

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015, AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

---

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, August 5, 2015, at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Watermaster Member Anthony Fellow led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

**PRESENT:** Dan Arrighi, James Byerrum, Anthony Fellow, Craig Gott, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., Tom Love, David Michalko and Charles Trevino

**ABSENT:** Chet Anderson

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Others present included: Melissa Barbosa, Brian Bowcock, Barbara Carrera, Tom Coleman, Al Contreras, Wayne Goehring, Bob Grantham, Scott Hallimore, Dan Horan, Uriel Moreno, George Morrow, Monica Na, Lynda Noriega, Lenet Pacheco, Jeffrey Pellissier, Jim Prior, Tom Tait, James Tellez, Anteneh Tesfaye, Dave Warren, Paul Zampielo and David Zell.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Mr. Trevino seconded by Mr. Arrighi 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. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Love, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held July 1, 2015
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 16866 through 16905, and three electronic debits, in the amount of \$901,274.52 on the Administrative Fund, and Items 974 and 975 in the amount of \$524,349.97 on the Replacement Water Fund
- c) Financial Statements, July 2015

## WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

California American Water Company- San Marino System, Section 28 Application to Destroy Wells-Blue Ribbon Wells No. 1 and No. 2: The Consulting Engineer, Steve Johnson, referred to a staff report included in the board packet, and briefly reviewed the historical operations of Blue Ribbon Wells No. 1 and No. 2. Both wells are located in the City of El Monte.

As noted in the staff report, Well No. 1 was constructed in 1947, to a depth of 331 feet below ground surface (bgs), and Well No. 2 was constructed in 1961, to a depth of 392 feet bgs. Both wells ceased production for water supply purposes due to the detection of Trichloroethylene above the established Maximum Contaminant Levels. (Well No. 1 during Fiscal Year (FY) 1985-86, and Well No. 2 in FY 1984-85.) Following a brief explanation of the EPA's comments on the request to destroy the well, the Consulting Engineer recommended that Watermaster approve California American Water Company's application to Destroy Wells No. 1 and No. 2, subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report.

On motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Fellow, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved California American Water Company's application to destroy Wells No. 1 and No. 2, subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report.

## REQUEST FROM CITY OF MONROVIA TO PURCHASE 500 AF WATER FROM USGVMWD FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE

The Executive Officer, Tony Zampello, stated that the City of Monrovia (Monrovia) has submitted a request to purchase 500 acre-feet of water from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) for its producer cyclic storage account. He noted that this request is a carry-over item that was deferred at the July meeting due to lack of a minimum six members required to approve such a purchase. This is not a late request by Monrovia.

On motion made by Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 500 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD for the City of Monrovia's individual producer cyclic storage account.

### **REQUEST FROM STERLING MUTUAL WATER COMPANY TO PURCHASE 22.26 AF WATER FROM USGVMWD FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE**

The Executive Officer stated that Sterling Mutual Water Company (SMWC) has submitted a request to purchase 22.26 acre-feet of water from the USGVMWD for its producer cyclic storage account. He noted that SMWC is a small agency, and thought they were requesting to purchase water when they established the cyclic storage account in June.

On motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 22.26 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD for Sterling Mutual Water Company's individual producer cyclic storage account.

### **REQUEST FROM GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY-SAN DIMAS TO ESTABLISH CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The Executive Officer stated that Golden State Water Company (GSWC) has submitted a request to establish an individual producer cyclic storage account to enable them to pre-purchase water when available. He noted that staff has determined that GSWC does not need an additional cyclic storage account after all. The cyclic storage currently available in the Basin is sufficient to meet GSWC's needs.

### **REQUEST FROM GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY TO PURCHASE 1,400 AF WATER FROM USGVMWD AND 200 AF FROM TVMWD FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT**

The Executive Officer stated that Golden State Water Company has submitted a request to purchase 1,400 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD, and 200 acre-feet from Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), for its producer cyclic storage account. He noted that this request is a routine year-end item to offset this year's over-production; therefore, allowing GSWC to comply with Watermaster's Section 27 requirements.

On motion made by Mr. Gott, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 1,400 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD and 200 AF from TVMWD for Golden State Water Company's individual producer cyclic storage account.

### **REQUEST TO ACCEPT LATE LEASE**

- a) Temporary transfer or lease of 800 AF Production Right from Workman Mill Investment Company to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2014-2015: The Executive Officer reported that requests such as this one are not unprecedented. Watermaster often receives a number of year-end leases each June. He noted that the San Gabriel Valley Water Company did not execute this lease before now because the signatory was out of the office.

On motion made by Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously

08.05.15

carried, Watermaster authorized the temporary transfer or lease of 800 acre-feet Production Right from Workman Mill Investment Company to San Gabriel Valley Water Company.

## **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Executive Officer presented a draft resolution in honor of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and stated that a number of outside agencies have submitted similar resolutions. He noted that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District is a great partner when it rains, relative to stormwater capture.

On motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved adoption of the resolution commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as presented.

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

Mr. Michalko referred to a written Committee report included in the board packet. He reported that the Basin Water Management Committee (BWMC) met on July 8, 2015, and discussed three items, none of which requires Watermaster action today.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney, Fred Fudacz, reported that negotiations continue relative to the renewal of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) Agreement. He stated that the next set of meetings between the Water Entities and the Cooperating Respondents are scheduled for August 10 and 11, 2015. Additionally, he noted that the parties' attorneys are active in discussions relative to a number of items, including proposed financial assurances, and will meet again on September 10, 2015.

Additionally, the Attorney reported briefly on SB 485 (Hernandez), legislation intended to allow the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) to assist local jurisdictions in Los Angeles County with stormwater and dry weather runoff management projects. He recapped efforts made to date to include language in the legislation to protect water rights on the San Gabriel River. The Attorney noted that it has been an arduous process; however, he believes that the resulting language provides substantial water rights protections.

The Attorney also reported on the San Gabriel National Monument Management Plan, stating that Watermaster has submitted comments on its concerns with the plan. The comments include a request to address critical habitat for designated species and the protection of water rights. He also reported that the storage export agreement between Watermaster and the Puente Basin Water Agency was approved at the July Watermaster meeting. A court hearing for final approval for the agreement is scheduled for September 4, 2015.

Lastly, Mr. Fudacz reported on efforts to collect payment of past due 2013-14 Production Assessments from the Vietnamese American Buddhist Congregation

Temple (Temple). He noted that Watermaster has placed a lien on the property, and the court has ordered the Temple to pay the unpaid assessments.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Consulting Engineer reported briefly on Basin conditions. He stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well water level was at 176.1 feet as of July 31, 2015, reflecting a .30 foot decrease in elevation from last week. This is a new historic low. The water level in the Key Well is currently about 10 feet lower than this same time last year. The Consulting Engineer noted that he has serious concerns regarding the water level in the Key Well.

The Consulting Engineer also reported on hydrologic conditions, and stated that rainfall totals to date are 40 percent of average at the Puddingstone Dam, and 38 percent of average at the Los Angeles Civic Center. Reporting briefly on canyon storage, the Consulting Engineer stated that inflow into the San Gabriel Reservoir is almost non-existent. Additionally, the Consulting Engineer stated that all imported water connections are off at this time. He noted that total production for the first three quarters of the fiscal year is approximately 18,000 acre-feet less than this same time last year.

Lastly, the Consulting Engineer 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 noted that, earlier this year, he was appointed as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Water Storage Investment Program in order to provide input. Assistant Executive Officer, Kelly Gardner, is in Sacramento today attending the meeting on his behalf. The Committee is continuing to develop qualifying criteria for prioritization of upcoming Proposition 1 funding. Lastly, the Executive Officer stated that staff continues to participate in agreement negotiations for the BPOU.

## **REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

Mr. Trevino, reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, referred to a written report provided to Watermaster.

Dr. Fellow, also reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, highlighted the USGVMWD Smart City Challenge awards presentation held on Friday, July 24, 2015. He noted that Mr. Mike Eng lead the event as moderator.

Mr. Love, reporting on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), stated that the Board of Directors has approved modifications to the Code of Ethics portion of SGVMWD's Administrative Code. He also reported that

SGVMWD is collaborating with TVMWD and USGVMWD to coordinate schedules of water deliveries. Mr. Love also stated that the agency's recent Asian outreach media event drew a large attendance. Lastly, he noted that SGVMWD has rolled out its "Take the Water-Saver Pledge" program, intended to encourage water conservation within the agency's service area.

Mr. Bowcock, reporting on behalf of TVMWD, stated that the agency held its 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on July 15, 2015. He noted that it was a nice event and was well attended.

Mr. Manning, representing the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA), stated that discussions are underway to appoint a replacement for Jim Byerrum on WQA's Board of Directors. He noted that the San Gabriel Valley Water Association's Board of Directors has this item on the agenda for its meeting on August 24, 2015. Mr. Manning also reported that WQA continues to participate in agreement negotiations for the BPOU.

## **REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

Mr. Arrighi referred to a written report from the WQA's Legislative/Public Information Committee that was included in the board packet. Additionally, Mr. Michalko referred to a written report from the WQA's Administration/Finance Committee that was included in the board packet.

## **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 259 AF Production Right from City of Monterey Park to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2014-15
- b) Temporary transfer or lease of 359.69 AF Production Right from City of Covina to Covina Irrigating Company for FY 2014-15
- c) Temporary transfer or lease of 10.50 AF Production Right from Gale & Vicki Banks to East Pasadena Water Company for FY 2014-15
- d) Temporary transfer or lease of 359.69 AF Production Right from City of Covina to Covina Irrigating Company for FY 2015-16
- e) Temporary transfer or lease of 168 AF Integrated Production Right-Diversion Component from Harry Rosedale to Canyon Water Company for FY 2015-16
- f) Temporary transfer or lease of 32.00 AF Integrated Production Right-Diversion Component from JUH1 to Canyon Water Company for FY 2015-16
- g) Temporary transfer or lease of 145.8333 AF Prescriptive Pumping Right from Valarie Maggiore to Golden State Water Company-San Gabriel District for FY

2015-2025

- h) Temporary transfer or lease of 145.83 AF Prescriptive Pumping Right from Fox Family Trust Michael Edward and Crystal Marie Fox, Trustee to California Domestic Water Company for FY 2015-2020
- i) Notice of Change of Designee for City of Azusa to George F. Morrow
- j) Notice of Change of Designee for City of Covina to Andrea Miller
- k) Transmittal of SGVMWD monthly report for June 2015
- l) Various newspaper articles

### COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Mr. Trevino reported on an article recently published by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in ACWA News entitled: *U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Awards \$1.49 Million for Nine Desalination and Water Purification Research Projects*. He stated that he was encouraged by the future planning highlighted in the article. The Executive Officer reported that Watermaster staff has reached out to MWD staff relative to similar future planning efforts including: stormwater capture, transferring water, and other innovations. He noted that Watermaster is definitely thinking outside the box.

### ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned in honor of Dr. Fellow's mother-in-law, Sylvia Potes, to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, September 2, 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

---

DAN ARRIGHI

ATTEST:

---

JAMES BYERRUM  
CHAIR