

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014, 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 Tuesday December 9, 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**

Secretary Dan Arrighi 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, Craig Gott, Garry Hofer and David Michalko

**ABSENT:** James Byerrum, Anthony Fellow, Tom Love and Charles Trevino

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Others present included: Brian Bowcock, Frank Heldman, Dan Horan, Shawn Igoe, Ben Lewis, Jr., George Morrow, Steve Patton, Jeffrey Pellissier, Kevin Sage 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. Anderson and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

**TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Brian Bowcock requested that Watermaster adjourn the meeting in memory of Mr. Alfred Jorgensen, who passed away on November 23, 2014. Mr. Jorgensen devoted his entire career to the water industry, working at agencies such as Crescenta Valley Water District and the

City of Monrovia. Mr. Jorgensen served on the Board of Directors for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water Association (Now the San Gabriel Valley Water Association), was one of the original members of the Southern California Water Utilities Association, and was instrumental in forming the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research at the University of Southern California.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held November 5, 2014.
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 16567 through 16609, and one electronic debit, in the amount of \$356,705.76 on the Administrative Fund and Items 959 and 960 in the amount of \$5,487,806.81 on the Replacement Water Fund.
- c) Financial Statements, November 2014.

## **WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Vulcan Materials Company, Section 28 Application to Destroy Water Well (2) – Durbin East and Durbin West - The Consulting Engineer reported that Vulcan Materials Company (Vulcan) has submitted an application for destruction of two wells, Durbin East and Durbin West. Both wells are located in the Vulcan Durbin Pit, near the intersection of Ramona Boulevard and the 605 Freeway. As per the Staff Report, Vulcan plans to expand its mining activities where the wells are located and, consequently, has proposed to destroy Durbin East and Durbin West to access its sand and gravel resources. Retaining the wells would present an ongoing maintenance expense, interfere with mining operations, and be a potential source of liability.

The Staff Report noted that limited construction data is available on both wells. The Consulting Engineer reported that Volatile Organic Compound concentrations at both wells are well below the Maximum Contaminant Level, and were most recently recorded as non-detectable. He noted that Vulcan has indicated that it is not willing to retain either well for monitoring purposes; however, there are two monitoring wells located in the vicinity of Vulcan's Durbin West well that can be used for that purpose if necessary.

The Consulting Engineer recommended that Watermaster approve Vulcan's application to destroy the Durbin East and Durbin West wells, subject to conditions in the staff report.

On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved Vulcan Materials Company's application to destroy its Durbin East and Durbin West wells, subject to the conditions in the staff report.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 2013-14**

Deferred to the January Watermaster meeting due to lack of required quorum.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The Executive Officer reported that San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District has submitted a request to extend the terms of their Cyclic Storage Agreement for an additional five years. He noted that the agreement with San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is for maximum storage of 40,000 acre-feet. Staff recommends approval of an extension of five years in accordance with Section 26(5)(e) of the Judgment.

On motion made by Mr. Gott, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized execution of the amendment extending the cyclic storage agreement with San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District for five years.

## **REQUEST FROM SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS TO PURCHASE 600 AF WATER FROM TVMWD FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE**

Deferred to the January Watermaster meeting due to lack of required quorum.

## **REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Resolution of Intention to Establish a Direct-Delivery Imported Water Program (Resolution No. 12-14-270) – The Executive Officer provided a brief explanation of the Direct-Delivery Imported Water Program (Program) concept. He explained how the Program relates to the Operating Safe Yield and to imported replenishment water. Additionally, the Executive Officer explained the key points of the Program, and how the candidate agencies were selected for the initial phases of the program.

Following discussion, and on motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted and passed as read:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-270**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT DELIVERY IMPORTED WATER PROGRAM IN THE BASIN DURING FISCAL YEARS 2014-15 & 2015-16**

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**REPORT FROM THE BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Vice-Chair referred to a written Committee report included in the board packet. He reported that the Basin Water Management Committee (BWMC) met on November 19, 2014, and discussed one item. No action is required by Watermaster at this time.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION COMMEMORATING OUTSTANDING SERVICE – GARRY HOFER (Resolution No. 12-14-271)**

Resolution No. 12-4-271 - The Executive Officer stated that a resolution of appreciation has been prepared commemorating the service of Mr. Garry Hofer. The Vice-Chair then read Resolution No. 12-14-271 commemorating the outstanding service of Mr. Hofer as a Producer Member of the Watermaster Board.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-271**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN  
WATERMASTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION,  
COMMEMORATING AND INVITING  
PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES  
RENDERED BY GARRY HOFER  
AS A PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER  
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## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney provided a brief update on the new San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. He stated that the United States Forest Service has been given a three-year period to develop a management plan. The Attorney encouraged the local water agencies to get involved in the planning process. The Attorney also reported that staff continues to monitor the Santa Ana Sucker Recovery Plan; specifically, how it may impact Basin operations and potential impacts to the National Monument designation and pending management plan.

Additionally, the Attorney reported that discussions continue relative to renewal of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit Agreement and a plan for ongoing operations. He noted that the Cooperating Respondents (CRs) need time to address the recent bankruptcy filing by Reichhold Holdings US, Inc., before continuing negotiations. The Attorney expects that negotiations between the CRs and water entities will begin in the spring of 2015.

Relative to other Watermaster business, the Attorney reported that confirmation of the recently elected Watermaster Board Members representing the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the Producers will be heard on December 18, 2014. Lastly, the Attorney reported that a status conference with Judge Duffy Lewis will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015, to discuss Basin conditions and Watermaster's efforts relative to the drought.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Consulting Engineer thanked Mr. Hofer for his service to Watermaster.

The Consulting Engineer provided a report on current water supply conditions, and stated that, as of December 5, 2014, the Key Well elevation was 179.9 feet, reflecting .1 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 17 feet lower than this same time last year.

The Consulting Engineer also reported briefly on hydrologic conditions, and stated that rainfall recorded from July 1, 2014, through November 30, 2014, at the Los Angeles Civic Center is .70 inches, and at the Puddingstone Dam is .70 inches. Rainfall recorded from the recent storm at the Los Angeles Civic Center is 1.6 inches, and at the Puddingstone Dam is 2.12 inches.

Reporting briefly on canyon storage, the Consulting Engineer stated that total runoff into San Gabriel Reservoir is 1,136 acre-feet, with inflow into the canyon at +/- 23 cubic feet per second. He noted that storage at Morris Dam increased by 3,300 acre-feet, with no in-flow.

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 Watermaster is working with the Metropolitan Water District to keep USG-3 on at 60 cubic feet per second to complete requested deliveries. He noted that the Canyon Basin is looking better. Lastly, the Executive Officer thanked Mr. Hofer for his service to Watermaster.

**REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

No reports were offered.

**REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

The Vice-Chair referred to a written report provided to Watermaster.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- a) Temporary transfer or lease of 400 AF Production Right from Vulcan Materials Company to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2014-2015
- b) Temporary transfer or lease of 18.23 AF Production Right from Nicholson Family Trust to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2014-15
- c) Temporary transfer or lease of 5.31 AF Production Right from Nicholson Family Trust to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2014-15
- d) Transmittal of SGVMWD Monthly Report for October 2014
- e) Various newspaper articles

**COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

Mr. Arrighi and Mr. Gott thanked Mr. Hofer for his service to Watermaster, and stated that it was a pleasure working with him.

Mr. Hofer thanked the Watermaster members and the Executive Officer.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Authorization to Purchase Replacement Water Requirements for FY 2013-14
- b) Request from Suburban Water Systems to Purchase 600 AF Water from TVMWD for

## Producer Cyclic Storage

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice-Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mr. Al Jorgensen to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 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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DAVID MICHALKO  
VICE-CHAIR