

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 2013 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

David Michalko, Vice-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, Garry Hofer, Thomas Love and Richard Rich

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

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Others present included: Barbara Carrera, Ted Carrera, Tom Coleman, Craig Gott, Dan Horan, Shawn Igoe, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., Ken Manning, Steve Patton and Jim Prior.

**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. Rich 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. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Watermaster held November 6, 2013.

- b) List of Demands: Items 16106 through 16144 in the amount of \$321,762.07 on the Administrative Fund, and Items 944 through 946 in the amount of \$10,048,570.19 on the Replacement Water Fund
- c) Financial Statements, November 2013

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING JANUARY 2014 MEETING DATE**

The Executive Officer reported that the regular Watermaster meeting in January is on January 1, 2014, New Year's Day. He asked the Watermaster members to verify their availability for January 8, 2014 to ensure a quorum will be present to conduct business. He stated that staff has confirmed the availability of the board room on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, if needed.

Following a brief discussion, on motion by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Rich and unanimously carried, the January meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 1,000 AF OF WATER FROM USGVMWD FOR CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY – DUARTE SYSTEM'S PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The Executive Officer reported that California American Water Company – Duarte System has submitted a request to purchase an additional 1,000 acre-feet of water from Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) for its individual producer cyclic storage account.

On motion made by Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 1,000 acre-feet of cyclic storage water from USGVMWD, for California American Water Company – Duarte System's individual producer cyclic storage account.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 1,000 AF OF WATER FROM USGVMWD FOR VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The Executive Officer reported that Valley County Water District has submitted a request to purchase an additional 1,000 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD for its individual producer cyclic storage account.

On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 1,000 acre-feet of cyclic storage water from USGVMWD, for Valley County Water District's individual producer cyclic storage account.

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA'S CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT, AND INCREASE THE LIMIT OF THE CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT FROM 5,000 AF TO 7,500 AF**

The Executive Officer reported that the City of Arcadia has submitted a request to extend the

terms of its Cyclic Storage Agreement for an additional five years until Fiscal Year 2018-19. Additionally, the City of Arcadia has submitted a request to increase the storage limit of the Cyclic Storage Account from 5,000 acre-feet to 7,500 acre-feet.

On motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized extending the terms of the City of Arcadia's Individual Producer Cyclic Storage Agreement through Fiscal Year 2018-19, and, increasing the storage limit to 7,500 acre-feet.

## **REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Arrighi referred to a written Committee report that is included in the board packet. He reported that the Administrative Committee met on November 20, 2013 to discuss a number of items, none of which require Watermaster action at this time. The Vice-Chair commended the Executive Staff for their efforts relative to the development and implementation of the new Business Plan. Information on this item is included in the Committee Report.

## **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION COMMEMORATING OUTSTANDING SERVICE – RICHARD RICH (Resolution No. 12-13-258)**

The Executive Officer stated that a resolution of appreciation has been prepared commemorating the service of Mr. Richard Rich. The Vice-Chair then read Resolution No. 12-13-258 commemorating the outstanding service of Mr. Rich as Treasurer and Producer Member of the Watermaster Board.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 12-13-258**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC  
ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY  
RICHARD RICH  
AS TREASURER AND AS A PRODUCER MEMBER OF WATERMASTER**

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## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney reported that Watermaster has finalized the settlement agreement with American International Specialty Lines Insurance Company (AISLIC) for reimbursement of \$22,500 in unpaid legal fees, relative to the South El Monte Operable Unit (SEMOU) litigation. This action concludes nine-years of litigation.

The Attorney also reported that confirmation of the recently elected Watermaster Board Members representing San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, USGVMWD, and the Producers will be heard on December 13, 2013.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Consulting Engineer reported that, as of December 6, 2013, the Key Well elevation was 197.1 feet, reflecting no change in elevation from the prior week, and about 16 feet lower than this same time last year.

The Consulting Engineer also reported that inflow into the San Gabriel Reservoir continues to be very low, resulting in only about 11,000 acre-feet of water in canyon storage. He noted that USGVMWD is currently making cyclic storage deliveries.

Additionally, the Consulting Engineer reported briefly on hydrologic conditions, and stated that rainfall recorded to date at the Los Angeles Civic Center is about thirty-six percent of average, and rainfall recorded at Puddingstone Dam is about twenty-seven percent of average.

Lastly, the Consulting Engineer reported that all four landfills were inspected and found to be operating normally with no violations. He referred to a written report included in the board packet that includes additional water supply and rainfall information. The Consulting Engineer also referred to a presentation given to the USGVMWD Board of Directors, and staff was directed to provide electronic copies to those interested.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Executive Officer referred to his Outside Activities Report that is included in the board packet. He thanked Mr. Rich for his service to Watermaster, and highlighted a number of the activities that staff has engaged in over the past month. Additionally, the Executive Officer reported that the Executive Staff attended the Association of California Water Agencies Conference.

The Executive Officer reported that Watermaster staff has reviewed the Groundwater Workplan Concept Paper prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Watermaster staff will prepare comments for submission to the SWRCB.

Additionally, the Executive Officer reported that a presentation on the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan will be given at the next Basin Water Management Committee meeting, to be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

The Executive Officer also reported that the 2014 American Ground Water Trust/Association of Groundwater Agencies Conference will be held on February 10 and 11, 2013, in Ontario, California. More information will be available shortly. Lastly, the Executive Officer wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

## **REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

Mr. Dan Horan, reporting on behalf of Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), reported that TVMWD held a Public Hearing for the construction of a new reservoir in Claremont. No one from the public attended the hearing.

Mr. Ken Manning, reporting on behalf of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA), stated that the WQA is hosting a Holiday Open House and Toy Drive on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., at its office located at 1720 W Cameron Ave., Suite 100, West Covina.

## **REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIASONS**

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Arrighi referred to written reports delivered to Watermaster.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- a) Temporary assignment or transfer of 20.48 acre-feet production right from Polopolus, et. al. to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2013-14
- b) Temporary assignment or transfer of 1,000 acre-feet production right from Covina Irrigating Company to Suburban Water Systems for FY 2013-14
- c) Temporary assignment or transfer of 348.31 acre-feet production right from Covina Irrigating Company to Valley County Water District for FY 2013-14
- d) Temporary assignment or transfer of 65 acre-feet production right from Canyon Water Company to Suburban Water Systems for FY 2013-14
- e) Temporary assignment or transfer of 651.69 acre-feet production right from Canyon Water Company to Valley County Water District for FY 2013-14
- f) Notice of Change of Designee for Rados Brothers to Les Brown
- g) SGVMWD transmittal of monthly report for October 2013
- h) Various newspaper articles

## **COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

Mr. Anderson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Arrighi wished Mr. Rich the best, and wished all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Hofer announced the passing of Ms. Judith Almond-Stone, and requested that Watermaster adjourn the meeting in her memory. Ms. Stone served as a Producer Member of Watermaster from January 1995 through August of 1998.

Mr. Love wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Michalko wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Rich wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mr. Rich stated that he has enjoyed working with Watermaster, and is proud of all that Watermaster has accomplished.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Consideration of Extension Agreement for the City of Alhambra for Producer Cyclic Storage
- b) Consideration of Extension Agreement for the City of Azusa for Producer Cyclic Storage
- c) Consideration of Extension Agreement for California American Water Company – Duarte System for Producer Cyclic Storage
- d) Consideration of Extension Agreement for California American Water Company – San Marino System for Producer Cyclic Storage
- e) Consideration of Extension Agreement for City of Glendora for Producer Cyclic Storage
- f) Consideration of Extension Agreement for Golden State Water Company – San Gabriel District for Producer Cyclic Storage
- g) Consideration of Extension Agreement for La Puente Valley County Water District for Producer Cyclic Storage
- h) Consideration of Extension Agreement for City of Monrovia for Producer Cyclic Storage
- i) Consideration of Extension Agreement for City of Monterey Park for Producer Cyclic Storage

- j) Consideration of Extension Agreement for Sunny Slope Water Company for Producer Cyclic Storage

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ms. Judith Almond-Stone, to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, January 8, 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

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DAN ARRIGHI

ATTEST:

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DAVID MICHALKO  
VICE-CHAIR