

**RESOLUTION 2020-06
OF THE
CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

REGARDING

**ADOPTION OF THE
2020 OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Chino Basin Watermaster (“Watermaster”) was appointed pursuant to the Judgment in Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al. (San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. RCV RS 51010, formerly Case No. SCV 164327) to administer and enforce the provisions of the Judgment and any subsequent instructions and orders of the Court;
2. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Paragraph 41 of the Restated Judgment, Watermaster, with advice of the Advisory and Pool Committees, is granted discretionary powers to develop an Optimum Basin Management Program to maximize the beneficial utilization of the water resources of the Basin;
3. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Court direction, Watermaster prepared and submitted a Phase I Report regarding the OBMP to the Court in the year 2000;
4. **WHEREAS**, on June 25th, 2000, the Watermaster Board adopted Resolution No. 2000-05 to: “Approve the “Peace Agreement”, to Adopt the Goals and Plans of the Phase I Report for the Optimum Basin Management Program (“OBMP”) Consistent with the Peace Agreement as its OBMP, and to Adopt the Requisite Policies and Procedures to Implement the Provisions set forth in Article V of the Peace Agreement on or Before December 31, 2000”;
5. **WHEREAS**, the Court ordered Watermaster to act in accordance with and to administer the Peace Agreements as provided therein;
6. **WHEREAS**, the Watermaster Board adopted the Goals of the OBMP and the parties to the Judgment agreed to Watermaster’s performance of specific implementation measures that pertain to:
 - Enhance Basin Water Supplies
 - Protect and Enhance Water Quality
 - Enhance Management of the Basin
 - Equitably Finance the OBMP
7. **WHEREAS**, the OBMP and the implementing measures set forth in OBMP Implementation Plan satisfied the then-existing Court requirement that Watermaster prepare an OBMP, with a further discharge of its specific duty regarding desalters occurring in December of 2007.
8. **WHEREAS**, collectively these actions, supported by the representations, assurances, and agreements in the Peace Agreement have supported the “full utilization” of the Basin’s water resources and enabled the region to manage the Chino Groundwater Basin to provide a clean, reliable water supply for the \$2 Billion economy of the Inland Empire;
9. **WHEREAS**, the Parties to the Chino Basin Judgment have acted in accordance with the Peace Agreement and collaborated on the implementation of the OBMP for the past 20 years;

10. **WHEREAS**, implementation of the OBMP has accrued significant benefits including but not limited to:
- Management of Land Subsidence
 - Expanded and improved groundwater recharge facilities
 - Expanded Direct and Indirect use of recycled water
 - Construction and operation of the Chino Desalters
 - Minimization of storage losses
 - Expedited water transfers and recharge applications
11. **WHEREAS**, the Chino Basin region has experienced rapid economic and population growth;
12. **WHEREAS**, the scientific understanding and technical advances have improved the ability to understand and manage the Basin;
13. **WHEREAS**, increased scarcity driven by regulation and climate change have reduced the reliability of imported water supplies and there is uncertainty over the timing, cost and feasibility over Delta Conveyance facilities, which may serve to further curtail deliveries of imported water;
14. **WHEREAS**, new emerging constituents that degrade groundwater quality may adversely impact the parties' ability to extract groundwater in historical quantities without additional treatment;
15. **WHEREAS**, the region now faces new challenges and, while the goals of the OBMP remain the same, there is a need to reconsider the implementation activities in light of current and projected conditions;
16. **WHEREAS**, Watermaster conducted a process to gather stakeholder input that was comprised of eight Listening Sessions, multiple Storage Management Workshops, multiple rounds of comments and responses to the written materials produced throughout the process;
17. **WHEREAS**, the 2020 OBMP will be the planning document that the parties will rely on to develop an Implementation Plan;
18. **WHEREAS**, the 2020 OBMP is the planning document that will guide the management of the Chino Basin through the challenges facing the region for the next 20 years, with the reaffirmed goals of [1] enhance Basin water supplies; [2] protect and enhance water quality; [3] enhance management of the Basin; and [4] equitably finance the OBMP without pre-committing Watermaster or any party to a specific action;
19. **WHEREAS**, the 2020 OBMP Implementation Plan, coupled with a Court Order approving it and ordering Watermaster's performance, along with whatever legal instruments may be required and agreed by the parties to the Judgment to be implemented, will be the operative approval required prior to moving forward.

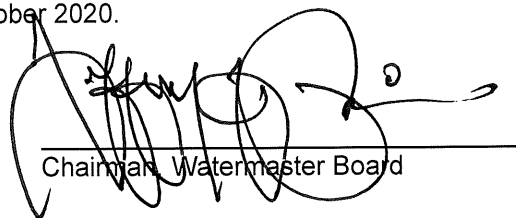
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER adopts the 2020 Optimum Basin Management Program Report in its entirety.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER BOARD encourages the parties to timely develop an Implementation Plan and an Implementation Agreement and support the necessary environmental review to start implementing the proposed activities on the 2020 OBMP.

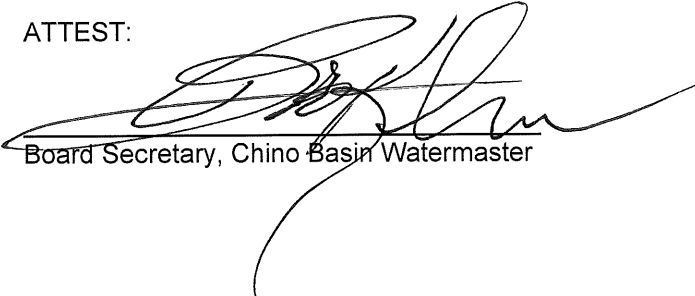
ADOPTED by the Watermaster Board on this 22nd day of October 2020.

By:

Chairman, Watermaster Board



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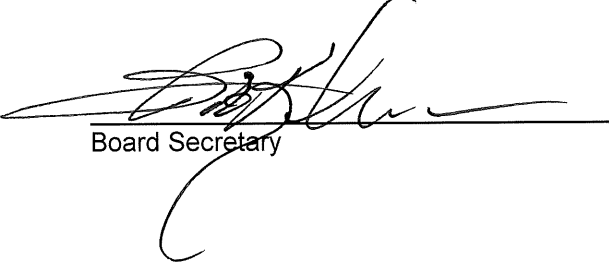
Board Secretary, Chino Basin Watermaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Bob Kuhn, Secretary of the Chino Basin Watermaster, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 2020-06, was adopted at the regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board on October 22, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



Board Secretary

Date: 11/10/2020