

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
725 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022 AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (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, and via Zoom Meeting (web-based video conferencing) on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lynda Noriega, Chair, called the meeting to order and presided thereover.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Noriega led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF WATERMASTER MEMBERS

The following members of Watermaster were present on roll call:

PRESENT: David DeJesus, Dr. Anthony Fellow, Garry Hofer, David Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Steven Placido, Anteneh Tesfaye and Martin Zvirbulis.

ABSENT: Charles Treviño

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

Staff present at the meeting included: Anthony Zampielo, Executive Officer; Fred Fudacz, Attorney; Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer; Jenny Savron, Consulting Engineer; Arrica Jimenez, Administration Manager; Ana Mata, Executive Assistant; Ana Rodriguez, Accountant II and Lauren Augino, Water Resources Analyst.

Others present included: Anthony Alberti, Dan Arrighi, Brian Bowcock, Ed Chavez, Dan Colby, John Corona, Patricia Cortez, Paul Cranmer, Cris Fealy, Roy Frausto, Ralph Galvan, Jeff Hanlon, Erik Hitchman, Bob Kuhn, Steve Kiggins, Sylvie Lee, Matthew Litchfield, Tom Love, Charles Luas, Victor Magana, Myra Malner, Stephanie Moreno, Don Nguyen, Chisom Obegolu, Lenet Pacheco, Evelyn Reyes, Tara Robinson, Jessica Taylor, Mike Ti, Ernesto Venegas and Paul Zampielo.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Noriega asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Placido, and unanimously carried, the agenda was adopted as presented.

TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Dr. Fellow, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved:

- a) Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Watermaster held November 2, 2022;
- b) Lists of Demands: Items 19949 through 19975, and three electronic debits, in the amount of \$326,053.53 on the Administrative Fund and Items 1222-S and 1222-U in the amount of \$13,442,851.90 on the Replacement Water Fund;
- c) Financial Statements, November 2022.

2023 BOARD MEETING DATES

Mr. Anthony Zampiello, Executive Officer, reported on the 2023 Watermaster Board of Directors meeting dates, stating there are no conflicts with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conferences both in the fall and spring. Additionally, he added that Watermaster's Holiday Schedule is attached for reference.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. DeJesus, and unanimously carried, approved the 2023 Watermaster Board of Directors meeting dates.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO BRIAN BOWCOCK

Mr. Zampiello stated that a Certificate of Appreciation has been prepared in recognition of the valuable contributions of Mr. Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) Board Director, to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster.

As a longtime friend, Mr. Zampiello expressed that it is his honor to present Mr. Bowcock with the Certificate of Appreciation. He added that Mr. Bowcock has always treated everyone equally regardless of title. Mr. Bowcock has been a fixture to Watermaster and to the staff. As a gesture of appreciation, Mr. Zampiello invited Mr. Bowcock, when feeling better, to join the Watermaster staff for a recognition lunch.

On motion made by Mr. Tesfaye, seconded by Mr. Zvirbulis, and unanimously carried, the Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Brian Bowcock was received and filed as presented.

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Chair Noriega then invited those wishing to comment on Mr. Bowcock's tenure.

Mr. Steve Johnson wished Mr. Bowcock all the best and looks forward to continuing seeing him in the future.

Mr. Michalko echoed Mr. Zampielo's comments, noting that he always treated everyone equally regardless of title and position. Mr. Michalko stated that he highly respects Mr. Bowcock for how he has always treated people.

Mr. Zvirbulis expressed appreciation for their friendship over the years and wished Mr. Bowcock the very best.

Chair Noriega stated that Mr. Bowcock has been a fixture in the water industry for many years and has always been willing to help the young up and coming professionals. She also stated that he has been instrumental with his involvement with the Southern California Water Utilities Association, and in forming relationships with the Citrus College Foundation and The Learning Centers at Fairplex. Chair Noriega thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Bowcock for being an inspiration to her. She also added that she looks forward to continuing seeing him around at events.

Dr. Fellow stated that he was honored to present Mr. Bowcock with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing his membership with the ACWA Region 8. He thanked him for all he's done, and for enriching his life as a colleague and friend.

Mr. Brian Bowcock expressed appreciation and thanked everyone for the kind words. He was overwhelmed by everyone on Zoom and expressed how he views them all as family. He stated that he will remain involved in the water industry in addition to his community involvement with the City of La Verne, Citrus College Foundation, David and Margaret Young and Family Services.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY CHARLES TREVIÑO DURING HIS TENURE AS A PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF WATERMASTER (Resolution No. 12-22-314)

Resolution No. 12-22-314 – The Chair stated that a Resolution has been prepared expressing appreciation, commemorating and inviting public attention to the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Charles Treviño during his tenure as a public representative member of Watermaster. Due to Mr. Treviño's absence, Chair Noriega stated that the Resolution will be presented to Mr. Treviño at a future Board meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. DeJesus, and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted and passed as read:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-22-314

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DURING HIS TENURE AS A PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF
WATERMASTER***

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AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A SIMPLE WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR A DEFERRED DELIVERY OF UP TO 15,000 ACRE-FEET OF WATER

Mr. Zampielo provided background on the letter agreement between Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) and Watermaster that would allow USGVMWD to purchase water in Calendar Year (CY) 2022 at the current rate for deferred delivery.

He further explained that this letter agreement will provide USGVMWD with an opportunity to be part of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) reverse-cyclic agreement to preserve State Water Project (SWP) supplies during low SWP allocation years through deferment of MWD deliveries to future wet years.

On motion made by Mr. Zvirbulis, seconded by Chair Noriega, and unanimously carried, authorized the Executive Officer to enter into a water purchase agreement with USGVMWD for a deferred delivery of up to 15,000 acre-feet of water.

REQUEST FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY TO PURCHASE 10,000 ACRE-FEET OF WATER FROM UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE

Mr. Zampielo reported that the San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) has submitted a request to purchase 10,000 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD for its producer cyclic storage account. He noted that there is available capacity within their existing account.

On motion made by Mr. Placido, seconded by Mr. Michalko, with Mr. Zvirbulis abstaining, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 10,000 acre-feet of cyclic storage water from USGVMWD, for SGVWC's individual producer cyclic storage account.

REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ARCADIA TO PURCHASE 875 ACRE-FEET OF WATER FROM UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE

Mr. Zampielo reported that the City of Arcadia has submitted a request to purchase 875 acre-feet of water from USGVMWD for its producer cyclic storage account. He noted that there is available capacity within their existing account.

On motion made by Mr. Michalko, seconded by Mr. Tesfaye, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the purchase of 875 acre-feet of cyclic storage water from USGVMWD, for City of Arcadia's individual producer cyclic storage account.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR CITY OF INDUSTRY WATERWORKS SYSTEM FOR PRODUCER CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT

Mr. Zampielo reported that the City of Industry Waterworks System requested an

extension agreement to the terms of its Individual Producer Cyclic Storage Account. He stated that this is a routine item, and no additional storage has been requested by City of Industry Waterworks System.

On motion made by Mr. DeJesus, seconded by Mr. Placido, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized the extension agreement for City of Industry Waterworks System/Watermaster Cyclic Storage Agreement for a period of five years, to expire on December 7, 2027.

REQUEST FROM UNITED ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION TO INCREASE CYCLIC STORAGE ACCOUNT TO 500 ACRE-FEET

Mr. Zampielo reported that the United Rock Products Corporation (United Rock) has submitted a request to increase storage capacity to 500 acre-feet to its producer cyclic storage account. He stated that due to unpredictable and unreliable availability, as well as growing cost of imported water and production needs, United Rock wishes to increase the amount of water that may be stored under the existing agreement from 170 acre-feet to 500 acre-feet.

Mr. Zampielo also reported that the approval will include modification to United Rock's existing cyclic storage account increasing cyclic storage to 500 acre-feet, noting that the term will remain the same of June 3, 2024. He stated that staff reviewed the request and found that the increase is appropriate; therefore, staff recommends that Watermaster approve the request.

On motion made by Mr. Zvirbulis, seconded by Chair Noriega, and unanimously carried, Watermaster authorized an increase to United Rock Products Corporation's individual producer cyclic storage account to 500 acre-feet.

REPORT FROM BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Michalko reported that the Basin Water Management Committee met on November 9, 2022 and referenced the Committee report included in the Board packet.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Amarillo Mutual Water Company, Section 28, "Application for Emergency Exemption to Modify Existing Water Well" No. 1 – Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, stated that Amarillo Mutual Water Company (AMWC) has submitted a Section 28, "Application Emergency Exemption to Modify Existing Water Well" No 1.

AMWC's Well No. 1 was drilled in 1926 and is located in the City of Rosemead. It was constructed to a depth of 390 feet below ground surface (bgs) and is perforated from 219 to 228 feet bgs, 245 to 272 feet bgs, 280 to 286 feet bgs, and 309 to 345 feet bgs with a pumping capacity of about 290 gallons per minute (gpm).

Mr. Johnson referred to specific documents within the staff report that detail production and contamination records for the well at this site. It has a history of elevated concentration of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) exceeding the maximum level (MCL) of 5 micrograms per liter and has had detections of trichloroethylene (TCE). AMWC

deactivated Well No. 1 in November 2019 to investigate well modifications without a Section 28 review to reduce PCE levels. In July 2020 Well No. 1 was modified and was tested for TCE and PCE and the pumped groundwater was found to be non-detect for both contaminants in October 2020 and placed back into service in December 2020. Over the course of a few months, PCE concentrations increased in February 2021.

Currently, Well No. 1 is offline and AMWC utilizes its interconnection with SGVWC to meet all of its customer's water demands.

He stated that it is staff's recommendation that Watermaster approve AMWC's application for Emergency Exemption to Modify Existing Water Well No. 1, subject to conditions set forth in the staff report.

On motion made by Mr. Tesfaye, seconded by Mr. Michalko, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved AMWC's application for Emergency Exemption to Modify Existing Water Well No. 1, subject to conditions stated in the staff report.

Amarillo Mutual Water Company, Section 28, "Application for Water Treatment Facility" for Well No. 1. – Mr. Johnson stated that the Amarillo Mutual Water Company (AMWC) has submitted an application for a water treatment facility at its Well No. 1. AMWC Well No.1 is currently offline and receives water from SGVWC to meet its water demands. The proposed Treatment Facility will have a capacity of 250 gpm and consist of two granular activated carbon vessels. It will be used to remove TCE and PCE contamination from the groundwater produced. The proposed Treatment Facility will not conflict with any Basin Clean-up plan.

He stated that it is staff's recommendation that Watermaster approve AMWC's application for a Water Treatment Facility, subject to conditions set forth in the staff report.

On motion made by Mr. Zvirbulis, seconded by Mr. Placido, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved AMWC's application for a Water Treatment Facility, subject to conditions stated in the staff report.

California Domestic Water Company, Section 28, "Application for Water Treatment Facility" for Well No. 8 – Mr. Johnson stated that California Domestic Water Company (CDWC) has submitted an application for a water treatment facility. The proposed Treatment Facility will have a capacity of 3,000 gpm and consist of a single pass ion exchange vessel and will be used to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances chemicals from their existing Well No. 8.

The Treatment Facility will not conflict with any Basin Clean-up plan and is required to be in service to achieve remedy objectives under the Baldwin Park Operable Unit 2017 Project Agreement and remain compliant with regulated water quality monitoring standards in accordance with its Division of Drinking Water permitted blending operation.

Mr. Johnson referred to specific documents within the staff report that detail production and contamination records for the well at this site.

Lastly, he stated that it is staff's recommendation that Watermaster approve CDWC's application for a Water Treatment Facility, subject to conditions set forth in the staff report.

On motion made by Mr. Zvirbulis, seconded by Mr. Tesfaye, with Chair Noriega abstaining, and unanimously carried, Watermaster approved CDWC's application for a Water Treatment Facility, subject to conditions stated in the staff report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Attorney, Mr. Fred Fudacz reported that the confirmation hearing of Watermaster Board of Directors' nominees for CY 2023 has been rescheduled from December 16, 2022 to December 9, 2022 before Presiding Judge, the Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis.

Additionally, Mr. Fudacz stated that he will take the opportunity during the confirmation hearing on December 9, to provide the Honorable Duffy-Lewis with an update on the preparations for the on-site visit/tour and hearing scheduled for April 26, 2023.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson, reported that the Baldwin Park Key Well level was 179.7 feet on November 28, 2022, noting no change from the prior week; about 3.0 feet higher from the prior month, and about 3.0 feet lower than one year ago. He also reported that it includes about 130,000 acre-feet of untreated imported water in cyclic storage accounts, which represents about 14 feet of groundwater elevation at the Key Well. The historic low for the Key Well has been established at 169.4 feet on November 21, 2018.

Mr. Johnson then reported briefly on hydrologic conditions as of November 28, 2022, stating that total rainfall at Puddingstone Dam is 3.66 inches, which is about 141 percent of average; and at the Los Angeles Civic Center, rainfall is 2.37 inches, which is 119 percent of average, for this time of year.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson stated that total combined canyon storage, as of November 29, 2022, was 14,574 acre-feet, about 18 percent of capacity. He also stated that as of November 29, 2022, the San Gabriel Reservoir inflow was 17 cubic feet per second (cfs), release was 0 cfs and the Morris Reservoir inflow was 1 cfs, release was 15 cfs. He also provided a water quality update.

Mr. Johnson also reported that the Azusa Land Reclamation and Peck Road 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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Zampielo reported that a written copy of his report on Outside Activities is included in the Board packet.

He reported that he and Mrs. Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer, attended a session during ACWA on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and perfluorooctanoic acid, noting that it was very informative.

He announced that the Watermaster Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for January 4, 2023, marks Watermaster's 50th Anniversary as to when the Judgment was entered to administer the Main San Gabriel Basin's adjudicated water rights and to provide a basin-wide governing body for management of water resources.

Additionally, he stated that today is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and encouraged everyone to ask a veteran to share their perspective and experiences.

REPORT FROM RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Dr. Anthony Fellow, reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, stated that the following items were approved by the USGVMWD Board of Directors on December 7, 2022:

- Approved the funding of 24 grant applications for water conservation education programs per USGVMWD's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Water Education Grant Program for a total amount of \$24,660.85.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 12-22-652 honoring and commemorating the outstanding service and accomplishments of Mr. Brian Bowcock, TVMWD Board Director.
- Ratification of Amendment lease agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.
- Authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with MWD for the Reverse Cyclic Program.

Dr. Fellow also stated that on January 5, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., USGVMWD's new building dedication will take place.

Mr. Tom Love, General Manager, USGVMWD, also reporting on behalf of USGVMWD, stated that at this morning's USGVMWD Board of Directors Meeting, he provided an update on MWD's State Water Project allocation and water shortage supply.

Mr. Matthew Litchfield, General Manager, TVMWD, reporting on behalf of TVMWD, reported that TVMWD is preparing a request for a 3,000 acre-feet of water order to MWD for the Reverse Cyclic Program.

Mr. Steven Placido, reporting on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), reported that Mr. Thomas Wong, SGVMWD Board Director, has resigned from the Board effective today resulting in a Board vacancy. He added that Mr. Wong was elected as a Member to the City of Monterey Park Council.

Mr. Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager, also reporting on behalf of SGVMWD, reported that information and application process for the SGVMWD Board vacancy is

available on their website. He also reported that SGVMWD's water deliveries were completed as of this morning for CY 2022.

REPORT FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Chair Noriega reported that any Outside Committee Liaisons reports are included in the Board packet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- a) Temporary assignment or lease of 23.54 acre-feet of Production Right from The Nicholson Family Trust – Marital Trust to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- b) Temporary assignment or lease of 19.04 acre-feet of Production Right from Jeanne Rana Living Trust to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- c) Temporary assignment or lease of 32.64 acre-feet of Production Right from Rados Bros. to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- d) Temporary assignment or lease of 140.79 acre-feet of Production Right from Kathryn W. Baker Trust to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for FY 2022-23
- e) Temporary assignment or lease of 168.00 acre-feet of Production Right from Lucy A. Rosedale and Harry E. Rosedale III Trustees of Harry E. Rosedale Jr. Trust dated May 24, 1985 to Canyon Water Company for FY 2022-23
- f) Transmittal of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Monthly Report for October 2022

COMMENTS FROM WATERMASTER MEMBERS

Mr. Tesfaye thanked and expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work and collaboration. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe happy holiday.

Mr. Zvirbulis echoed Mr. Tesfaye's comments and also expressed appreciation and wished everyone a great holiday season.

Mr. Michako wished everyone a great holiday season and stated that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Hofer.

Mr. DeJesus wished everyone good health.

Mr. Placido wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dr. Fellow wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Hofer wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chair Noriega wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. She stated that in the coming year, January will be the beginning of a very, very busy time for Watermaster as they will begin hosting “Watermaster 101” workshops. She also encouraged everyone to participate in-person.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were provided.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Noriega asked if there were other business to come before Watermaster, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned in honor and memory of the fallen on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, to the next public hearing and regular meeting of Watermaster on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 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 and via Zoom Meeting.

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

MARTIN ZVIRBULIS

ATTEST:

LYNDA NORIEGA
CHAIR