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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 AT 3:00 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, September 2, 2009 at the hour of 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Malloy, Vice 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, Robert W. Bowcock, Ed Chavez, Al Contreras, Thomas Love, Pat Malloy, Michael Quinn and Charles E. Shaw.

ABSENT: James Byerrum

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

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

Others present included: Brian Bowcock, Todd Brown, Barbara Carrera, Jon Contreras, Brian Dickinson, Brandi Jones, Marianna Lake, Tom Lindros, Victor Meza, Steve Patton, James Prior, Martin Ray, Richard Rich, Pat Scanlon, Tom Tait, Che Venegas and Dale Wert.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chairman then asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Mr. Bowcock, seconded by Mr. Contreras, and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held August 5, 2009.
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 14020 through 14059 in the amount of \$287,733.67 on the Administrative Fund, Item 861 in the amount of \$72,164.21 on the Replacement Water Fund, and Item 438 in the amount of \$57,000.00 on the Make-Up Fund.
- c) Financial Statements, August 2009

REPORT FROM BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Executive Officer reported that the Basin Water Management Committee met on August 19, 2009, and discussed various items, and encouraged those who are interested to read through the Board packet for more details. She noted that one item in the Committee Report requires Watermaster action.

The Executive Officer reported that the Committee discussed a draft production agreement with Northrop-Grumman to implement the Intermediate Zone cleanup of the Puente Valley Operable Unit. The agreement, which was also previously reviewed by Watermaster's Administrative Committee, would allow Northrop-Grumman to pump, treat, and discharge up to 1,450 gallons per minute of groundwater into Puente Creek for percolation into the Basin when the treated water cannot be put to beneficial use. San Gabriel Valley Water Company is developing an agreement with Northrop-Grumman to take the treated water at least part of the year, to the extent the water can be adequately blended to meet certain water quality requirements. She noted that this agreement, per the Administrative Committee's instructions, includes a requirement for payment of Administrative and In-lieu Assessments up to \$5,000 per year.

She stated that the Committee recommends that Watermaster approve the Production Agreement with Northrop-Grumman for the PVOU Intermediate Zone extraction. On motion made by Mr. Bowcock, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, with Mr. Arrighi abstaining, Watermaster approved the Production Agreement with Northrop-Grumman for PVOU Intermediate Zone.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- a) Notice from City of Irwindale re Availability of Draft EIR for Materials Recovery for PVOU Intermediate Zone
- b) ACWA Regulatory Outreach Advisory re Public Health Goal for Hexavalent Chromium
- c) Transmittal of SGVMWD monthly report for July 2009
- d) Notice of Three Valleys MWD Leadership Breakfast, October 15, 2009, Pomona

- e) Various newspaper articles

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney reported that various disputes have been raised by the Cooperating Respondents in the Baldwin Park Operable Unit against some of the Water Entities over various project-related issues, including invoicing, expenses, and other matters. He noted that Watermaster is involved in several of the disputes and will host a meeting this month in an effort to resolve the disputes prior to going to arbitration. The Attorney also noted that attorney fees for disputes are not reimbursed through the project, but Watermaster has tendered a claim under its BPOU insurance policy.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Consulting Engineer reported that the level of the Baldwin Park Key Well, as of August 28, was 191.9 feet, noting that the Key Well is now almost three feet below the previous historic low of 195.5 feet which was set on December 23, 2004. The Consulting Engineer stated that total production for FY 2008-09 is 253,000 acre-feet, the lowest since FY 2004-05. Additionally, the Consulting Engineer stated that the five area landfills were inspected and no violations were found.

In response to a question by Mr. Love, the Consulting Engineer reported that staff will work with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works relative to any potential water quality issues resulting from the recent fires.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer reported that a Strategic Planning Workshop for the Watermaster board was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009; she noted that a high-level draft plan was developed and will be reviewed by Watermaster's committees within the coming months. Ultimately, after sufficient Producer review and comment, Watermaster hopes to adopt the Strategic Plan by around year-end.

The Executive Officer also reported that staff is reviewing imported water allocations available to Upper District sub-agencies to determine if any emergency in-lieu water purchases will be possible this fall. Staff will alert affected Producers if any opportunity exists this year. The Consulting Engineer noted that Valley County Water District may soon be using treated imported water due to contamination at some of its wells, so little or no imported water may be available for emergency in-lieu deliveries.

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Mr. Love reported that San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District continues to deliver water to the canyon at 50 cfs.

Mr. Contreras reported that a joint meeting of the Executive Committee for the GRIP project is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. today at the Sanitation District. He noted that the GRIP project partners are considering formation of a joint powers authority and are discussing jointly hiring a consultant to assist with community outreach to support the project. Mr. Contreras

also reported that Upper District approved contracts related to two recycled water projects located in the City of Rosemead and City of Industry/City of West Covina. .

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Mr. Love reported that the Strategic Planning Workshop made for a long day but was worthwhile, and the facilitator did a good job. He also noted the formation of the GRIP Executive Committee, indicating he was pleased to see the partners coming together.

Mr. Quinn stated that the planning workshop was valuable and helpful.

Mr. Arrighi echoed the sentiments on the workshop. He noted that he may miss the October meeting due to jury duty in federal court.

Mr. Contreras noted the draft EIR available for the materials recovery facility and transfer station in the City of Irwindale, stating that there could be potential for water quality impacts from this facility, and he encouraged those interested to review the document.

Mr. Malloy reported that he is eager to roll out the Watermaster Strategic Plan and is glad to see progress being made relative to the GRIP project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Malloy requested that the board discuss changing the regular meeting time in order to accommodate the schedules of those who attend the joint GRIP Executive Committee meetings held on the same day.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, upon motion duly made by Mr. Contreras, seconded by Mr. Arrighi, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility at 729 North Azusa Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702. The meeting was adjourned in memory of firefighters Captain Tedmund Hall and Arnaldo Quinones, who lost their lives fighting the Station fire, and also in memory of Edward Heck, retired general manager of Azusa Valley Water Company and former Watermaster member.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

ATTEST:

DAN ARRIGHI

JAMES BYERRUM
CHAIRMAN