

RESOLUTION NO. 96-3

RESOLUTION OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
ADDITIONAL DESALTING IN CHINO BASIN TO  
PROTECT THE SAFE YIELD OF THE BASIN

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) was appointed on January 27, 1978, under the Judgment in Case No. RCV 51010 (formerly Case No. SCV 164327) entitled Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino Et al. (The "Judgment"), with powers to levy and collect replenishment assessments necessary to replace water produced from the Chino Basin in excess of Safe Yield allocations and to cover the cost of administration of the Judgment; and

WHEREAS, Watermaster has approved an agreement with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (RWQCB) to provide 12,000 acre feet of replenishment water for the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's Project Agreement 14 (Desalter) for the purpose of removing high-salinity/nitrate groundwater to stabilize and eventually improve water quality in the Chino Basin; and

WHEREAS, although the Desalter will begin to clean-up the southern portion of Chino Basin, additional desalting or other technologies may be required in order for agencies to be able to develop water in the lower portion of Chino Basin for domestic use and to protect the existing Safe Yield of the basin; and

WHEREAS, desalting is expensive and may not be economically viable if an agency must purchase replenishment water to offset production produced through a desalter;

NOW, THEREFORE the Watermaster does hereby determine as follows:

1. That when the demand for desalted water in the southern portion of the Chino Basin exceeds the 12,000 acre feet produced by the Desalter, Watermaster will provide additional replenishment water to offset the replenishment obligation for future desalting

projects that make economic sense and protect the Safe Yield of the basin. The replenishment sources used to offset the replenishment obligation will come from the interception of rising groundwater to the Santa Ana River, other water sources, including reclaimed, developed by Watermaster, and may include the purchase of replenishment water.

2. Watermaster will continue to provide replenishment water to future desalters to the extent that the incremental cost of desalting groundwater is greater than the cost of producing overdraft water that requires no wellhead treatment.


3. If Watermaster is required to purchase water to meet the replenishment obligation of the future desalters, a special assessment may be levied.

4. Watermaster hereby expresses support to the RWQCB in its attempt to regulate pollution that makes its way into the Chino Basin, and encourages them to continue that effort.

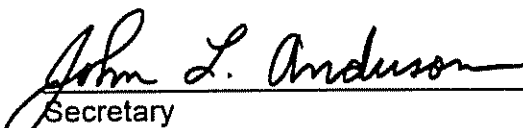
5. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of Resolution No. 96-3, to the appropriate agencies.

\*\*\* APPROVED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON JUNE 26, 1996.

ADOPTED this 10th day of July, 1996.

  
Chairman  
Chino Basin Watermaster

ATTEST:

  
Secretary  
Chino Basin Watermaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO    )


I, John L. Anderson, Secretary of the Chino Basin Watermaster, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 96-3 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board by the following vote:

AYES:     John L. Anderson, Wyatt Troxel, Anne W. Dunihue

NOES:     None

ABSENT:   Bill Hill, George Borba

ABSTAIN:  None

  
Secretary