

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013 AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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A 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, February 6, 2013 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

James Byerrum, Chair, 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, Anthony Fellow, Garry Hofer, Thomas Love, David Michalko, and Richard Rich

**ABSENT:** Charles Trevino

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff present at the meeting included: Anthony Zampielo, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Stephen Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Wendy La, Staff Engineer; and Kelly Gardner, Administration Manager.

Others present included: Dennis Ahlen, Brian Bowcock, Barbara Carrera, Ted Carrera, Greg Galindo, Ken Herman, Dan Horan, Kevin Hostert, Mariana Lake, Ben Lewis, Ken Manning, Lynda Noriega, James Prior, and Mike Touhey.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The 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.

**TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were offered.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Watermaster held January 2, 2013.
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 15703 through 15749 in the amount of \$389,416.03 on the Administrative Fund and Items 928 through 930 in the amount of \$3,143,695.60 on the Replacement Water Fund.
- c) Financial Statements, January 2013

## **REQUEST FROM CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT (3,000 AF limit)**

The Executive Officer reported that the City of South Pasadena has requested a new cyclic storage account with a storage limit of 3,000 acre-feet. He stated that staff reviewed the producer's request and found that the limit is appropriate; therefore, staff recommends that Watermaster approve the request.

On motion made by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Love, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the establishment of an individual producer cyclic storage account with a 3,000 acre-foot limit for the City of South Pasadena.

## **REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Arrighi reported that the Administrative Committee met on January 16, 2013 and two items were discussed, one requiring action by the Board.

Recommendation for 2013 Committee Appointments and Representatives to Outside Organizations – Mr. Arrighi reported that the Committee reviewed the existing list of Watermaster Committee assignments, considered new requests, and developed a proposed roster for 2013. He stated that if there are any Board Members interested in joining a particular Committee, they should contact the Executive Officer.

On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously carried, the recommendations for 2013 Watermaster Committee Assignments and Representatives to Outside Organizations was adopted as presented.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- a) Notice of Change of Designee for Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to Timothy J. Schaadt
- b) Notice of Change of Designee for the City of Monterey Park to Rob Quintero
- c) Notice of Change of Designee for the City of El Monte to Mike Rodriguez
- d) Court Order approving the USGVMWD appointments of Charles Trevino and Dr. Anthony R. Fellow to the Watermaster Board for calendar year 2013
- e) Reorganization of the Board of Directors for Valley County Water District
- f) Transmittal of SGVMWD monthly report for December 2012
- g) Various newspaper articles

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney reported that regarding the SEMOU litigation, the case against Watermaster and Los Angeles County has been dismissed. The Court continues working on the final dismissal order.

The Attorney also reported that staff is developing an e-mail list for electronic service of Watermaster correspondence to be filed with the Court. It is anticipated that this list, the Revised Rules and Regulations, and the Re-stated Judgment will be presented to the Court in March 2013.

Lastly, the Attorney stated that there is a need to hold a Closed Session.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Consulting Engineer reported that so far this year, the San Gabriel Valley rainfall total is only approximately 65 percent of average, with Downtown Los Angeles measuring about 60 percent of average.

The below average rainfall has a direct impact on the Baldwin Park Key Well elevation. As of February 1, 2013, the Key Well elevation was 212.9 feet, reflecting a slight decline from last month, and roughly 20 feet lower than this time last year.

The Consulting Engineer also reported that inflow into the San Gabriel Reservoir is very low, measuring about 2 cubic feet per second (cfs), with approximately 13,000 acre-feet of water in storage.

Lastly, the Consulting Engineer noted that all five landfills were inspected and found to be operating normally with no violations.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Executive Officer reported that the San Gabriel Valley Water Association's (SGVWA) quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. To avoid any conflict with this meeting, the Basin Water Management Committee meeting will be moved to 2:30 that day.

He also reported that the Ad Hoc Committee working on the Revised Rules and Regulations has done a great job and that the document had been submitted to the Attorney last month for review. There were only a few changes suggested, and he thanked the Committee Members and staff for their hard work on this task. The next step will be a Stakeholder Meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Azusa Civic Auditorium followed by anticipated adoption at the March Board Meeting. A notice of the Stakeholder Meeting will be mailed to all producers and parties.

Additionally, the Executive Officer reported that he is part of the group working to organize the next San Gabriel Valley Water Summit. The event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the Fairplex and the theme for this year is "Water Quality". It will be geared more toward bringing awareness to Water Quality issues for California in general, rather than specifically relating to the San Gabriel Valley.

The Executive Officer stated that the SGVWA has taken the lead from Watermaster on matters relating to the National Park System designation to study the impacts on the watershed, water rights holders, and adjacent water facility operations.

He also stated that he has been in discussions with the General Managers of the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), and San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) regarding a possible joint Board Meeting. He stated that participation in this meeting will not involve regular business and will be noticed as a Special Meeting.

Lastly, the Executive Officer noted that he will begin to include staff involvements with various agencies such as the SGVWA, Central Basin Water Association, and Raymond Basin Management Board in future Executive Officer/Outside Activities reports to give the Board a more in-depth understanding of the broad range of staff efforts.

In response to a question from Chair Byerrum, the Executive Officer stated that the Revised Rules and Regulations will be posted for viewing or download on the Watermaster website and referenced in the mailed notice.

## **REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

Chair Byerrum congratulated Mr. Love on his appointment as Chair of the Board of Directors for SGVMWD. Mr. Love reported that district elected new officers and Director Thomas

Wong was sworn in. Mr. John Leung will serve as Vice-Chair and Mr. Mark Paulson will serve as Secretary.

Mr. Love also reported that SGVMWD is beginning a strategic planning process and the Board approved the 2013 Communication Plan. He also noted that SGVMWD completed delivery of its allocated State Water Project water in January.

Dr. Fellow reported on behalf of USGVMWD and stated that at the January 2, 2013 Board Meeting, the Board elected Dr. Tony R. Fellow as President, Mr. Ed Chavez as Vice-President, and Mr. Michael Touhey as Secretary/Treasurer for 2013. Dr. Fellow and Mr. Trevino were appointed to serve one-year terms as representatives to Watermaster. Additional appointments were made as follows:

Mr. Urias –	Representative to San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
Mr. Chavez –	Alternate to San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
Mr. Touhey –	Representative to Metropolitan Water District
Mr. Trevino –	Representative to Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority
Mr. Chavez –	Alternate to Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority
Mr. Urias –	Representative to San Gabriel Valley Water Association
Mr. Touhey –	Alternate to San Gabriel Valley Water Association
Mr. Trevino –	Representative to San Gabriel Valley Protective Association
Dr. Fellow –	Representative to San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority
Mr. Chavez –	Alternate to San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority
Mr. Chavez -	Representative to San Gabriel Council of Governments

Dr. Fellow also reported that at the January 15, 2013 meeting, the USGVMWD Board adopted Resolution No. 1-13-524 endorsing WaterSMART for Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for 2013, discussed updates regarding the Indirect Reuse Action Plan and the District's 2012-13 Business Plan.

Lastly, Dr. Fellow reported that at the February 5, 2013 meeting, the USGVMWD Board approved the District's Second Quarter Financial Report, adopted Resolution No. 2-13-526 honoring former MWD Director - Stephen Millard, and approved the Integrated Resources Plan. He also reported that the Board awarded a Professional Services Agreement to Trussell Technologies, Inc. to prepare a USBR Title XVI Feasibility Study for Indirect Reuse Groundwater Recharge, approved a Change Order for the City of Industry Phase IIB project, approved an amendment to the Lee & RO Professional Services Agreement expanding the project scope, adopted Resolution No. 2-13-525 changing the time schedule for Regular Board Meetings, and lifted the hiring and salary freeze to fill three full-time positions.

Mr. Bowcock reporting on behalf of TVMWD, welcomed Dr. Fellow to the Watermaster Board. He stated that TVMWD is also working on a Strategic Plan and suggested that the agencies work together to come up with uniform planning criteria for consistency in the industry.

**REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIASONS**

Mr. Arrighi and Mr. Anderson submitted Outside Committee Reports that were included in the packet.

**COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

Dr. Fellow stated that is happy to be on the Watermaster Board.

Mr. Rich and Mr. Hofer welcomed Dr. Fellow to the Board.

Chair Byerrum asked staff to provide an update on Chromium 6 Regulations at an upcoming Basin Water Management Committee.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Watermaster then adjourned to a Closed Session.

**REGULAR MEETING RESUMES**

The Chairman reported that, in Closed Session, no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, upon motion duly made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 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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ATTEST:

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JAMES BYERRUM  
CHAIR