

Minutes
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER
JOINT APPROPRIATIVE & NON-AGRICULTURAL
POOL MEETING

July 8, 2004

The Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting were held at the offices of Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, on July 8, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIVE POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

Raul Garibay, Chair	City of Pomona
Mark Kinsey	Monte Vista Water District
Bill Stafford	Marygold Mutual Water Company
Gerald Black	Fontana Union Water Company
Robert DeLoach	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rich Atwater	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
J. Arnold Rodriguez	Santa Ana River Water Company

NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERS PRESENT

No Non-Agricultural member present

Watermaster Staff Present

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

Watermaster Consultants Present

Michael Fife	Hatch & Parent
Mark Wildermuth	Wildermuth Environmental Inc.

Others Present

Josephine Johnson	Monte Vista Water District
Rita Kurth	Cucamonga Valley Water District

Chair Garibay called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS/REORDER

Do to the lack of a quorum it was decided to move the entire Consent Calendar and Business Item A. Consider Draft Dry Year Yield Operating Plan to be heard last on the Agenda. This decision was made by Chair Garibay.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

A. WATERMASTER GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. Attorney/Manager Meetings
Counsel Fife commented the Attorney/Manager meetings are proceeding well and as a reminder the next meeting will be on July 14 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Santa Ana River Application Process
Counsel Fife informed the Pool members the Orange County Water District's (OCWD) hearing was held on July 7 and the Watermaster's comments on OCWD's Environmental

Impact Report (EIR) were available on the back table for review. The EIR's are starting to come in and as a reminder Watermaster also has submitted an application.

3. Santa Ana Sucker Update
Counsel Fife explained the Santa Ana Sucker is a threatened species and the Prado Basin will be proposed as a designated critical habitat. Negotiations will begin with the Fish and Wildlife Services shortly. It was noted that continued work is still taking place on this project and Counsel will keep all parties apprised on this issue.
4. June 24th Hearing
Counsel Fife stated the court approved the submitted Storage & Recovery Agreement and moved the originally set hearing for Monte Vista Water District from June 24 to September 2, 2004.

B. STAFF REPORT

1. Update on Repairs to the Piezometer
Ms. Rojo informed the Committee members that the Piezometer repair was still in progress and Watermaster was receiving updates on this as late as last night. Ms. Rojo asked Mark Wildermuth to give the Committee an update on this subject. Mr. Wildermuth commented on the problems they were experiencing with the deep bore hole, stating the deepest Piezometer appears to have some leakage which allows piezometric communications amongst all the Piezometers. Mr. Wildermuth described the technical fix for this situation in detail and was pleased to inform the Committee they appear to be successful in repairing the leaks. Each of the Piezometers is now working independently. The real test will come at the end of summer because that is when the drawdown is greatest stated Mr. Wildermuth. Construction cost is slightly less than anticipated; this is also with us paying only half the cost.
2. Update on OC-59 Water Deliveries
Ms. Rojo stated that we took water into the College Heights Basin as a demonstration project last week which involved efforts between Watermaster, Orange County, MWD, and MWDOC. To concentrate the efforts, there were conference calls between the agencies, where Mr. Atwater joined in on the conference calls to help coordinate this effort and Ms. Rojo thanked Rich for his labors. Ms. Rojo commented she was very pleased to report that we were able to work out issues to go forth with this endeavor. Ms. Rojo noted five hours into the project MWD phoned Watermaster stating lake levels were dropping too low, and that they would need to cut back on our deliveries. Orange County graciously offered to stop taking their deliveries for one day so we could have all the water to complete our demonstration project. Once the demonstration was complete we deflated the dam and sent the water flowing to Orange County, noting it was a great interagency cooperation effort.
3. IUEA Partnership Funding Request
Ms. Rojo asked the Committee members to turn to page 39 of the packet and noted Watermaster was looking for feedback on this item. This request comes from IEUA who is requesting a partnership for a funding contribution for the research to of underground storage and recoverable water. Ms. Rojo noted this item can be placed on the agenda for next month after more information is obtained. A question was presented to Mr. Wildermuth on whether or not he has any input on this. Mr. Wildermuth commented he thought it was a great idea because we have a lot to learn on what is going on with the rest of the country in this aspect. A discussion ensued and Mr. Wildermuth stated he will review the research proposal again for a refresher. Mr. Atwater gave a brief description of how this will provide benefit and opportunity for the Chino Basin. Mr. Atwater asked that a recommendation be made for this item in August if we are going to pursue this potential partnership. Mr. Atwater mentioned the recently formed task force, which lead a committee

member to inquire what this task force was all about. Mr. Atwater stated this task force was formed because of the recent pipeline shutdown and hopefully this task force will be able to take a good look at procedures and assist all involved to insure the flow of information and other areas proceed flawlessly for the next shutdown. It was asked if the San Gabriel Pipeline is a potential supplemental replenishment supply source. Mr. Atwater stated that was an excellent idea and that it could potentially be someday if issues surrounding that could be worked out. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Rialto and the San Gabriel Pipelines.

IV. INFORMATION

1. San Diego County Water Authority Letter of Interest Regarding Water in Storage

Ms. Rojo informed the Committee members on the back table is a letter of interest from the San Diego County Water Authority regarding purchasing water we have in storage which is being discussed at the recent Attorney/Manager meetings. A committee member asked if any response has taken place in this regard. Counsel Fife stated that at this time, they have not been contacted. Counsel Fife elaborated that at the Attorney/Manager meetings the Storage & Recovery issues is one of the main topics being discussed. It was stated that although the members were not looking for a commitment but rather than a letter drafted to them stating we had received their letter and are currently evaluating our Storage and Recovery programs through special meetings and that we will get back with them shortly.

V. POOL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. DeLoach made reference to a letter that was provided as a handout written by Senator Nell Soto to the Honorable Terry Tamminen at the California Environmental Protection Agency regarding US EPA involvement with Perchlorate Contamination in Rialto/Colton and Chino groundwater basins. Mr. DeLoach read a few lines from this letter and made comment that we should be concerned over the statements written in this letter. The letter references Senator Nell Soto requesting the Chino Basin be placed on the National Priorities List as a Superfund site. Mr. DeLoach states, that as a minimum, Watermaster should respond to the Senator and inquire as to why they would want to consider designating the Chino Basin as a Superfund site without speaking to any party in the Chino Basin first. A discussion ensued with regard to this letter and its possible effects on the Chino Basin. Counsel Fife confirmed with the Pool members that the response letter should indicate that they should be communicating with us more and not making any decisions without speaking to us first. Counsel Fife will draft a letter for review.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No comment was made regarding this item.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

July 8, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting
July 12, 2004	9:00 a.m.	CBFIP/GRCC Meeting
July 14, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Attorney/Manager Meeting @ BB&K
July 20, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Agricultural Pool Meeting @ IEUA
July 21, 2004	9:00 a.m.	MZ1 Technical Committee Meeting
July 22, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board Meeting

The Consent Calendar and Business Item A were taken out of order by Chair Garibay under the Additions/Reorder section.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Joint Appropriative and Non-Agricultural meeting held June 10, 2004

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

C. WATER TRANSACTION

- 1. Consider Approval for Transaction of Notice of Sale or Transfer from West Valley Water District to Fontana Water Company in the amount of 500 acre-feet; Date of Application: May 27, 2004

Due to no quorum the Agenda Item Consent Calendar will be placed on the August Agenda for discussion and motion for approval.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CONSIDER DRAFT DRY YEAR YIELD OPERATING PLAN

Consider the Draft Dry Year Yield Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2004/2005

Due to no quorum the Business Item A will be placed on the August Agenda

The Joint Appropriative & Non-Agricultural Pool Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Secretary: _____

Minutes Approved: August 12, 2004