

RESOLUTION NO. 99-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
SUPPORTING  
THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLICLY-OWNED WATER BASIN CAPACITY  
WITHIN THE CHINO GROUNDWATER BASIN AREA

**WHEREAS**, a safe, clean and reliable water supply is critical to the Chino Basin's economic and environmental future; and

**WHEREAS**, Chino Basin's dependence on imported water supplies, especially during times of drought, adversely impacts and burdens both the economy and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Chino Basin Watermaster has been mandated by the Court to develop an Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP). The water purveyors and regulatory agencies must resolve a magnitude of water issues to implement an OBMP. One crucial issue is determining ways to provide the most cost-efficient means for assuring that water can be conserved for future use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the OBMP concludes there is a need to recharge as much as 80,000 acre-feet per year and currently, there is only capacity to recharge approximately one-half of that amount; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary goal of the OBMP is to increase storm water recharge and thereby maintain and enhance the safe yield and water quality of the basin; and

**WHEREAS**, a decrease in irrigation returns to the groundwater is imminent as urbanization occurs in agricultural areas. A continual decrease in the irrigation returns to the groundwater will significantly decrease the safe yield of the basin. Any loss in the basin's safe yield must be replaced; and,

**WHEREAS**, the desire and pressure by privately-owned development firms to acquire publicly-owned land for urbanization has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, an influx of both residential and commercial development within the basin boundaries places a much greater demand than previously experienced or anticipated on an already limited water supply and threatens the availability of a future supply; and,

**WHEREAS**, urbanization creates new runoff that must be managed to protect occupants of floodplains; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the publicly-owned parcels currently being sought by developers include water basins that appear to be abandoned when, in fact, basins often stand empty on a temporary basis for valid reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, many existing publicly-owned water basins were designed and strategically placed in specific locations for the capture of water to maintain and enhance the local water supply and the water captured in those basins is normally high in quality and is put to beneficial use; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be essential that public entities acquire new land and rebuild basins sold to private development firms in order to meet current and future water demands. Any urgency or need to acquire new parcels of land to rebuild lost water supplies may result in payment of premium prices which would place an unnecessary burden on the water customers within the basin boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS**, conservation basins will improve surface water quality in the Santa Ana River and its' tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, flood control costs can be reduced through the use of existing and new conservation basins; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to preserve existing publicly-owned basin capacity in order to assure the ability to conserve water and maintain a safe, clean and continuous water supply for the current and future residents in the Chino Basin area; and

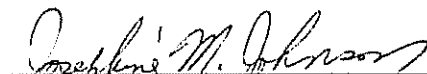
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chino Basin Watermaster encourages and supports the efforts and programs of all public and regulatory agencies to work cooperatively to protect the water supply and preserve groundwater recharge in the Chino Basin. Supporting the preservation of publicly-owned basin capacity will sustain and enhance the ability to conserve water and maintain a safe, clean and continuous water supply for the current and future residents in the Chino Basin.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-NIL, RECOMMENDED** by the Chino Basin Watermaster Advisory Committee on the 12th of August 1999, is hereby **ADOPTED** by the Chino Basin Watermaster Board on this 26th day of August 1999.

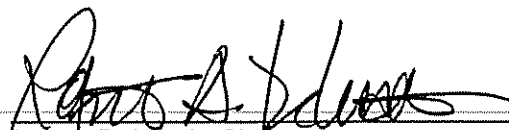
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER BOARD

  
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Robert Neufeld, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Josephine Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Chino Basin Watermaster Board

APPROVED:

  
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Robert DeLoach, Chairman  
Chino Basin Watermaster Advisory Committee

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO    )

I, Josephine Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 99-NIL, was adopted on August 26, 1999 at a regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board by the following vote:

AYES:            Catlin, Harriger, King, Krueger, Johnson, Vanden Heuvel  
NOES:            None  
ABSENT:          Arbelbide, Hofer  
ABSTAIN:        None

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Secretary/Treasurer