared to the FY 24 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of May 31st, the target budget percentage is generally 92%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 24-25 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
6070 · Watermaster Legal Services				
6071 · BHFS Legal - Court Coordination	\$ 268,725	\$ 144,040	\$ 124,685	186.6%
6072 · BHFS Legal - Rules & Regulations	5,308	10,495	(5,187)	50.6%
6073 · BHFS Legal - Personnel Matters	306,594	28,150	278,444	1089.1%
6074 · BHFS Legal - Interagency Issues	-	40,536	(40,536)	0.0%
6077 · BHFS Legal - Party Status Maintenance	-	13,590	(13,590)	0.0%
6078 · BHFS Legal - Miscellaneous (Note 1)	158,888	177,240	(18,352)	89.6%
Total 6070 · Watermaster Legal Services	739,515	414,051	325,464	178.6%
6275 · BHFS Legal - Advisory Committee	13,726	27,764	(14,038)	49.4%
6375 · BHFS Legal - Board Meeting	64,569	88,704	(24,135)	72.8%
6375.1 · BHFS Legal - Board Workshop(s)	-	29,215	(29,215)	0.0%
8375 · BHFS Legal - Appropriative Pool	13,135	34,705	(21,570)	37.8%
8475 · BHFS Legal - Agricultural Pool	13,135	34,705	(21,570)	37.8%
8575 · BHFS Legal - Non-Ag Pool	13,135	34,705	(21,570)	37.8%
Total BHFS Legal Services	117,700	249,798	(132,098)	47.1%
6907.3 · WM Legal Counsel				
6907.31 · Archibald South Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.32 · Chino Airport Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.33 · Desalter/Hydraulic Control	-	38,680	(38,680)	0.0%
6907.34 · Santa Ana River Water Rights	1,972	21,405	(19,433)	9.2%
6907.36 · Santa Ana River Habitat	-	31,280	(31,280)	0.0%
6907.38 · Reg. Water Quality Cntrl Board	5,280	63,200	(57,920)	8.4%
6907.39 · Recharge Master Plan	87,479	14,270	73,209	613.0%
6907.41 · Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability	3,654	10,290	(6,636)	35.5%
6907.44 · SGMA Compliance	1,294	10,290	(8,996)	12.6%
6907.45 · OBMP Update	14,497	177,240	(162,743)	8.2%
6907.47 · 2020 Safe Yield Reset	84,111	80,190	3,921	104.9%
6907.48 · Ely Basin Investigation	5,633	64,890	(59,257)	8.7%
6907.49 · San Sevaine Basin Discharge	94,824	110,080	(15,256)	86.1%
6907.90 · WM Legal Counsel - Unanticipated	-	38,885	(38,885)	0.0%
Total 6907 · WM Legal Counsel	298,744	685,830	(387,086)	43.6%
Total Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck Costs	\$ 1,155,958	\$ 1,349,679	\$ (193,721)	85.6%



Chino Basin Watermaster

Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules

For the period July 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

Optimum Basin Management Plan (OBMP)

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual OBMP costs compared to the FY 24 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of May 31st, the target budget percentage is generally 92%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 24-25 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan				
6901.1 · OBMP - Document Review-WM Staff	\$ 29,446	\$ 95,294	\$ (65,848)	30.9%
6901.3 · OBMP - Field Work-WM Staff	4,401	50,870	(46,469)	8.7%
6901.5 · OBMP - General-WM Staff	93,305	81,120	12,185	115.0%
6901.7 · OBMP - Meeting-WM Staff	34,995	80,360	(45,365)	43.5%
6901.8 · OBMP - Meeting-West Yost	59,251	37,066	22,185	159.9%
6901.9 · OBMP - Reporting-WM Staff	9,188	11,040	(1,852)	83.2%
6901.95 · OBMP - Reporting-West Yost	57,096	62,606	(5,510)	91.2%
Total 6901 · OBMP WM and West Yost Staff	287,682	418,356	(130,674)	68.8%
6903 · OBMP - SAWPA				
6903 · OBMP - SAWPA Group	15,984	15,990	(6)	100.0%
Total 6903 · OBMP - SAWPA	15,984	15,990	(6)	100.0%
6906 · OBMP Engineering Services				
6906.1 · OBMP - Watermaster Model Update	8,153	67,596	(59,444)	12.1%
6906.21 · State of the Basin Report	146,035	195,188	(49,153)	74.8%
6906 · OBMP Engineering Services - Other	61,493	51,440	10,053	119.5%
Total 6906 · OBMP Engineering Services	215,680	314,224	(98,544)	68.6%
6907 · OBMP Legal Fees				
6907.31 · Archibald South Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.32 · Chino Airport Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.33 · Desalter/Hydraulic Control	-	38,680	(38,680)	0.0%
6907.34 · Santa Ana River Water Rights	1,972	21,405	(19,433)	9.2%
6907.36 · Santa Ana River Habitat	-	31,280	(31,280)	0.0%
6907.38 · Reg. Water Quality Cntrl Board	5,280	63,200	(57,920)	8.4%
6907.39 · Recharge Master Plan	87,479	14,270	73,209	613.0%
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Total 6907 · OBMP Legal Fees	298,744	685,830	(387,086)	43.6%
6909 · OBMP Other Expenses				
6909.6 · OBMP Expenses - Miscellaneous	-	-	-	0.0%
Total 6909 · OBMP Other Expenses	2,172	3,540	(1,368)	61.4%
Total 6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan	\$ 820,261	\$ 1,437,940	\$ (617,679)	57.0%



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Judgment Administration

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	Year to Date Actual	FY 24-25 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
5901 · Admin-WM Staff				
5901.1 · Admin-Doc. Review-WM Staff	\$ 66,012	\$ 93,860	\$ (27,848)	70.3%
5901.3 · Admin-Field Work-WM Staff	2,283	11,860	(9,577)	19.3%
5901.5 · Admin-General-WM Staff	10,277	81,090	(70,813)	12.7%
5901.7 · Admin-Meeting-WM Staff	39,832	39,710	122	100.3%
5901.8 · Admin-Meeting - West Yost	-	37,066	(37,066)	0.0%
5901.9 · Admin-Reporting-WM Staff	3,557	13,890	(10,333)	25.6%
Total 5901 · Admin-WM Staff	121,961	277,476	(155,515)	44.0%
5900 · Judgment Admin Other Expenses				
5906.71 · Admin-Data Req-CBWM Staff	55,854	101,048	(45,194)	55.3%
5906.72 · Admin-Data Req-Non CBWM Staff	38,411	37,008	1,403	103.8%
5910 · Court Coordination/Attend-WM	7,464	16,970	(9,506)	44.0%
5911 · Exhibit G-WM Staff	1,588	6,400	(4,812)	24.8%
5921 · Production Monitoring-WM Staff	1,002	5,440	(4,438)	18.4%
5925 · Ag Prod & Estimation-West Yost	22,992	31,096	(8,104)	73.9%
5931 · Recharge Applications-WM Staff	2,318	-	2,318	100.0%
5935 · Admin-Mat'l Phy Inj Requests	1,488	39,459	(37,972)	3.8%
5941 · Reporting-WM Staff	1,648	2,140	(492)	77.0%
5945 · WM Annual Report Prep-West Yost	12,659	16,924	(4,266)	74.8%
5951 · Rules & Regs-WM Staff	2,241	11,260	(9,019)	19.9%
5961 · Safe Yield-WM Staff	57,408	9,510	47,898	603.7%
5965 · Support Data Collect-West Yost	-	39,659	(39,659)	0.0%
5971 · Storage Agreements-WM Staff	7,240	13,000	(5,760)	55.7%
5981 · Water Acct/Database-WM Staff	87,614	108,290	(20,676)	80.9%
5991 · Water Transactions-WM Staff	5,517	5,330	187	103.5%
Total 5900 · Judgment Admin Other Expenses	305,445	443,534	(138,089)	68.9%
Total 5900 · Judgment Administration	\$ 427,406	\$ 721,010	\$ (293,604)	59.3%



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STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 10, 2025
TO: AP/ONAP/OAP Committee Members
SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – West End Consolidated Water Company to City of Upland (Consent Calendar Item I.C.)

Issue: The Purchase of 708.3 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by City of Upland. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company's Excess Carryover Account. The City of Upland is utilizing this transaction to produce from its West End Consolidated Water Company shares. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.
Non-Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.
Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.
Advisory Committee – August 21, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.
Watermaster Board – August 28, 2025 [Recommended]: Approval.

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2000, the Court approved the Peace Agreement, the Implementation Plan, and the goals and objectives identified in the OBMP Phase I Report and ordered Watermaster to proceed in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. Under the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approval is required for applications to store, recapture, recharge, or transfer water, as well as for applications for credits or reimbursements, and storage and recovery programs.

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The date of this application is May 29, 2025. Notice of the transaction along with the materials submitted by the requestors was transmitted to stakeholders electronically on July 3, 2025.

DISCUSSION

Beyond confirmation of the source of the water to be transferred (Annual Production Right, Supplemental Water, or Excess Carryover), Watermaster will evaluate the eventual disposition of the transferred water (e.g. production, storage, etc.) at the end of the production year and account for the same consistent with the Watermaster Guidance Documents.

Water transactions occur each year and are included as production by the respective entity (if produced) in any relevant analysis conducted by West Yost pursuant to the Peace Agreement and the Rules & Regulations. There is no indication that additional analysis regarding this transaction is necessary at this time. As part of the OBMP Implementation Plan, measurement of groundwater levels and ground level changes are ongoing, and based on current data, there is no indication that the proposed water transaction will cause Material Physical Injury to a Party to the Judgment, or to the Basin.

Pursuant to the Rules & Regulations, “The Application shall not be considered by the Advisory Committee until at least twenty-one (21) days after the last of the three Pool Committee meetings to consider the matter.” Therefore, this application will be presented to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board in the month of August 2025.

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FORM 5: APPLICATION TO TRANSFER ANNUAL PRODUCTION RIGHT OR SAFE YIELD

FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025

DATE REQUESTED: May 29, 2025

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 708.3 Acre-Feet

TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):	TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):
<u>West End Consolidated Water Company</u>	<u>The City of Upland</u>
Name of Party	Name of Party
<u>1370 N. Benson Ave.</u>	<u>460 N. Euclid</u>
Street Address	Street Address
<u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u>	<u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u>
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code
<u>(909) 291-2970</u>	<u>(909) 931-4102</u>
Telephone	Telephone
Facsimile	Facsimile

Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed
☒ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right
☐ Pump as necessary to stabilize future assessment amounts
☐ Other, explain _____

WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:

- ☐ Annual Production Right (Appropriative Pool) or Operating Safe Yield (Non-Agricultural Pool)
☐ Storage
☐ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Storage
☒ Other, explain Excess Carry Over

WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO:

- ☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield (common)
☐ Storage (rare)
☐ Other, explain _____

IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Yes ☒ No ☐

IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:

700-1,100 gpm

Projected Rate of Recapture

Projected Duration of Recapture

METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):

Pumping

PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:

Regular Production Wells

LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):

WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please explain:

Nitrate 56 ppm and DBCP .35ppb

What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

Static Water Level 55 to 61 bgs

MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the Applicant aware of any potential Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin that may be caused by the action covered by the application? Yes ☐ No ☒


If yes, what are the proposed mitigation measures, if any, that might reasonably be imposed to ensure that the action does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin?

SAID TRANSFER SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON:

- (1) Transferee shall exercise said right on behalf of Transferor under the terms of the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, and the Management Zone 1 Subsidence Management Plan for the period described above. The first water produced in any year shall be that produced pursuant to carry-over rights defined in the Judgment. After production of its carry-over rights, if any, the next (or first if no carry-over rights) water produced by Transferee from the Chino Basin shall be that produced hereunder.
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- (4) Any Transferee not already a party must Intervene and become a party to the Judgment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

Yes ☐ No ☒



Seller / Transferor Representative Signature

Nicole deMoet, General Manager

Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)



Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

Michael Blay, City Manager

Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

TO BE COMPLETED BY WATERMASTER STAFF:

DATE OF WATERMASTER NOTICE: July 3, 2025

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HEARING DATE, IF ANY: _____

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DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: _____



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

NOTICE

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APPLICATION(S)

RECEIVED FOR

TRANSFER OF WATER

Date of Notice:

July 3, 2025

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 10, 2025

TO: AP/ONAP/OAP Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – West End Consolidated Water Company to Golden State Water Company (Consent Calendar Item I.D.)

Issue: The Purchase of 66.4 acre-feet of water from West End Consolidated Water Company by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from West End Consolidated Water Company's Annual Production Right. Golden State Water Company is utilizing this transaction to produce its West End Consolidated Water Company shares. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

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FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025

DATE REQUESTED: May 30, 2025

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 66.4 Acre-Feet

TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):	TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):
<u>West End Consolidated Water Company</u> Name of Party	<u>Golden State Water Company</u> Name of Party
<u>1370 North Benson Avenue</u> Street Address	<u>630 East Foothill Boulevard</u> Street Address
<u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u> City State Zip Code	<u>San Dimas</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91733</u> City State Zip Code
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Yes ☐ No ☒

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IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.") Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:

Projected Rate of Recapture _____ Projected Duration of Recapture _____

METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):

Pumping _____

PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:

Margarita well _____

LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):

WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS

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Nicole deMoet, General Manager

Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

Eva G. Tang Digitally signed by Eva G. Tang
Date: 2025.06.03 13:23:57 -07'00'

Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

Eva Tang

Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

Dave Schickling Digitally signed by Dave Schickling
Date: 2025.06.02 14:46:44 -07'00'

Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 10, 2025

TO: AP/ONAP/OAP Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – City of Upland to Golden State Water Company
(Consent Calendar Item I.E.)

Issue: The Purchase of 400 acre-feet of water from City of Upland by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from City of Upland's Annual Production Right. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Advisory Committee on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Advisory Committee – August 21, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Watermaster Board – August 28, 2025 [Recommended]: Approval.

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2000, the Court approved the Peace Agreement, the Implementation Plan, and the goals and objectives identified in the OBMP Phase I Report and ordered Watermaster to proceed in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. Under the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approval is required for applications to store, recapture, recharge, or transfer water, as well as for applications for credits or reimbursements, and storage and recovery programs.

Where there is no Material Physical Injury, Watermaster must approve the transaction. Where the request for Watermaster approval is submitted by a Party to the Judgment, there is a rebuttable presumption, under the Peace Agreement, that most of the transactions do not result in Material Physical Injury to a Party to the Judgment or the Basin (Storage and Recovery Programs do not have this presumption).

The date of this application is May 30, 2025. Notice of the transaction along with the materials submitted by the requestors was transmitted to stakeholders electronically on July 3, 2025.

DISCUSSION

Beyond confirmation of the source of the water to be transferred (Annual Production Right, Supplemental Water, or Excess Carryover), Watermaster will evaluate the eventual disposition of the transferred water (e.g. production, storage, etc.) at the end of the production year and account for the same consistent with the Watermaster Guidance Documents.

Water transactions occur each year and are included as production by the respective entity (if produced) in any relevant analysis conducted by West Yost pursuant to the Peace Agreement and the Rules & Regulations. There is no indication that additional analysis regarding this transaction is necessary at this time. As part of the OBMP Implementation Plan, measurement of groundwater levels and ground level changes are ongoing, and based on current data, there is no indication that the proposed water transaction will cause Material Physical Injury to a Party to the Judgment, or to the Basin.

Pursuant to the Rules & Regulations, "The Application shall not be considered by the Advisory Committee until at least twenty-one (21) days after the last of the three Pool Committee meetings to consider the matter." Therefore, this application will be presented to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board in the month of August 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Consolidated Forms 3, 4, & 5
2. Notice Forms

ATTACHMENT 1

Consolidated Forms 3, 4 & 5

CONSOLIDATED WATER TRANSFER FORMS:
FORM 3: APPLICATION FOR SALE OR TRANSFER OF RIGHT TO PRODUCE WATER FROM STORAGE
FORM 4: APPLICATION OR AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION TO RECAPTURE WATER IN STORAGE
FORM 5: APPLICATION TO TRANSFER ANNUAL PRODUCTION RIGHT OR SAFE YIELD

FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025

DATE REQUESTED: May 30, 2025

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 400 Acre-Feet

TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):	TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):
<u>City of Upland</u>	<u>Golden State Water Company</u>
Name of Party	Name of Party
<u>1370 North Benson Avenue</u>	<u>630 East Foothill Boulevard</u>
Street Address	Street Address
<u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u>	<u>San Dimas</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91733</u>
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code
<u>909.291.2931</u>	<u>909.394.3600</u>
Telephone	Telephone
_____	_____
Facsimile	Facsimile

Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed
☒ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right
☐ Pump as necessary to stabilize future assessment amounts
☐ Other, explain _____

WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:

- ☒ Annual Production Right (Appropriative Pool) or Operating Safe Yield (Non-Agricultural Pool)
☐ Storage
☐ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Storage
☐ Other, explain _____

WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO:

- ☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield (common)
☐ Storage (rare)
☐ Other, explain _____

IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:

Projected Rate of Recapture _____

Projected Duration of Recapture _____

METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):

Pumping

PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:

Margarita well

LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):

WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain:

What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Applicant aware of any potential Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin that may be caused by the action covered by the application? Yes ☐ No ☒


If yes, what are the proposed mitigation measures, if any, that might reasonably be imposed to ensure that the action does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin?

SAID TRANSFER SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON:

- (1) Transferee shall exercise said right on behalf of Transferor under the terms of the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, and the Management Zone 1 Subsidence Management Plan for the period described above. The first water produced in any year shall be that produced pursuant to carry-over rights defined in the Judgment. After production of its carry-over rights, if any, the next (or first if no carry-over rights) water produced by Transferee from the Chino Basin shall be that produced hereunder.
- (2) Transferee shall put all waters utilized pursuant to said Transfer to reasonable beneficial use.
- (3) Transferee shall pay all Watermaster assessments on account of the water production hereby Transferred.
- (4) Any Transferee not already a party must Intervene and become a party to the Judgment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

Yes ☐ No ☒


Michael Blay (Jun 24, 2025 08:38 PDT)

Seller / Transferor Representative Signature
Michael Blay

Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

Eva G. Tang Digitally signed by Eva G. Tang
Date: 2025.06.03 13:24:42 -07'00'

Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature
Eva Tang

Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)
Dave Schickling Digitally signed by Dave Schickling
Date: 2025.06.02 14:45:28 -07'00'

Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature
Dave Schickling

Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

TO BE COMPLETED BY WATERMASTER STAFF:

DATE OF WATERMASTER NOTICE: July 3, 2025

DATE OF APPROVAL FROM APPROPRIATIVE POOL: _____

DATE OF APPROVAL FROM NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL: _____

DATE OF APPROVAL FROM AGRICULTURAL POOL: _____

HEARING DATE, IF ANY: _____

DATE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVAL: _____

DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: _____



CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

NOTICE

OF

APPLICATION(S)

RECEIVED FOR

TRANSFER OF WATER

Date of Notice:

July 3, 2025

This notice is to advise interested persons that the attached application(s) will come before the Watermaster Board on or after 30 days from the date of this notice.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF WATER

The attached staff report will be included in the meeting package at the time the transfer begins the Watermaster process.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION(S) RECEIVED

Date of Application: **May 30, 2025**

Date of this notice: **July 03, 2025**

Please take notice that the following Application has been received by Watermaster:

- Notice of Sale or Transfer – The purchase of 400 acre-feet of water from City of Upland by Golden State Water Company. This purchase is made from City of Upland's Annual Production Right.

This **Application** will first be considered by each of the respective pool committees on the following dates:

Appropriative Pool: July 10, 2025

Non-Agricultural Pool: July 10, 2025

Agricultural Pool: July 10, 2025

This **Application** will be scheduled for consideration by the Advisory Committee **no earlier than thirty days from the date of this notice and a minimum of twenty-one calendar days** after the last pool committee reviews it.

After consideration by the Advisory Committee, the **Application** will be considered by the Board.

Unless the **Application** is amended, as **Contests** must be submitted a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the Advisory Committee's consideration of an **Application**, parties to the Judgment may file **Contests** to the **Application** with Watermaster **within seven calendar days** of when the last pool committee considers it. Any **Contest** must be in writing and state the basis of the **Contest**.

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 10, 2025
TO: AP/ONAP/OAP Committee Members
SUBJECT: Scope of Work – Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) Economic Analysis (Business Item II.A.)

Issue: To consider the draft Scope of Work for an engagement with an independent firm to perform an economic analysis study relating to the implementation of the OBMP including an update to the 2006 and 2007 studies on the economic value of key basin program elements implemented through the Peace I and Peace II Agreements.

Recommendation: The Pool is asked to provide advice and assistance in finalizing the draft Scope of Work, as presented, and selection of independent firm to perform the economic analysis studies.

Financial Impact: None

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and Assistance.
Non-Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and Assistance.
Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and Assistance.
Advisory Committee – July 17, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and Assistance.
Watermaster Board – July 24, 2025 [Recommended]: Advice and Assistance.

BACKGROUND

The Peace I Agreement (Agreement) is an agreement between the parties of the Chino Basin executed in the year 2000 to resolve ongoing disputes and support the implementation of the Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP). Key elements of the OBMP were the construction and operation of the desalter facilities in the southern portion of the basin to create hydraulic control improving water quality both in the basin and adjacent Santa Ana River. It also provided opportunities to develop broad-based mutual benefit storage and recovery projects, expand recharge capacity throughout the basin and establish a stable environment to transfer and lease water between parties. Per Section 8.2 of the Agreement, the “Agreement shall expire and thereupon terminate on December 31 of the thirtieth (30th) calendar year starting on January 1, of the first calendar year following the Effective Date”. This results in an expiration date of December 31, 2030.

In Section 8.3 (Meet and Confer), the parties agreed to “meet and confer during the 25th year of this Agreement to discuss any new or modified terms which may be requested or required by each Party in order to continue the term of this Agreement. “Party” is defined in the Agreement as “a Party to this Agreement”.

In Section 8.4 (Independent Right to Extend), the parties further agreed that the Agreement “may be extended for a period of an additional thirty (30) years, upon the unilateral election of either the Appropriative or Agricultural Pool.” This unilateral election was agreed to be a decision of either Pool, not the individual member of either Pool. Any unilateral election, if made, must be completed prior to the end of the twenty-fifth (25th) year of the Agreement.

Watermaster is not a signatory to the Agreement but it is ordered by the Court to implement it.

Monte Vista Water District led “Meet and Confer” meetings for interested parties beginning in January 2025 to discuss the process, issues, and rights found in Sections 8.3 and 8.4 of the Agreement.

DISCUSSION

On June 19, 2025, the parties attending and participating in the “Meet and Confer” meeting discussed the topic of performing an economic analysis study relating to the implementation of the OBMP including an update to the 2006 and 2007 studies on the economic value of key basin program elements implemented through the Peace I and Peace II Agreements. A recommendation was made to ask Watermaster to develop a Scope of Work for the economic analysis study and provide it to the Pools for feedback and direction. Since the meeting was not an official meeting of the Pools or the Advisory Committee but a meeting called by one of the parties under the terms of Section 8.3 of the Peace Agreement, no formal vote was taken, and no formal minutes were recorded. A majority of commenting parties voiced in favor for the recommendation; therefore, this item is presented as requested by those parties.

The draft Scope of Work for the economic analysis study was emailed to the parties on the distribution list for the Meet and Confer meeting. Watermaster has received one comment from two parties. This item is presented to receive input, feedback, and answer questions to finalize the Scope of Work.

To summarize the comments received and questions posed, the following list has been compiled for Pool discussion.

- Should there be an AP action on the final scope and direction to Watermaster?
- Is this an AP effort or a WM effort? Who has ownership of making decisions on assumptions?
- Point of clarification – the economic analysis is not a precondition to either Pools right to extend the Peace I agreement in 2025. It is not required or mandated by the renewal provisions of the Peace Agreement.
- When the original studies were conducted in 2006 and 2007, the parties had already negotiated a nonbinding term sheet which was used as basis for assumptions in the studies. The AP is

considering conducting the study before a new nonbinding term sheet is negotiated. Is the objective of the analysis to inform future negotiations?

- There are many new conditions (water quality, decline in safe yield, increased treatment costs) that have surfaced since the Sunding study in 2006 and 2007. How do those get incorporated in the report?
- Will or should a sensitivity analysis be incorporated into the study?
- How does an individual party's water supply portfolio decisions factor into the scope of the evaluation?
- What are the new baseline and alternative scenarios the AP parties want evaluated?
- What is meant in the draft Scope of Work by "actionable insights to optimize the management of groundwater resources and actionable recommendations?"
- Will the "likely to be implemented" projects in the OBMP Update be part of the economic analysis?
- Is it possible to have one study address all the varied economic outcomes or will additional evaluation studies have to be conducted, especially prior to the 2030 expiration of the Peace II Agreement?
- How will the study's results be used to make informed decisions during the meet and confer process, especially with such a tight timeline?

Watermaster has contacted four qualified bidders comprised of both academia and consulting firms from whom to solicit proposals. Once the scope of work is finalized, Watermaster will distribute to the consultants. Watermaster staff is asking for direction from the Pool Committees on the selection process for the proposals. The options include following a similar process as used in the selection of the consultant for the peer review engagement of the 2025 Safe Yield Evaluation Report where Watermaster scored the proposals and made a recommendation for approval. The Pool could also consider having Watermaster submit all proposals to the Pool Committees for consideration and selection.

One important question to discuss and answer is if the parties want the economic analysis completed prior to the Peace I Agreement extension deadline. If that is the consensus of the Pool Committees, Watermaster should enter into a contract with the consultant before the end of July 2025 to allow enough time to complete the analysis, prepare the report and present the findings at the Pool/Advisory/Board meetings in September 2025. Special meetings may need to be scheduled to accommodate the timeline.

ATTACHMENT

1. Draft Scope of Work

Proposal to Update the Chino Basin Economic Studies from 2006 and 2007.

Introduction

The **Analysis of Aggregate Costs and Benefits of Hydraulic Control, Basin Re-Operation and Desalter Elements of Non-Binding Term Sheet (2006)** and the **Report on the Distribution of Benefits to Basin Agencies from Major Program Elements Encompassed by the Peace Agreement and Non-Binding Term Sheet (2007)** performed by David Sunding, provided comprehensive analyses of the projected costs and benefits associated with the Peace I and II Agreements and achieving hydraulic control in the Chino Basin. Given the significant changes in economic, environmental, and technological conditions since these reports were published and in the context of the mandatory meet and confer process for the renewal option spelled out in the Peace Agreement, it is essential to update these studies to reflect current realities and provide actionable insights for future water management strategies.

Objectives

1. **Update Economic and Environmental Data:** Incorporate the latest data on groundwater rights, water demand, water supply, local infrastructure, and financial metrics.
2. **Revised Conceptual Framework:** Enhance the existing models with new methodologies to account for subsequent court orders which changed CBWM accounting for assessments.
3. **Scenario Analysis:** Develop new baseline and alternative scenarios based on current data and agree-upon changes, by the Appropriative Pool, to assumptions used.
4. **Distribution of Benefits:** Reassess the distribution of net benefits among various agencies.
5. **Sensitivity Analysis:** Conduct a new sensitivity analysis to assess the robustness of the updated results.
6. **Reporting and Recommendations:** Provide a comprehensive report with updated findings and actionable recommendations.

Methodology

1. **Data Collection:**
 - Gather updated data on groundwater rights, water demand, and supply for the Chino Basin agencies.
 - Collect relevant financial data, including costs of extraction, conveyance, and new infrastructure developments.
 - Obtain updated information on the implementation status and outcomes of the Peace I and Peace II Agreements.
2. **Revised Conceptual Framework:**
 - Update the model of groundwater value to reflect current economic conditions and basin utilization, including changes in interest rates and cost structures.

- Revise assumptions, for example, of the Santa Ana River New Yield is treated in the model.
- Incorporate new methodologies to match the current CBWM accounting for assessments.

3. Distribution of Benefits:

- Reassess the distribution of net benefits among the various agencies, considering changes in agency size, water demand, production history and other relevant factors.
- Evaluate the impact of new agreements or collaborations among the agencies.

4. Sensitivity Analysis:

- Conduct a new sensitivity analysis to assess for the robustness of the updated results against variations in key assumptions.
- Identify new risks or uncertainties that may affect the distribution of benefits.

5. Scenario Analysis:

- Develop updated baseline and alternative scenarios based on the latest data, trends, and requests from Chino Basin parties.
- Re-evaluate the net benefits of the Peace I and Peace IIⁱ Agreements under these new scenarios.
- Consider additional program elements or policy changes introduced since the original reports.
- After the preliminary results of the updated model and calculations, request feedback from stakeholders about evaluating new scenarios and analysis

6. Reporting and Recommendations:

- Prepare a comprehensive report summarizing the updated analysis, including detailed findings and recommendations.
- Provide actionable insights for stakeholders to optimize the management of groundwater resources in the Chino Basin and make informed decisions during the meet and confer process.

ⁱ While the Peace II agreement is set to expire in 2030 and there is no renewal clause, parties may want to explore cost and benefits of continued or modified arrangements contained in the agreement.



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STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 10, 2025
TO: AP/ONAP/OAP Committee Members
SUBJECT: AB1413 (Papan) Proposed Legislation (Information Item IV.A.)

Issue: A review of proposed Assembly Bill 1413 (Papan) is provided for information about the potential effects on adjudicated basins such as the Chino Basin.

Recommendation: This item is provided for information only. No action is required.

Financial Impact: None

ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Information Only
Non-Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Information Only
Agricultural Pool – July 10, 2025 [Recommended]: Information Only
Advisory Committee – July 17, 2025 [Recommended]: Information Only
Watermaster Board – July 24, 2025 [Recommended]: Information Only

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 1413 was introduced by Assemblymember Papan and coauthored by Assemblymembers Bennett and Hart to stop parties from initiating expensive, broad adjudications simply to dispute scientifically-backed Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) yield limits required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

AB1413 proposes amendments to the Water Code and other regulations which strengthens SGMA's scientific and technical approach by:

- Allowing timely court validation of GSPs;
- Requiring unified adjudication of GSP and yield disputes;
- Preventing courts from overriding validated yield limits;
- Clarifying what constitutes "substantial impairment" under SGMA.

This Bill would expand the authorities of Groundwater Sustainability Agency's in the develop of GSPs, streamline legal disputes, preserve groundwater sustainability targets, and protect smaller users from being impacted by complex and expensive adjudications.

Since the Chino Basin is an adjudicated basin recognized by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), it is deemed to be managed sustainably through the court's continuing jurisdiction, not through DWR oversight jurisdiction. Watermaster is required to file an annual report to DWR to comply with SGMA requirements by April 1 each year.

DISCUSSION

Watermaster follows and participates in discussions about legislation through its participation in various associations such as Association of California Water Agencies and the California Groundwater Coalition. Both associations have submitted comment letters about AB 1413 expressing concerns to ensure the legislation won't circumvent the authorities of the courts which govern the various adjudications of groundwater basins across the state and determination of water rights.

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency staff is also reviewing the proposed language of the bill, as amended on June 30, 2025, which supports not only its member agencies but also all parties within Chino Basin Watermaster.

AB 1413 is unlikely to materially impact the Chino Basin adjudication because:

- Chino Basin is an adjudicated area recognized under SGMA.
- The judgment governs rights and yields.
- The court retains continuing jurisdiction to adapt the Judgment.

The main purpose of AB 1413 is to prevent new adjudications or lawsuits from undermining newly adopted GSPs in non-adjudicated basins.

In the future, however, it is important to stay informed to make sure any expanded authorities of SGMA rules and standards don't limit the continuing jurisdiction of the Court especially in the determination of safe yield of the basin and use of storage.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Assembly Bill No. 1413 (amended June 30, 2025)
2. Association of California Water Agencies comment letter
3. California Groundwater Coalition comment letter

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 30, 2025

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2025

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 24, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1413

Introduced by Assembly Member Papan
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bennett and Hart)

February 21, 2025

An act to amend Sections 834, 838, 849, and 850 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and to amend Sections 10726.6, 10737.2, and 10737.8 of the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1413, as amended, Papan. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.

Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law requires the department to periodically review the groundwater sustainability plans developed by groundwater sustainability agencies pursuant to the act to evaluate whether a plan conforms with specified laws and is likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin covered by the plan. Existing law authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency that adopts a groundwater sustainability plan to file a court action to determine the validity of the plan no sooner than 180 days following the adoption of the plan, as provided. *Existing law provides that actions by a*

groundwater sustainability agency are subject to judicial review, except as provided.

This bill would instead authorize groundwater sustainability agencies to file those actions within 180 days following the adoption of the plan. *The bill would require a legal challenge to an action or determination by the groundwater sustainability agency to be filed within 90 days of the action or determination.*

Existing law provides that an action against a groundwater sustainability agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated is subject to transfer, coordination, and consolidation with a comprehensive adjudication, as appropriate, if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

This bill would require an action against a groundwater sustainability agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated to be consolidated with a comprehensive adjudication if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The bill would also require the court hearing the consolidated action to try the cause of action for judicial review of the groundwater sustainability plan's determination of a basin's sustainable yield before trying any other issue in the action.

Existing law authorizes a court to enter judgment in an adjudication action for a basin required to have a groundwater sustainability plan if, in addition to other criteria, the court finds the judgment will not substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, or the department to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to achieve sustainable groundwater management.

This bill, among other things, would provide that a judgment substantially impairs the ability of those entities to comply with the act and to achieve sustainable groundwater management if it ~~allows~~ *permits* more total pumping from the basin annually or on average than the sustainable yield of the basin established in the latest groundwater sustainability plan or plans that *have received a determination from the department that the plan or plans are likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin and have been validated by a final judgment or by operation of law when no validation action was filed.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. In enacting this measure, it is the intent of the
2 Legislature to do the following:

3 (a) ~~Ensure~~ *Provide specific terms supporting implementation*
4 *of existing law in Section 10737.2 of the Water Code to ensure*
5 *that a comprehensive adjudication of groundwater rights in a basin*
6 *does not interfere with the timely completion and implementation*
7 *of a groundwater sustainability plan.*

8 (b) ~~Ensure~~ *Provide specific terms supporting implementation*
9 *of existing law in Section 10737.2 of the Water Code to ensure*
10 *that a comprehensive adjudication of groundwater rights in a basin*
11 *avoids redundancy and unnecessary costs in the development of*
12 *technical information and a physical solution.*

13 (c) ~~Ensure~~ *Provide specific terms supporting implementation*
14 *of existing law in Section 10737.2 of the Water Code to ensure*
15 *that a comprehensive adjudication of groundwater rights in a basin*
16 *is consistent with the attainment of sustainable groundwater*
17 *management within the timeframes established by the Sustainable*
18 *Groundwater Management Act.*

19 (d) ~~Ensure that courts shall not determine a basin's safe yield~~
20 ~~or sustainable yield to be greater than that of a groundwater~~
21 ~~sustainability agency's determination in permit more total pumping~~
22 ~~annually or on average under a judgment in a comprehensive~~
23 ~~groundwater adjudication than would be allowed by a valid~~
24 ~~groundwater sustainability plan for a basin.~~

25 (e) *Ensure that the filing of a comprehensive groundwater*
26 *adjudication shall not be used as a means of delaying or*
27 *undermining the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater*
28 *Management Act.*

29 SEC. 2. Section 834 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended
30 to read:

31 834. (a) In a comprehensive adjudication conducted pursuant
32 to this chapter, the court may determine all groundwater rights of
33 a basin, whether based on appropriation, overlying right, or other
34 basis of right, and use of storage space in the basin.

1 (b) Subject to the limitations in Section 850, the court's final
2 judgment in a comprehensive adjudication, for the groundwater
3 rights of each party, may declare the priority, amount, purposes
4 of use, extraction location, place of use of the water, and use of
5 storage space in the basin, together with appropriate injunctive
6 relief, subject to terms adopted by the court to implement a physical
7 solution in the comprehensive adjudication.

8 SEC. 3. Section 838 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended
9 to read:

10 838. (a) (1) In a comprehensive adjudication conducted
11 pursuant to this chapter, a judge of a superior court of a county
12 that overlies the basin or any portion of the basin shall be
13 disqualified. The Chairperson of the Judicial Council shall assign
14 a judge to preside in all proceedings in the comprehensive
15 adjudication.

16 (2) A judge of the superior court in which an action is filed may,
17 on the court's own motion or the motion of a party, determine if
18 the action is a comprehensive adjudication under Section 833. A
19 motion for a determination pursuant to this paragraph shall receive
20 calendar preference within the action and shall be resolved before
21 other procedural or dispositive motions.

22 (b) A comprehensive adjudication is presumed to be a complex
23 action under Rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court.

24 (c) Sections 170.6 and 394 shall not apply in a comprehensive
25 adjudication.

26 (d) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 10726.6 of
27 the Water Code, an action against a groundwater sustainability
28 agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated pursuant
29 to this chapter shall be consolidated with the comprehensive
30 adjudication if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or
31 implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the
32 groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines
33 in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

34 (2) In an action where consolidation occurs pursuant to
35 paragraph (1), the court shall try the cause of action for judicial
36 review of the groundwater sustainability plan's determination of
37 a basin's sustainable yield before trying any other issue in the
38 action.

39 SEC. 4. Section 849 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended
40 to read:

1 849. (a) The court shall have the authority and the duty to
2 impose a physical solution on the parties in a comprehensive
3 adjudication where necessary and consistent with Article 2 of
4 Section X of the California Constitution.

5 (b) Before adopting a physical solution, the court shall consider
6 any existing groundwater sustainability plan or program. The
7 requirements in Section 850 for a judgment shall also apply to any
8 physical solution imposed by the court.

9 SEC. 5. Section 850 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended
10 to read:

11 850. (a) The court may enter a judgment in a comprehensive
12 adjudication if the court finds that the judgment meets all of the
13 following criteria:

14 (1) It is consistent with Section 2 of Article X of the California
15 Constitution.

16 (2) It is consistent with the water right priorities of all
17 nonstipulating parties and any persons who have claims that are
18 exempted pursuant to Section 833 in the basin.

19 (3) It treats all objecting parties and any persons who have
20 claims that are exempted pursuant to Section 833 equitably as
21 compared to the stipulating parties.

22 (4) It considers the water use of and accessibility of water for
23 small farmers and disadvantaged communities. This consideration
24 shall be consistent with the conditions identified in this subdivision.

25 (b) (1) The court may enter judgment in an adjudication action
26 for a basin required to have a groundwater sustainability plan under
27 the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, if in addition to
28 the criteria enumerated in subdivision (a), the court also finds that
29 the judgment will not substantially impair the ability of a
30 groundwater sustainability agency, the State Water Resources
31 Control Board, or the department to comply with the Sustainable
32 Groundwater Management Act and to achieve sustainable
33 groundwater management.

34 (2) A judgment substantially impairs the ability of a groundwater
35 sustainability agency, the State Water Resources Control Board,
36 or the department to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater
37 Management Act and to achieve sustainable groundwater
38 management if it ~~allows~~ *permits* more total pumping from the basin
39 annually or on average than the sustainable yield of the basin
40 established in the latest groundwater sustainability *plan or plans*

1 covering the basin and *the groundwater sustainability plan or*
2 *plans have received a determination from the department, pursuant*
3 *to Section 10733 of the Water Code, that the plan or plans are*
4 *likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin and either of*
5 *the following apply:*

6 (A) The groundwater sustainability plan or plans have been
7 validated by a final judgment issuing from a validation action
8 brought pursuant to Section 10726.6 of the Water Code.

9 (B) The groundwater sustainability plan or plans have been
10 validated by operation of law because no validation action was
11 filed.

12 (c) (1) In order to assist the court in making the findings
13 required by this section, the court may refer the matter to the State
14 Water Resources Control Board for investigation and report
15 pursuant to Section 2001 of the Water Code. A party may request
16 that the court refer the matter to the State Water Resources Control
17 Board pursuant to this subdivision.

18 (2) Notwithstanding any inconsistencies with Article 2
19 (commencing with Section 2010) of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division
20 2 of the Water Code, for a reference undertaken by the State Water
21 Resources Control Board under paragraph (1), the State Water
22 Resources Control Board and the department shall jointly
23 investigate and submit the report under paragraph (1).

24 (d) If a party or group of parties submits a proposed stipulated
25 judgment that is supported by more than 50 percent of all parties
26 who are groundwater extractors in the basin or use the basin for
27 groundwater storage and is supported by groundwater extractors
28 responsible for at least 75 percent of the groundwater extracted in
29 the basin during the five calendar years before the filing of the
30 complaint, the court may adopt the proposed stipulated judgment,
31 as applied to the stipulating parties, if the proposed stipulated
32 judgment meets the criteria described in subdivision (a). A party
33 objecting to a proposed stipulated judgment shall demonstrate, by
34 a preponderance of evidence, that the proposed stipulated judgment
35 does not satisfy one or more criteria described in subdivision (a)
36 or that it substantially violates the water rights of the objecting
37 party. If the objecting party is unable to make this showing, the
38 court may impose the proposed stipulated judgment on the
39 objecting party. An objecting party may be subject to a preliminary

1 injunction issued pursuant to Section 847 while their objections
2 are being resolved.

3 (e) For purposes of this section the following definitions apply:

4 (1) "Disadvantaged communities" means communities identified
5 by the California Environmental Protection Agency as
6 disadvantaged communities pursuant to Section 39711 of the
7 Health and Safety Code.

8 (2) "Small farmers" means farmers with between ten thousand
9 dollars (\$10,000) and four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000)
10 in gross farm sales, as referenced in the Department of Food and
11 Agriculture's California Underserved and Small Producers
12 Program.

13 SEC. 6. Section 10726.6 of the Water Code is amended to read:

14 10726.6. (a) A groundwater sustainability agency that adopts
15 a groundwater sustainability plan may file an action to determine
16 the validity of the plan pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with
17 Section 860) of Title 10 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure
18 within 180 days following the adoption of the plan.

19 (b) Subject to Sections 394 and 397 of the Code of Civil
20 Procedure, the venue for an action pursuant to this section shall
21 be the county in which the principal office of the groundwater
22 management agency is located.

23 (c) Any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside,
24 void, or annul the ordinance or resolution imposing a new, or
25 increasing an existing, fee imposed pursuant to Section 10730,
26 10730.2, or 10730.4 shall be commenced within 180 days following
27 the adoption of the ordinance or resolution.

28 (d) Any person may pay a fee imposed pursuant to Section
29 10730, 10730.2, or 10730.4 under protest and bring an action
30 against the governing body in the superior court to recover any
31 money that the governing body refuses to refund. Payments made
32 and actions brought under this section shall be made and brought
33 in the manner provided for the payment of taxes under protest and
34 actions for refund of that payment in Article 2 (commencing with
35 Section 5140) of Chapter 5 of Part 9 of Division 1 of the Revenue
36 and Taxation Code, as applicable.

37 (e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, actions by
38 a groundwater sustainability agency are subject to judicial review
39 pursuant to Section 1085 of the Code of Civil Procedure. *Procedure*

1 *and an action is required to be filed within 90 days of the*
2 *challenged action or determination by the agency.*

3 *(2) To the extent judicial review is sought regarding an action*
4 *or determination that is concurrently being reviewed by either the*
5 *department or board pursuant to the procedures in this part, the*
6 *court shall promptly consider whether, in the interests of efficiency*
7 *or justice, to stay that challenge until the department or board*
8 *have completed their evaluation or related procedure.*

9 SEC. 7. Section 10737.2 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10 10737.2. (a) In an adjudication action for a basin required to
11 have a groundwater sustainability plan under this part, the court
12 shall manage the proceedings in a manner that minimizes
13 interference with the timely completion and implementation of a
14 groundwater sustainability plan, avoids redundancy and
15 unnecessary costs in the development of technical information and
16 a physical solution, and is consistent with the attainment of
17 sustainable groundwater management within the timeframes
18 established by this part.

19 (b) In an adjudication action for a basin required to have a
20 groundwater sustainability plan pursuant to this part, the court
21 shall not establish a safe yield or sustainable yield for the basin
22 that exceeds the sustainable yield of the basin as established in a
23 valid groundwater sustainability plan for the basin. A groundwater
24 sustainability plan for a basin shall be presumed valid unless the
25 groundwater sustainability plan has been ruled invalid pursuant to
26 Section 10726.6 or has been referred to the board pursuant to
27 Section 10735.2.

28 SEC. 8. Section 10737.8 of the Water Code is amended to read:

29 10737.8. (a) In addition to making any findings required by
30 subdivision (a) of Section 850 of the Code of Civil Procedure or
31 any other law, the court shall not approve entry of judgment in an
32 adjudication action for a basin required to have a groundwater
33 sustainability plan under this part unless the court finds that the
34 judgment will not substantially impair the ability of a groundwater
35 sustainability agency, the board, or the department to comply with
36 this part and to achieve sustainable groundwater management.

37 (b) (1) A judgment substantially impairs the ability of a
38 groundwater sustainability agency, the board, or the department
39 to comply with this part if it allows more total pumping from the
40 basin annually or on average than the sustainable yield of the basin

1 established in the latest groundwater sustainability plan or
2 groundwater sustainability plans covering the basin. ~~This~~
3 (2) *The judgment described in paragraph (1) is not the only*
4 ~~one that can~~ *intended to be the exclusive manner by which a court*
5 *may* substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability
6 agency, the board, or the department to comply with this part.

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RE: AB 1413 (Papan) – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Chair Limón:

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I am writing to respectfully express our “Oppose Unless Amended” position on AB 1413, relating to adjudication actions for groundwater rights in basins required to have a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

ACWA was a principal architect and proponent of SGMA. A foundational element of the agreement that allowed SGMA to be passed in 2014 was that groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) would not have the authority to determine water rights. AB 1413 proposes making the sustainable yield established in a valid GSP controlling in an adjudication action, effectively insulating agency decisions from judicial review and removing courts’ constitutionally granted authority to determine water rights. This approach would allow a GSA to set a potentially unreasonable sustainable yield that would then be used to make an adjudication determination. ACWA believes this approach is inconsistent with SGMA and would deny parties to an adjudication of due process and leave them with little to no recourse.

ACWA shares the author’s goal of seeing SGMA implemented successfully and, ultimately, achieving sustainable groundwater management in high- and medium-priority basins. ACWA is committed to working with the author to develop amendments that would effectively balance concerns related to predictability for GSAs, the achievement of SGMA’s goals, and the protection of water supplies and water rights.

For these reasons, ACWA opposes AB 1413 unless it is amended to address these concerns and respectfully requests your “NO” vote when it is heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Sincerely,

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RE: AB 1413 (Papan) – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Limón,

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I am writing to respectfully oppose AB 1413 (Papan), which will make changes to the groundwater adjudication process.

CGC was formed at the urging of California state and local officials who believed that increased efforts were needed to educate and inform policy makers and the public about California groundwater resources. CGC members include groundwater management entities located throughout California and consist of experts with technical, legal, and professional groundwater and related expertise.

CGC is and always has been supportive of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and wants to see SGMA succeed. However, CGC must respectfully oppose AB 1413 because it will insulate decisions by groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) from judicial review and deprive groundwater rights holders of their due process rights.

Specifically, this bill will lead to extensive conflict in the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) development process and spark substantially more litigation than we have seen to date in the implementation of SGMA. Additionally, this bill will allow a GSA to make an unreviewable determination of an essential element of water rights, which violates one of the key tenants of both SGMA and the Streamlined Adjudication Act, both of which CGC supported.

CGC is very concerned that AB 1413 blurs the line between the roles of GSAs to manage water through a GSP and retaining the court's authority to determine groundwater rights. This bill assumes that a GSP will correctly identify the maximum amount of water that can be withdrawn from a basin annually by restricting a court to find a safe yield that exceeds the GSP's sustainable yield.

Most GSAs seem to have done a good job of determining the sustainable yield, however there is still the possibility that a GSA has not done so. In these scenarios, it is necessary for the court to retain the ability to review the best available technical evidence to protect the property rights and due process rights of those water rights holders regulated by the GSA.