

**MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL HEARING ON  
DETERMINATION OF OPERATING SAFE YIELD  
AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012 AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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The annual hearing on determination of Operating Safe Yield and regular meeting of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster was duly and regularly held in the Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility, at 729 North Azusa Avenue, in the City of Azusa, County of Los Angeles, State of California, 91702, on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

James Byerrum, Chairman, called the meeting to order and presided thereover.

**ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

**PRESENT:** Chet Anderson, Dan Arrighi, James Byerrum, Thomas Love, Pat Malloy, David Michalko, Michael Quinn, and Charles Trevino.

**ABSENT:** Ed Chavez

(Mr. Chavez arrived later in the meeting.)

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff present at the meeting included: Tony Zampiello, Assistant Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Stephen Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Wendy La, Staff Engineer; and Kelly Gardner, Administrative Coordinator.

Others present included: Ron Bow, Robert Bowcock, Mark Carney, Barbara Carrera, Ted Carrera, Ken Deck, Greg Galindo, Ken Herman, Garry Hofer, Dan Horan, Mariana Lake, Ben Lewis, Ken Manning, William McIntyre, Stephen Millard, Lynda Noriega, Lenet Pacheco, Steve Patton, Henri Pellissier, James Prior, Martin Ray, Charles Shaw, Tom Tait, Ken Tcheng, and Che Venegas.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Malloy and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON OPERATING SAFE YIELD FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012-13  
THROUGH 2016-17**

(Mr. Chavez joined the meeting)

The Chairman stated that this was the time and place fixed and noticed for a public hearing to be conducted by the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster in accordance with the provisions of Section 43 of the amended Judgment entered in the action, "Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District vs. City of Alhambra, et al.," regarding the determination of the Operating Safe Yield for the Main San Gabriel Basin for fiscal years 2012-13 through 2016-17. The Chairman also noted that copies of Watermaster's report on the preliminary determination of the Operating Safe Yield (OSY) had been mailed to all parties on April 12, 2012.

Chairman Byerrum further stated that prior to opening the Public Hearing, the Consulting Engineer would provide a brief update and summary of his recommendation in establishing the Operating Safe Yield (OSY).

The Consulting Engineer thanked Watermaster for giving him the opportunity to provide the Engineer's Final Recommendation of the OSY for fiscal years 2012-13 through 2016-17. He noted that the Preliminary Recommendation was to set the OSY at 200,000 acre-feet. The Consulting Engineer also referred to his detailed report presented at the April 4, 2012 Watermaster meeting, and provided a brief update on the water supply conditions in the Basin.

The Consulting Engineer stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well water level was at 228.3 feet as of March 30, 2012, and as of April 30, 2012, it measured at 226.4 feet. The Consulting Engineer stated that this is a decrease of approximately one-half foot per week, expecting a continual decline into the summer's high water demands.

Additionally, the Consulting Engineer provided a brief hydrologic update and noted that rainfall in the Los Angeles area and across the Basin, as of April 2012, was at approximately 50-60 percent of average. Of that rainfall, only about 25 percent has resulted in local run-off for replenishment, which is a significant reduction from last year.

The Consulting Engineer reported that the State Water Project (SWP) allocation has been increased from 50 to 60 percent, which will provide San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) with a 10% increase in its allocation.

With regard to the many components taken into the consideration for the establishment of the OSY recommendations, the Consulting Engineer stated that he evaluated both positive and negative impacts to the Basin such as historic lows, rainfall, supplemental water supply, reduced production, cyclic storage, and findings made available as a result of the Basin Water Management Committee's (BWMC) interactive, in-depth analysis last fall.

After consideration of all relevant information, the Consulting Engineer stated that these factors serve as justification to reduce the OSY from 210,000 acre-feet in Fiscal Year 2011-12 to 200,000 acre-feet for Fiscal Year 2012-13. He further stated that there is no change in his original recommendation of 200,000 acre-feet for fiscal year 2012-13, and for the subsequent 4 years, a recommended reduction of 10,000 acre-feet per year.

In response to a question from Mr. Michalko regarding the extent of influence the BWMC's analysis had on the recommendation, the Consulting Engineer stated that while it is difficult to quantify numerically, the discussions and findings from the BWMC meetings were definitely used as valuable consideration in the determination of the overall "health" of the Basin. He stated that he understood the intent of the Committee was to prevent drastic up and down swings, thereby creating a less stable Basin level and recovery during very dry years.

Mr. Anderson asked if the Consulting Engineer had information on this past winter's snowpack. The Consulting Engineer stated that he believed the Sierra's have received roughly 50-60 percent of average while the Colorado River Region received only about 40 percent.

The Chairman thanked the Consulting Engineer for his report and asked if there were any comments to come before Watermaster during the public hearing. Mr. Robert Bowcock encouraged the Board to consider leaving the OSY at 210,000 for the coming year stating that during a year with low snowpack and reductions in the SWP allocation, reducing the OSY is only increasing the annual deficit statewide.

Seeing no additional speakers, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

#### **ADOPTION OF OPERATING SAFE YIELD**

The Chairman resumed the regular meeting, and asked for comments from Watermaster members.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the Consulting Engineer's recommendation for an OSY of 200,000 acre-feet for fiscal year 2012-13, however, he recommends setting the subsequent four years at 150,000 acre-feet and that the item be reviewed in 12 months. Mr. Trevino seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, on motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Trevino and unanimously carried, the following resolution was then read, adopted and passed as read:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-242**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER DETERMINING OPERATING SAFE YIELD FOR SAID BASIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 THROUGH 2016-17 (see next page)**

#### **TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were offered.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Chavez, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Watermaster held March 28, 2012.
- b) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Watermaster held April 4, 2012.
- c) List of Demands: Items 15334 through 15376 in the amount of \$388,861.27 on the Administrative Fund and Items 913 and 914 in the amount of \$166,924.50 on the Replacement Water Fund.
- d) Financial Statements, April 2012
- e) Stipulation re Intervention after Judgment of:
  - i) Hieu Tran

## **DISCUSSION OF JULY MEETING DATE**

The Assistant Executive Officer reported that the regular Watermaster meeting date in July conflicts with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. He stated that staff has confirmed the availability of the Board Room on Tuesday July 3, or Thursday July 5, and can check additional dates if the Board so chooses.

Mr. Love stated that past practice has been to move the meeting back one-week and suggested July 11 as an alternate date. Mr. Malloy stated that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary are not able to attend on July 11, possibly putting the required meeting quorum in jeopardy.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Chavez, and unanimously carried, the July meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF ACWA/JPIA RESOLUTION**

The Assistant Executive Officer reported that staff had received notification from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) stating that the Health Benefits Authority (HBA) has initiated a process to transition its operations and health benefits programs into the ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA). The merger allows the two organizations to combine resources and reduce overall costs while improving operations. He noted that cost savings would be passed on to all agencies that participate in programs offered by HBA and ACWA/JPIA.

He stated that staff recommends that Watermaster adopt Resolution No. 05-12-243 in support of the transition.

In response to a question from Chairman Byerrum, the Assistant Executive Officer stated that this merger could benefit Watermaster through programs that were not available to us before, such as insurance pooling and human resources assistance, based on agency eligibility.

On motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was then read, adopted and passed as read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-243**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACWA JOINT POWERS  
INSURANCE AUTHORITY, CONSENTING TO JOIN THE HEALTH BENEFITS  
PROGRAM OF THE ACWA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY,  
RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE ACWA HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO TERMINATE THE HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY  
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
(see next page)**

**WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Application from Mr. Hieu Tran, Section 28 Permit Application to Drill a New Well – The Consulting Engineer stated that Mr. Tran has submitted an application to drill a new well to

be located at 388 Long Canyon Road, in the City of Bradbury. The property currently receives domestic water and irrigation supply from California American Water Company (CAWC).

The Consulting Engineer reported that the new well will be used for irrigating the large parcel owned by Mr. Tran, and that the domestic potable drinking water supply will continue to be provided by CAWC. The proposed well is designed to be constructed with a six-inch diameter casing and drilled to approximately 400 feet deep.

With regard to available data in the area, the Consulting Engineer stated that there is very little information relating to the hydrogeological conditions. It is expected that the aquifer supplying this area is no more than 100 feet deep and likely formed of fractured rock. The Tran Well design specifies casing perforations in the 200-400 feet deep range with a yield of approximately 10 gallons per minute (gpm).

Additionally, the Consulting Engineer noted that there is another private well in the general area owned by Mr. Gale Banks, who has expressed some concern about the potential impact the proposed well has on his existing well. He stated that staff has met with Mr. Banks and he has agreed to work with Watermaster to gather as much information as possible in the area. The Consulting Engineer noted that with Mr. Tran becoming a party to the Judgment, and complying with the conditions set forth, staff will be able to gather the much needed information from the area.

Lastly, the Consulting Engineer stated that it is staff's recommendation that Watermaster approve Mr. Hieu Tran's application to drill a new well at his property located at 388 Long Canyon Road, in the City of Bradbury, subject to conditions set forth in the staff report.

In response to a question from Chairman Byerrum, the Consulting Engineer stated that with the approval of the Tran Well, staff will have access to drillers logs and all other geologic information gathered during the drilling process.

The Assistant Executive Officer responded to a question from Mr. Anderson as to whether this well was needed for additional fire protection and stated that the well is intended for irrigation purposes and that Mr. Tran will maintain other connections with CAWC. He also noted that Mr. Banks has agreed to equip his private well in order to allow Watermaster to periodically measure levels providing more data on the aquifer.

In response to a question from Mr. Trevino regarding the conditions set for this approval, the Consulting Engineer stated that Mr. Tran must comply with Watermaster's Judgment and Rules and Regulations as any other party to the Judgment.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved Mr. Hieu Tran's application to drill a new well at 388 Long Canyon Road, in the City of Bradbury, subject to conditions stated in the staff report.

## **REPORT FROM BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Malloy reported that the Basin Water Management Committee (BWMC) met on April 11, 2012 and discussed several items, two requiring Watermaster action.

Consideration of Laboratory Contract Renewal with Weck Laboratories (Weck) - Mr. Malloy stated that Watermaster currently has a contract with Weck Laboratories to provide analytical testing and reporting services for the Title 22 groundwater monitoring program. The current contract will expire on June 30, however Weck has agreed to extend the contract for an additional year under the conditions and unit analytical prices specified in the current contract.

Because Weck has performed to the satisfaction of Watermaster and the Producers, the Committee recommends a one-year extension to the current contract, based on the existing conditions and unit analytical prices.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, Watermaster approved a one-year extension to the existing contract, based on the terms in the original agreement and specified unit prices.

Consideration of Authorizing Staff to Engage LDC and Stetson Engineers to Expand the Existing Database – Mr. Malloy reported that over the last several months, Watermaster has been involved in a cooperative effort with several agencies to develop a computer based database for use in groundwater modeling. He stated that LDC made a presentation at the Committee meeting that detailed the database's abilities that include groundwater modeling, data management and software applications.

Mr. Malloy noted that Watermaster currently has a contract with LDC to update and maintain an electronic database on behalf of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU). He stated that the Committee discussed the possibility of expanding this database to cover the entire Main Basin. This option would provide Watermaster with the necessary control to maintain information accuracy and best serve the interests of the Producers.

Mr. Malloy stated that discussions on the future maintenance of the database will be addressed at the next BWMC meeting and will bring the item back to the Board for a recommendation following this meeting.

The Assistant Executive Officer clarified that the information in the database will include all electronic data, dating back to the 1980's, not just from this point forward.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Michalko, Watermaster authorized staff to engage LDC and Stetson Engineers to expand the database for a cost not to exceed \$30,000 for integration of all electronic groundwater quality information that is currently being reported to Watermaster, and bring a proposal for hosting and maintenance back to the Board at a future meeting.

Additionally, Mr. Malloy stated that at the meeting, Stetson Engineers provided a Groundwater Modeling Presentation that detailed its capability for data interpretation, predictive forecasting, and mapping.

Lastly, Mr. Malloy reported that the Committee discussed the Judgment Amendments and that they have been filed with the Court. The Attorney stated that the scheduled hearing date is June 21, 2012. Mr. Malloy thanked the Assistant Executive Officer, the Attorney

and staff for their hard work and diligence in moving this item forward.

## **REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Arrighi reported that the Administrative Committee met on April 18, 2012 and discussed four items, one requiring Watermaster action.

Recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. 05-12-244 - Mr. Arrighi referred to the staff report and noted that the Assistant Executive Officer, Board Chairman and Attorney met with Ms. Debra Man, Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Assistant General Manager, regarding some concerns with Amendments to Section 47 of the Judgment. He stated that MWD is not opposed to the proposed Amendments; however, MWD has asked that Watermaster prepare and adopt a resolution assuring MWD that the proposed Amendments would not be contrary to MWD's ability to provide and supply water to the area as a state contractor along with San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Mr. Arrighi stated that it is the Committee's recommendation that the Board adopt a Resolution clarifying the intent of the proposed Amendments to Section 47 of the Judgment.

Mr. Love stated that while he finds no harm in adopting the Resolution, he noted that the stipulations of the State Water Project Contract will remain in effect. He also noted a typographical error on the proposed Resolution. The Assistant Executive Officer will make the necessary corrections prior to obtaining signatures from the Chairman and Secretary.

On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was then read, adopted and passed as read:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-244**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER CLARIFYING THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 47 OF THE JUDGMENT (see next page)**

Lastly, Mr. Arrighi reported that the Committee discussed the elements of the Strategic Plan, and Administrative Policy Updates/Changes. He also noted that discussion regarding Section 27 of the Rules and Regulations has been referred to the Basin Water Management Committee for review at its upcoming meeting on May 22, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

## **REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE**



Mr. Michalko reported that the Finance Committee met on April 24, 2012. He referred to the staff report and budget included in the packet and stated that there are five actions required by Watermaster. He noted that a Committee Report is included in the Board packet for review.

Adoption of Administration Budget for FY 2012-13 and Administration Assessment on FY 2011-12 production (Resolution No. 05-12-245) – Mr. Michalko stated that no changes had been requested on the preliminary draft Administration Budget presented at the April meeting; therefore, the Finance Committee recommended adoption of the draft FY 2012-13 Administration Budget keeping the Administration Assessment at \$13.00 per acre-foot of production during FY 2011-12.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, it was

**RESOLVED:** That Watermaster adopt the draft Administration Budget for fiscal year 2012-13 as presented in the amount of \$3,795,100 and levy an Administration Assessment of \$13.00 per acre-foot on all water produced from the Basin during fiscal year 2011-12.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was then read, adopted and passed as read:

#### **RESOLUTION NO 05-12-245**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER ADOPTING ITS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 AND FIXING, ESTABLISHING, AND LEVYING THE ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT FOR ALL PRODUCTION FROM THE BASIN DURING FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 (see next page)**

Adoption of In-Lieu Assessment on FY 2011-12 Production (Resolution No. 05-12-246) – Mr. Michalko reported that the In-Lieu Assessment provides funding for Watermaster's share of the Cooperative Water Exchange Agreement (Alhambra Exchange) and that the amount required this year corresponds to an assessment of \$2.05 per acre-foot of production during fiscal year 2011-12. He noted that this represents a \$1.05 increase from the current year, due to a shortfall in the fund of approximately \$178,000.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously carried, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the In-Lieu Assessment for production from the Basin during fiscal year 2011-12 be established at \$2.05 per acre-foot to pay for costs associated with the Cooperative Water Exchange Agreement.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was read, adopted, and passed as read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-246**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN  
WATERMASTER FIXING, ESTABLISHING, AND LEVYING  
AN IN-LIEU ASSESSMENT ON ALL PRODUCTION FROM  
THE BASIN DURING FISCAL YEAR 2011-12  
(see next page)**

Adoption of Replacement Water Assessment on FY 2011-12 Excess Production (Resolution No. 05-12-247) – Mr. Michalko reported that the Committee reviewed a detailed list of assumptions prepared by the Consulting Engineer for use in establishing the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's (USGVMWD) Water Assessment. The Committee discussed the proposed scenarios and the need to properly manage increases for Producers, as well as the need to provide a projected Replacement Water Assessment for 2012-13 for future planning.

Mr. Michalko also reported that water rates for the purchase of Replacement Water had been received from the three municipal water districts, and he recommended setting the Replacement Water Assessment for 2011-12 excess production within the USGVMWD at \$640.00 per acre-foot; for excess production within the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) at \$130.00; and for excess production within the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) at the rate of \$559.00 per acre-foot.

Additionally, Mr. Michalko noted that the projected Replacement Water Assessment for 2012-13 excess production within USGVMWD should be set at \$696.00 per acre-foot.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, it was

**RESOLVED:** That Watermaster set the Replacement Water Assessment for 2011-12 excess production within USGVMWD at \$640.00 per acre-foot; at \$130.00 per acre-foot for excess production within SGVMWD; and at \$559.00 per acre-foot within TVMWD. Watermaster also set a projected Replacement Water Assessment for 2012-13 excess production at \$696.00 per acre-foot within USGVMWD.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was read, adopted, and passed as read:

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-247**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-11-239  
FIXING, ESTABLISHING, AND LEVYING THE RATES  
OF REPLACEMENT WATER ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12  
EXCESS PRODUCTION FROM THE BASIN AND PROJECTING  
THE REPLACEMENT WATER ASSESSMENT FOR EXCESS PRODUCTION  
(see next page)**

Lastly, Mr. Michalko reported that the Committee discussed the selection of an independent audit firm for the 2011-12 financial reporting. He stated that staff sent out five Requests for Proposal (RFP) and received four back. Staff evaluated all four proposals based on qualifying categories and determined that two firms met the criteria specified in the RFP.

Mr. Michalko also stated that it is the Committee's recommendation to select Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman as the Independent Auditor for FY 2011-12 financials, and that the accounting method (GASB vs. FASB) shall be determined by the Administrative Committee at its meeting of May 22, 2012.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the Assistant Executive Officer to retain the services of Vicente, Lloyd and Stutzman for the FY 2011-12 Financial Audit.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following items listed on the agenda for information of Watermaster were noted, and ordered received and filed:

- a) Transmittal of SGVMWD monthly report for March 2012
- b) Various newspaper articles

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney reported that regarding the South El Monte Operable Unit (SEMOU) litigation, the Court has appointed Tim Gallagher as the mediator for settlements in the case. He stated that Mr. Gallagher has notified him that a settlement in principle has been reached with TDY Teledyne. Assuming that all agreements in principle are approved by the Court, Watermaster's obligation of defense should end within a couple of months.

Regarding the Baldwin Park Operable Unit treatment plants, the Attorney reported that spent resin disposal continues to be an issue of discussion among the purveyors. He stated that the Assistant Executive Officer will continue to be involved in the discussions to find a suitable remedy. The Attorney noted that it is nearing the time when Watermaster should begin working on the BPOU Contract Renewal. He stated that the current contract expires in 2017 and that the last agreement took approximately 3 years to fully negotiate.

The Attorney also reported that the issue relating to nitrate treatment at the SA-1 site continues as a topic of discussion. He reported that the CDM Engineering (CDM) study has been rejected by the CR's, who have countered with a proposal recommending that the water with nitrate presence be delivered to Suburban Water System where it can be "blended" down to a servable level. The Attorney stated that the CR's proposal conflicts with the settlement agreement so he will stay involved and keep Watermaster informed of all updates.

Additionally, the Attorney reported on the status of the pending endangered species issues: Impact on Critical Habitats for the Santa Ana Sucker (SAS) and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (SWF). He stated that the County will consider joining Watermaster in the lawsuit opposing the SAS designation at the Board of Supervisors Meeting to be held on

May 29, 2012. The Attorney noted that a recovery plan relating to the SAS is already proceeding and regardless of the County's decision, Watermaster will comment on the plan as a stakeholder.

Relating to the SWF, the Attorney stated that Watermaster has submitted comments on the matter ahead of the upcoming EIS. He also stated that he is working to set up a meeting with the Carlsbad Field Supervisor to discuss Watermaster's primary concerns. The Attorney reported that the Assistant Executive Officer will join Rob Thornton and Sue Meyer, Partners of the Attorney, as a panelist at the ACWA Convention in Monterey to discuss the impacts of endangered species and critical habitat designations on local water supplies, specifically the San Gabriel Valley.

Lastly, the Attorney reported that the Judgment Amendment Petition has been filed with the Court as of May 1, 2012. He noted that included in the Court submission were a few Joinders and several letters of support from Producers and Parties. The Attorney stated that because of the complicated nature of the Joinder, anyone wishing to prepare one should forward it to his office, within the next two weeks, where they will be collected and served more economically. He also stated that support letters are still welcomed and should be sent to Watermaster for processing.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Assistant Executive Officer referred to the staff report included in the packet for a detailed description of the recent month's staff involvements.

He stated that staff continues working on the Water Education Forum that is tentatively scheduled to be held on August 28, 2012 at the Los Angeles County Fairplex, Conference Center.

The Assistant Executive reported that on April 21, 2012 he was a panelist at a Global Warming Forum held by the Pasadena League of Women Voters. On the same day, Wendy La participated in a career education program for young Latinas at Pasadena City College. He stated that it is interesting to participate in these events that are geared toward bringing a greater depth of knowledge to people not directly involved in the Water Industry.

Additionally, the Assistant Executive Officer reported that he is working with Los Angeles County regarding the upcoming sediment removal projects and the impacts specifically in the San Gabriel Canyon.

Lastly, the Executive Officer announced that the Basin Water Management Committee Meeting scheduled for May 9 has been postponed to May 16 at 2:30 p.m., due to the ACWA Conference. The Administrative Committee Meeting was also changed from May 16 to May 22 at 2:30 p.m.

## **REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

Mr. Love reported that the SGVWMD Board met on April 9 and discussed several items. One action item was the approval of a contract to prepare a Long-Term Finance Plan. The Board also discussed the current water rate of \$130 acre-foot and will not propose a rate increase this year, but will likely address rates following completion of the Long-Term Finance Plan. Mr. Love also reported that the Board approved the SGVMWD to act as the Administrative Agent for the San Gabriel Water Education Forum, and provided an update on the status of the current California Water Bond issue.

Mr. Trevino reported at the USGVMWD Board Meeting of April 17, the Board authorized the District's participation in and support for the San Gabriel Valley Water Forum with certain conditions specified. The Board also approved involvement in two Water Fest events for 2012: one in the City of Arcadia, the other in the City of La Puente. Also at the meeting, a representative from MWD gave an overview of water supply sources, and respective apportionments of the Colorado River as well as discussed MWD's State Water Project Contract, Quantification Settlement Agreement.

Additionally Mr. Trevino reported that the USGVMWD Board took three actions at its May 1 meeting. The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Trussell Technologies, Inc. for a total, not to exceed amount of \$200,000 to provide technical advisory services for treatment optimization and regulatory compliance for the Indirect Reuse Groundwater Recharge Project. The Board also authorized the General Manager to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$48,000 for T.E. Roberts Construction Inc.'s contract for the construction of the City of Industry Phase IIB Recycled Water Program, Temple/Azusa Connection Project. And lastly, the Board adopted Resolution No. 5-12-512, consenting to join the health benefits program of ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority, ratifying the action of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority (HBA) to terminate the HBA joint powers agreement and authorizing the General Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Mr. Horan reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District stated that staff took a field trip to Cadiz in the Mojave Desert to review new water opportunities.

## **COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

Mr. Trevino asked the Assistant Executive Officer to send notices of the aforementioned Committee Meetings, date and time changes to all Board Members.

Mr. Michalko stated that the Assistant Executive Officer's report that includes the various activities undertaken by staff is a great addition and helps keep not only the Board aware of staff's involvement, but gets Watermaster involved in many areas of influence.

Chairman Byerrum concurred with Mr. Michalko's statement.

Mr. Malloy thanked the Consulting Engineer for also including a written Engineer's Report in the agenda packet.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, upon motion duly made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility at 729 North Azusa Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

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DAN ARRIGHI

ATTEST:

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JAMES BYERRUM  
CHAIRMAN