

MINUTES

SIX BASINS WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING 1021 EAST MIRAMAR AVENUE, CLAREMONT Wednesday, March 24, 2010 2:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas at 2:04 p.m. Following the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken.

2. Roll Call

Executive Assistant, Vicki Hahn called roll; 28 of the 20 votes required for a quorum were present.

Present	Brian Bowcock, Three Valleys MWD
	John Giboney, Pomona College
	Dan Keesey, City of La Verne
	Anthony La, William McDonald, Pomona Valley Protective Association
	Teri Layton, San Antonio Water Company
	Ben Lewis, Golden State Water Company
	Pat Malloy, City of Claremont
	Jim Taylor, City of Pomona
	Tom Thomas, City of Upland
	Staff
Ray Evangelista, Engineer – TVMWD	
Mario Garcia, Engineer – TVMWD	
Vicki Hahn, Executive Assistant – TVMWD	
Rick Hansen – Chief of Watermaster Services	
James Linthicum, Chief Finance Officer - TVMWD	
Mike Sovich, Assistant General Manager – Engineering & Operations – TVMWD	
Julianna Strong, Legal Counsel, Redwine and Sherrill	
Others Present	Chris Brown, City of Pomona
	Raul Garibay, City of Pomona
	Dan Horan, Three Valleys MWD
	Fred Lantz, Pomona Citizen
	Paula Lantz, Pomona City Council
	Jerry Mesa, City of La Verne
	Shaun Stone, City of Upland
	Mark Wiley, City of Upland

3. Public Comment

President Thomas called for any public comment to the Board. There being no public comment, the Board moved to the next agenda item.

4. Consent Calendar [1]

The Consent Calendar for the Six Basins Watermaster Board meeting of March 24, 2010 included: (i) Item A – Receive and file minutes – January 27, 2010 Board of Directors meeting (ii) Item B – Receive and file financial reports for CY 2010 through February 28, 2010 including: Budget Status Report; Check Disbursement List, Statement of Financial Transactions and Reserve Balances and (iii) Item C – Letter of Appreciation to Ms. Alice Shiozawa.

Motion No. 10-03-301: Motioned by Director Keeseey, seconded by Director Lewis to approve the Consent Calendar for the March 24, 2010 Board.

Motion No. 10-03-301 carried unanimously

5. Calendar Year 2009 Six Basins Watermaster Draft Financial Statements [1]

Staff reviewed the draft financial statements. This is the first time the Board has had an opportunity to review the statements prior to adoption of the Annual Report. The board was asked to take action to receive, file and adopt the Calendar Year 2009 Financial Statements for inclusion in the published Calendar Year 2009 Annual Report.

Motion No. 10-03-302: Motioned by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Malloy to receive, file and adopt the draft financial statements for Calendar Year 2009 for inclusion in the published Calendar Year 2009 Annual Report.

Motion No. 10-03-302 carried unanimously

6. Draft Six Basins Watermaster Annual Report for Calendar Year 2009 [2]

Staff provided the Board with an Executive Summary of the draft Annual Report for Calendar Year 2009 for informational purposes only. A full copy of the draft report was also distributed during the meeting. The Board was given the opportunity to discuss and provide comments regarding the draft report. The deadline for any additional comments is early May 2010.

The City of Pomona initiated dialogue regarding the data utilized to report on the Pomona Basin. They indicated that the data used was not consistent with the actual condition of the Basin and suggested that Pomona Well #33 data be used. On another issue, it was determined that meter test data was not received from all producers and that in years past this had been optional. Mr. Hansen reported that this information is typically included in other Watermaster reports he has reviewed. A decision was made to not include the data for Calendar Year 2009; however it will be readdressed when preparing the Calendar Year 2010 Annual Report and the recommendation was strong to include this information going forward.

7. Chief of Watermaster Report [2]

A. Transfers of Storage & Recovery Rights for Calendar Year 2010

This item was provided to the Board to memorialize transfers for Calendar Year 2010 that occurred among Golden State Water Company and Pomona College; San Antonio Water Company and Three Valleys MWD; and San Antonio Water Company and the City of Upland. These transfers were reflected in the production report tables included under agenda item 7C.

B. PVPA Spreading and Maintenance Update

Staff reported on the total rainfall for January/February 2010 in the amount of 13.63". A total of 500 AF was spread among the Four Basins area with the majority at San Antonio Spreading Grounds and a minor amount of 21 AF at Thompson Creek Spreading Grounds.

Good news is that at the top of the spreading grounds a small amount of water was released into the main conduit on both the San Bernardino and Los Angeles county sides. Spreading in the new berms basin totaled 164 AF.

C. YTD Production Report for Calendar Year 2010

Staff reviewed the production summaries for the period ending February 2010. The total production among the Four Basins is 1765.4 AF through February 2010. This is slightly lower than prior years, but in line with where we should be.

The adjustments reported represent transfers between San Antonio Water Company and Three Valleys MWD/City of Upland.

D. Water Level Hydrographs (Four Basins)

Year-to-date water level hydrograph reports of the Watermaster's nine monitoring wells within the Four Basins through February 2010 were presented to the Board for review and discussion.

Staff reported that in the Upper Claremont Heights Basin (UCHB) the spreading of local surface water from the San Antonio Canyon during the first two months of CY 2010 is already showing positive impacts in some of the wells in the upper portion of the basin in the form of higher water levels. This is also positively impacting the mid-portion of the UCHB.

Staff was not able to assess the impact of the spreading in the Lower Claremont Heights Basin (LCHB) as it could not be accessed via Tunnel Well No. 4 due to faulty equipment. Because of the faulty equipment the actual data reported in the LCHB is inconsistent and staff was not able to assess the true current conditions.

The Index Water Levels through February 2010 increased 1 foot over the previous two month period (elevation 1419.3'). This is still well below the threshold maximum elevation for spreading.

Watermaster Hansen inquired about whether there was an increase in nitrate levels as a result of the higher rainfall. La Verne staff reported that there has been some nominal change, but for the most part it is pretty close to the same conditions without rainfall.

E. Water Level Hydrographs (Two Basins)

Year-to-date water level hydrographs of the Watermaster's monitoring wells within the Two Basins through February 2010 were presented to the Board for review and discussion.

Hydrologic conditions in the Two Basins area continue to decline. Calendar Year 2009 spreading at Live Oak was reported at 160 AF as compared to the historical average of 210 AF.

F. Legal Counsel's Memorandum on Six Basins Transfer Questions

The Board was provided a copy of the legal memorandum from Ms. Strong of Redwine and Sherrill regarding conditions associated with Six Basins Transfers among the producers. It was determined that further consideration will need to be developed among the

Engineering & Tech (E & T) Committee to establish specific and clear rules to address conditions that may arise related to transfers; it is possible that amendments to the judgment may also be necessary.

Staff will be contacting members of the E & T Committee for the purpose of scheduling a meeting to discuss this item. Director Taylor requested the opportunity to review a draft agenda for the E & T Committee prior to its release for the purpose of adding some additional items related to these matters.

G. Oral Report on Miscellaneous Items

Well Development Plan Notifications

Staff reported that the Six Basins Watermaster judgment has specific notification requirements whenever new well developments occur. It is understood that Golden State Water Company is considering some new production wells. Data is anticipated to be available April 2010. It is possible that this may be postponed until later this year.

8. Miscellaneous Items / Comments from Watermaster Members [2]

A. AGWA Meetings and Information

Staff reported that the Annual Conference of the American Groundwater Trust was held on February 8, 2010 and was well attended. There is not any new information to report.

B. Comments

Staff reported that the City of Upland has appointed Mr. Shaun Stone, Assistant Public Works Director as their alternate to the Six Basins Board, replacing Director Anthony La who has alternate responsibilities on the Board for Pomona Valley Protective Association. Director Tom Thomas will continue to be the primary representative for the City of Upland.

9. Future Agenda Items [2]

A. Adoption of CY 2009 Annual Report

The Annual Report will be adopted during the May 26, 2010 Board meeting following a public hearing.

In accordance with the rules governing public notices in Government Code Section 6060. *Whenever any law provides that*

publication of notice shall be made pursuant to a designated section of this article, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation for the period prescribed, the number of times, and in the manner provided in that section. As used in this article, "notice" includes official advertising, resolutions, orders, or other matter of any nature whatsoever that are required by law to be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

As has been done historically, Six Basins Watermaster will cause the public hearing notice to be published one time in accordance with Government Code Section 6061.

B. Six Basins Groundwater Transfers – Update on Clarifications

If there is any action for the Board to consider on this item it will be placed on the agenda for the May 26, 2010 meeting.

C. Other

Staff will be asking the Six Basins Watermaster Board to consider establishing a standing committee meeting schedule for the third Wednesday of each even month at 2:00 p.m. This is the alternate schedule to the Board and will allow for better planning for Committee meetings. If a meeting of either the E & T Committee or Admin/Finance Committee is not necessary, appropriate noticing will occur to cancel standing meetings.

10. Next Meeting [2]

The next meeting of the Six Basins Watermaster Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Three Valleys MWD Office, 1021 East Miramar Avenue, Claremont.

11. Adjournment [2]

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Recorded by: Vicki Hahn
Executive Assistant

Tom Thomas, President
Board of Directors, Six Basins Watermaster