

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA  
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010 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 3, 2010 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

**PRESENT:** Dan Arrighi, James Byerrum, Robert W. Bowcock, Ed Chavez, Pat Malloy, Michael Quinn and Charles E. Shaw.

**ABSENT:** Al Contreras and Thomas Love

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff present at the meeting included: Carol Williams, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Stephen Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Tony Zampiello, Assistant Executive Officer; Donna DiLaura, Administrative Coordinator; and Wendy La, Staff Engineer.

Others present included: Chet Anderson, Brian Bowcock, Mark Carney, Barbara Carrera, Jon Contreras, Ken Deck, Brian Dickinson, Kelly Gardner, Ken Herman, Dan Horan, Ben Lewis, Tom Lindros, Dave Michalko, Steve Patton, Jim Prior, Richard Rich, Patrick Scanlon, Tom Tait, Che Venegas and Dan Wall.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chairman then asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Bowcock, 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. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Watermaster held January 6, 2010.
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 14235 through 14274 in the amount of \$374,001.15 on the Administrative Fund, and Item 869 in the amount of \$46,760.60 on the Replacement Water Fund.
- c) Financial Statements, January 2010

## REQUEST FROM MAGGIORE/FOX/KIRKLEN TO ALLOW TRANSFER OF FY 2007-08 WATER RIGHTS TO GOLDEN STATE WATER CO.

The Executive Officer reported on a request from Valarie Maggiore, Crystal Fox and Jeffery Kirklen to allow a late transfer of 464.86 acre-feet of pumping rights to Golden State Water Company for Water Year 2007-2008. Following a brief review of the request, Chairman Byerrum solicited public comments. Hearing none, Watermaster deferred further discussion to Closed Session.

## WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Application from County of Los Angeles to Destroy Wells No. 2, 3A, 4, 5 and 6 - The Consulting Engineer reported that the County of Los Angeles (LAC) has submitted five applications for destruction of Wells No. 2, 3A, 4, 5 and 6, located in the Whittier Narrows County Golf Course Area and in the City of El Monte. He also reported that the LAC Wells No. 3A, 4, 5 and 6 were used to irrigate the golf course and LAC Well No. 2 was used to irrigate the Whittier Narrows Recreational Area.

The Consulting Engineer stated that Upper District and LAC are developing a recycled water project to provide recycled water instead of groundwater to Whittier Narrows Recreational Area and Golf Course for irrigation purposes. The consultant for the recycled water project submitted the applications for destruction on September 2, 2009, along with a schedule that noted destruction of all wells would be complete by September 18, 2009. Watermaster staff requested that the well destruction activity be postponed to allow time for the applications to be reviewed and brought before the Watermaster board for action; however, the consultant stated that it was not possible to postpone well destruction.

The Consulting Engineer noted that the wells have already been destroyed. The action required by Watermaster today is simply to document for the record that the wells are destroyed. The Consulting Engineer recommended that Watermaster approve the County of Los Angeles applications to destroy Wells No. 2, 3A, 4, 5 and 6, subject to the conditions in the staff report.

On motion made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved County of Los Angeles' applications to destroy Wells No. 2, 3A, 4, 5 and 6, subject to the conditions in the staff report.

Application from City of Glendora to Drill Well No. 14 - The Consulting Engineer stated that the City of Glendora (City) has submitted an application for construction of new Well No. 14, to be considered as a Replacement Well for existing Well 2-E and to help reduce purchases of treated imported water from Three Valleys Municipal Water District. Well 2-E is located in the Glendora Basin and was constructed in 1922 to a depth of 700 feet below ground surface with numerous perforations. The historical pumping capacity of Well 2-E was about 700 gallons per minute, but is currently about 350 gpm. The Consulting Engineer noted that the well has never had volatile organic compounds (VOCs) detected and the current nitrate concentration is about 10.0 mg/l. The City has agreed to take Well 2-E out of service and to properly destroy the well.

The Consulting Engineer reported that typically a Replacement Well is constructed at the same location, at the same depth, with the same perforations and pumping capacities as the well being replaced, and the replaced well is typically taken out of service permanently. Well No. 14 is proposed to be located in Willow Springs Park in the City of Glendora, approximately 2,000 feet from Well 2-E. The City has proposed to drill Well No. 14 to a depth of 720 feet bgs and the perforations of the well will be from approximately 400 feet to 700 feet bgs. The proposed average pumping capacity of Well No. 14 is about 750 gpm.

The Consulting Engineer recommended that Watermaster approve the City of Glendora's application to drill Well No. 14, noting that the City is required to submit an application to destroy Well 2-E prior to commencing operation of Well 14.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved the City of Glendora's application to drill Well No. 14, subject to the conditions in the staff report.

## **REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Arrighi reported that the Administrative Committee met on January 25, 2010 and discussed three items, one of which requires Watermaster action today. He noted that a Committee Report is included in the board packet for review should anyone be interested in the other two discussion items.

Recommendation for 2010 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 of 2010 committee assignments and appointments to outside organizations.

On a motion made by Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Bowcock, and unanimously carried, the recommendations for 2010 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) Temporary assignment or lease of 398.45 acre-feet Carryover right from Valarie Maggiore, Crystal Fox and Jeffery Kirklen to Golden State Water Co. (San Dimas) for FY 2009-10
- b) Temporary assignment or lease of 188.16 acre-feet Production right from Valarie Maggiore, Crystal Fox and Jeffery Kirklen to Golden State Water Co. (San Dimas) for FY 2009-10
- c) Notice of Change of Designee for City of Covina to Daryl Parrish
- d) SGVMWD transmittal of monthly report for December 2009
- e) Notice of AGWA-AGWT Conference, "Managing for Self-sufficiency," February 8, Ontario
- f) Notice of TVMWD Leadership Breakfast, February 18, Pomona
- g) Notice of WRD Groundwater Festival, March 13, Lakewood
- h) Various newspaper articles

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Attorney reported again that a status conference is scheduled for March 3, 2010. The conference is intended to educate the judge relative to the proposed Judgment amendments, the current water supply situation in the Basin and the need for replenishment water. He noted that the status conference is open to all Parties.

The Attorney also reported that, with regard to BPOU matters, the Water Entities are contending that a disputed alternative water issue is not arbitrable because the matter was never previously brought before the project committee for discussion or decision. He noted that the Cooperating Respondents disagree with that position and will seek arbitration.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Consulting Engineer reported that the level of the Baldwin Park Key Well, as of January 29, was 190.5 feet and increasing at a rate of about .2 foot per week. He noted that this is five feet lower than the previous low of 195.5 set on December 3, 2004, and ten feet lower than this time last year. The Consulting Engineer stated that the five area landfills were inspected and no violations were found.

The Consulting Engineer provided a brief hydrologic update and stated that rainfall levels are currently at 123 percent of normal. He noted that storage in the canyon reservoirs has doubled to approximately 30,000 acre-feet following the recent storms. The Consulting

Engineer also noted that releases continue from Morris at 50 cfs, with inflow of also 50 cfs. Additionally, he reported that about 600 acre-feet of State Water Project water has been delivered by MWD through Upper District at the Tier 1 rate. This water had been stored in Live Oak Reservoir. Any further Replacement Water available at this time will be Colorado River water.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Executive Officer reported that she and the Assistant Executive Officer continue to attend workshops at Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to update its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). She noted that MWD might host a few more meetings before finalizing the data to be included in the IRP.

The Executive Officer also reported that, in these meetings, it is clear that any water made available for replenishment will be sold at Tier I or Tier II rates. In response to a question by Mr. Bowcock, the Executive Officer stated that replenishment water is not likely to be available at a discounted rate unless it's a very wet year and MWD has already filled its reserves.

Lastly, the Executive Officer reported that the Association of Ground Water Agencies and American Groundwater Trust annual conference is on Monday, February 8, 2010 in Ontario. Conference flyers are available for those interested.

### **REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

On behalf of Upper District, Mr. Johnson reported that, as Interim General Manager, he has been attending the Metropolitan Water District managers' meetings and is participating in discussions to adjust the Drought Allocation. Mr. Johnson added that he does not expect the Drought Allocation to end soon.

Mr. Chavez reported that Upper District has changed its Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2010. He noted that the Board will now hold its first meeting of the month at 8:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The second meeting of the month will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Chavez also reported that the filing date for applications for the position of General Manager has been extended to Friday, February 5. He noted that Upper District has received approximately twenty applications to date. Mr. Chavez also noted that the Upper District consultant, Mr. Garcia, will give a presentation at the next board meeting outlining the selection process from this point forward.

### **COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS**

None.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Watermaster adjourned to Closed Session.

**REGULAR MEETING RESUMES**

The Chairman reported that, in Closed Session, with regard to the request to allow a transfer of water rights from FY 2007-08, Watermaster took action to deny the request from Valarie Maggiore, Crystal Fox and Jeffery Kirklen, citing the need to maintain consistency with the Judgment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, upon motion duly made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 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  
CHAIRMAN