

## **AGENDA ITEM 4A**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER WATER RIGHTS PANEL**

**PROGRESS PARK, BOARD ROOM  
15500 DOWNEY AVE PARAMOUNT CA**

**1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

Chair Moore called the meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:30 pm.

#### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

##### Panel Members

Steve Lenton	Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Derek Nguyen	City of Lakewood
Anatole Falagan	City of Long Beach (Absent)
Adriana Figueroa	City of Paramount
Thomas Bekele	City of Signal Hill (Absent)
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company

##### Also Present

Matt Qassis	LADWP
Jim Markman	RWG Law
Gabriel Gomez	Liberty Utilities
Yvette Stevenson-Rodriguez	Orchard Dale Water District
Jackie Ramirez	Water Replenishment District (Secretary)
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Moore entertained a motion to approve Item 4. The motion was made by Panel Member Lenton and seconded by Panel Member Figueroa.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 5 ayes, 0 abstention, and 0 no's (5-0-0).

### Watermaster Invoices

Ms. Rojas stated that staff billed consolidated invoices for the administrative year 2023-24 on June 6 and were due on July 17. Reminders were also mailed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>; she also provided a list of the unpaid invoices reminding anyone on that list to submit payment.

### Other Announcements

Staff began drafting the Watermaster Annual Report and reminded the Panel that they will receive a draft of the report by October 15<sup>th</sup> per the Judgment. Staff will email the draft and provide a public comment period.

WRD hosted DDW Glendale Office Engineers on September 7<sup>th</sup>. They provided a basic overview of their permitting process. Ultimately, WRD wanted to host DDW to provide and allow engagement among the District Engineers and pumpers who have questions about the permitting process.

Panel Member Nguyen stated that he has reached out to DDW Chief overseeing District Engineers to find more clarity and escalate the permitting process for Lakewood. He suggested that WRD reach out to higher ups in DDW to represent the entire WRD service area to find a solution for a more streamline process.

Chair Moore had questions regarding the Watermaster Annual Report deadline. Ms. Rojas clarified that per the Judgment we must provide a copy of the draft Annual Report by October 15<sup>th</sup>, but there is no hard deadline for approval and filing in November. The Panel approved and filed the prior year's Annual Report this past January 2023.

Chair Moore entertained a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was made by Panel Member Figueroa and seconded by Panel Member Nguyen.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 5 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (5-0-0).

## **7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Markman provided information regarding SGMA basins and how there is a lot of time and money being invested into finding a way to manage the basins. He reminded the Panel how lucky they are to be working in an adjudicated basin.

## **8. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Ramirez had nothing to report.

**11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023 WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEETING**

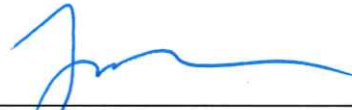
Chair Moore identified the Watermaster Annual Report item.

Please submit agenda additional items if needed in writing for consideration to Chair Moore and Secretary Ramirez.

**13. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS**

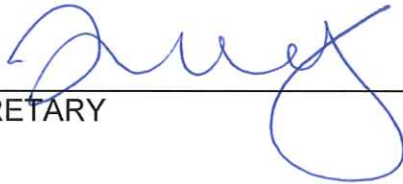
There were no Panel member comments.

Régular Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



SECRETARY