

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

A public hearing 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, September 3, 2014, at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

David Michalko, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and presided thereover.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Michalko led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

PRESENT: Chet Anderson, Dan Arrighi, Anthony Fellow, Craig Gott, Garry Hofer, David Michalko and Charles Trevino

ABSENT: James Byerrum and Tom Love

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

Staff present at the meeting included: Anthony Zampello, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer; and Stephen Johnson, Consulting Engineer.

Others present included: Dennis Ahlen, Ted Carrera, Myra Evangelista, Dan Horan, Shawn Igoe, Steve Patton, Jeffrey Pellissier, Jim Prior and Che Venegas.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WAIVER OF ASSESSMENTS

The Vice-Chair stated that this was the time and place fixed and noticed for a public hearing to be conducted relative to one request for waiver of assessments. The Vice-Chair asked if

there was any public comment associated with the application. There being no public comment, the Vice-Chair called on the Consulting Engineer to review the staff report.

San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) - The Consulting Engineer reported that the waiver application before Watermaster today is from San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) for 3,985.49 acre-feet of water treated and discharged from its Plant B6 to the Big Dalton Wash. San Gabriel constructed a water treatment facility at its Plant B6 for testing, protecting and improving the water quality of the Basin as part of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) cleanup plan.

He explained that Section 18(e) of Watermaster's Rules and Regulations allows a Producer to apply in writing to Watermaster for a waiver of all or part of Watermaster assessments for water pumped for the purpose of testing, protecting, or improving water quality.

Additionally, the Consulting Engineer stated in the staff report that SGVWC constructed a new single pass ion exchange treatment system to replace its existing regenerable resin ion exchange treatment system. San Gabriel conducted California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) required amended Water Supply Permit compliance testing to allow use of the Single Pass System as a potable water supply. Treated water was discharged from Plant B6 extraction wells B25A, B25B, B26A, and B26B to Big Dalton Wash between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for a total of 133 days, and there was no outflow to the ocean during the testing period. The Consulting Engineer noted that the CDPH issued a water supply permit for the facility last week.

The staff recommendation on the request from San Gabriel is that Watermaster waive the appropriate assessments associated with San Gabriel's Plant B6 treatment facility operations and discharge to Big Dalton Wash from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, totaling 3,985.49 acre-feet.

On motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried, with Mr. Arrighi abstaining, Watermaster approved the waiver of the Replacement Water Assessment associated with the San Gabriel Plant B6 discharge.

TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held August 2014.
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 16446 through 16479 in the amount of \$306,220.25 on the Administrative Fund and Item 956 in the amount of \$110,902.82 on the Replacement Water Fund.

- c) Financial Statements, August 2014.
- d) Stipulation re Intervention after Judgment of:
 - i. City of Brea
- e) Authorization to attend ACWA Fall Conference, December 2-5, 2014, San Diego.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney reported that discussions at the staff level are underway relative to the Baldwin Park Operable Unit Agreement. He noted that the current agreement expires in March, 2017.

The Attorney also reported on substantive groundwater legislation underway as a result of Governor Brown's Drought Declaration (AB 1739 – Dickinson, SB 1168 – Pavley, and SB 1319 – Pavley. He reported that the three bills passed the legislature and are awaiting Governor Brown's signature. He briefly explained the exemptions for managed basins and adjudications, and stated that there are provisions in the bill(s) allowing for an agency to become a sustainable management authority.

Lastly, the Attorney reported that Federal land within the boundaries of the proposed National Recreation Area legislation has been proposed as a National Monument. He noted that the President of the United States has the authority to issue an Executive Order declaring the San Gabriel Mountains as such a monument. He will continue to monitor the progress on this, and report back as more information becomes available.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Consulting Engineer provided a report on current water supply conditions, and stated that, as of August 29, 2014, the Key Well elevation was 183.8 feet, reflecting .3 foot decrease in elevation from the prior week. He stated that this is a new Historic Low for the Basin. Prior to June of this year, the previous Historic Low was 189.2 feet, set in December of 2009. The water level in the Key Well is currently 14 feet lower than this same time last year, and is expected to continue dropping through October/November. The Consulting Engineer noted that imported water deliveries are scheduled, and may result in an increase in the Key Well level.

The Consulting Engineer also reported briefly on hydrologic conditions, and stated that rainfall recorded from July 1, 2014, through September 2, 2014, at both the Los Angeles Civic Center and at the Puddingstone Dam is 0 inches. Additionally, the Consulting Engineer reported that inflow into the San Gabriel Reservoir is 0 cubic feet per second (cfs). He stated that total canyon storage is currently at 12,600 acre-feet, down from 18,000 acre-feet in the spring. The Consulting Engineer noted that Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) is making canyon deliveries of approximately 5,000 acre-feet.

Relative to cyclic storage, the Consulting Engineer reported that 61,000 acre-feet of water is currently available in cyclic storage, reflecting a reduction of 40,000 acre-feet for over-

production. Producers have 30,000 acre-feet available at this time. The Consulting Engineer noted that total production for Fiscal Year 2013-14 is 243,524 acre-feet, compared to 245,000 acre-feet for the previous year.

Lastly, the Consulting Engineer also reported that all four landfills were inspected and found to be operating normally with no violations. The Consulting Engineer referred to a written report included in the board packet that includes additional water supply and rainfall information.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer reported that a written copy of his report on Outside Activities is included in the board packet. He also reported that the Third Annual San Gabriel Valley Water Forum will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at the Fairplex Sheraton in Pomona. Program and registration information is available online at www.sgvwaterforum.com. Lastly, the Executive Officer reported that the next Basin Water Management Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Items on the agenda include a discussion of the Three-year Purchased Water Plan.

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Mr. Trevino, reporting on behalf of USGVWMD, read aloud the written report provided to Watermaster. He reported that, at the September 3, 2014 special board meeting, USGVMWD approved a support position for Proposition 1 and adopted Resolution 9-14-539 for this matter. Additionally, USGVMWD adopted Resolution 9-14-540, adopting a revised Human Resources Policies and Procedures Handbook.

Mr. Horan, reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), reported that the National Guard provided a presentation about educating at-risk youth at this morning's TVMWD Board of Directors meeting.

REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Mr. Arrighi and Mr. Michalko referred to written reports provided to Watermaster.

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 July 2014
- b) August 27, 2014, Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1168 (Pavley)
- c) August 27, 2014, Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1739 (Dickinson)
- d) Various newspaper articles

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Mr. Arrighi requested that Watermaster adjourn the meeting in memory of Mr. Ed Little, former board member for the West Basin Municipal Water District, who passed away this past weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mr. Ed Little to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 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

DAN ARRIGHI

ATTEST:

DAVID MICHALKO
VICE-CHAIR