

**MINUTES OF THE  
CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER  
WATER RIGHTS PANEL**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015  
1:30 P.M.**

Chairman Honeycutt (Signal Hill) called the regular meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:31 pm.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Honeycutt (Signal Hill) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Panel Members

John Oskoui	City of Downey
Jason Wen	City of Lakewood
Chris Cash	City of Paramount
Charlie Honeycutt	City of Signal Hill
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company
Ken Bradbury	Montebello Land and Water Company
Anatole Falagan	City of Long Beach

Also Present

Mohammad Mostahkami	City of Downey
Jason Weeks	Water Replenishment District
Ted Johnson	Water Replenishment District
Greg Reed	LADWP
James Markman	Richards, Watson, Gershon
Aliah Meza	KJServices Environmental Consulting
Christina Dixon	City of Huntington Park
Vince Brar	City of Cerritos
Dan Mueller	City of Downey

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

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

Panel Member Falagan (Long Beach) noted a correction in Item 4a. The last sentence in Item 13 should state Mr. Chris Garner as replacement for Mr. Kevin Wattier, and not himself.

Panel Member Oskoui (Downey) made a motion to approve the Item 4a with the correction and Item 4b as is. The motion was seconded by Panel Member Bradbury (Montebello Land & Water). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the panel members.

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Panel Member Moore (Golden State Water) presented the Treasurer Report.

Mr. Moore reviewed the financial report prepared by the City of Lakewood. The City's summary report showed that the balance of the WRP's account as of November 9, 2015 was \$28,936.56.

A motion to Receive and File the item was made by Panel Member Cash (Paramount) with a second by Panel Member Wen (Lakewood). The item was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.

#### **6. RESOLUTION AMENDING REGULAR MEETING DAYS OF THE PANEL**

Chairman Honeycutt (Signal Hill) presented an overview of the resolution. Stating that the Central Basin Water Rights Panel regular meetings follow a bi-monthly schedule starting in January of 2016, rather than the current monthly meeting schedule.

Panel Member Oskoui moved to adopt the resolution and Panel Member Bradbury (Montebello Land & Water) seconded. The item was adopted by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.

#### **7. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT**

Chairman Honeycutt introduced Mr. Jason Weeks of the Water Replenishment District to provide an update on the status of the Administrative Body.

Mr. Weeks reported the following updates:

##### **2015-2016 Water Rights Activity**

The attached document provides a summary of 2015-2016 leases that have been processed as of November 6, 2015. In summary, there are 26 leases transferring 13,107.04 acre-feet of APA; 5,510.04 with flex (i.e. 50% carryover), and 7,597 acre-feet without flex.

##### **2015-2016 Groundwater Pumping**

September groundwater production in the Central Basin was approximately 15,900 acre-feet.

#### **2015-2016 Storage Activity**

There has been no storage activity to date in 2015-2016. A summary of water currently in storage is provided in the table below.

<b>Party</b>	<b>Quantity (acre-feet)</b>	<b>Storage Account</b>
Downey, City of	1,350.00	Individual Storage Account
Cerritos, City of	500.00	Individual Storage Account
Lakewood, City of	500.00	Individual Storage Account
Long Beach, City of	13,177.31	Individual Storage Account
Los Angeles, City of	6,020.00	Individual Storage Account
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 3	300.00	Individual Storage Account
South Gate, City of	500.00	Individual Storage Account
Whittier Union High School District	50.00	Individual Storage Account
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,397.31</b>	

A motion to Receive and File the item was made by Panel Member Cash, with a second by Panel Member Falagan. The item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **8. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT UPDATE**

Chairman Honeycutt introduced Mr. Weeks (WRD) to provide update on sustainable groundwater management act.

Mr. Weeks stated that in general, no actions are necessary for the Central Basin since the Basin is adjudicated and therefore exempt from the Act. The only actions that are required are for WRD and Watermaster to submit evidence of adjudication, and then to submit our annual report.

Mr. Weeks then introduced Mr. Ted Johnson, Chief Hydro Geologist for the Water Replenishment District. Mr. Johnson stated that there is no required action related to the Act for the Central Basin. The Act requires all high- and medium-priority basins in the State to have a sustainable groundwater plan within a 20-year timeline for implementation.

Mr. Johnson reiterated Mr. Weeks remarks that Central Basin is adjudicated and therefore exempt from the Act. The Watermaster must present adjudication documents as evidence and submit Annual Watermaster Report, or Engineering Survey Report.

Mr. Johnson addressed the issue of "fringe areas", areas that are technically outside the adjudicated boundaries of the Central and West Coast Basins, but still within the geological boundaries as defined by DWR.

Mr. Moore expressed concern regarding “fringe areas” and suggested establishing a subcommittee to cover issues with the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Mr. Johnson stated that the WRD is in the process of developing a more details report than the memorandum, and suggested presenting the report to the subcommittee, if established.

Other panel members expressed over “fringe areas.” Mr. Johnson stated that there is also an administrative action option; now with proper evidence and support adjudication boundaries can be adjusted to better match hydro geological boundaries.

A motion to Receive and File the item was made by Panel Member Cash, with a second by Panel Member Bradbury. The item was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.

## **9. ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Chairman Honeycutt introduced Mr. James Markman of Richards, Watson, Gershon to present an update on any issues or matters that potentially impact the Panel or water purveyors in the Central Basin.

Mr. Markman stated that the Artesia Ice Company has agreed to pay the replenishment assessment and actions are in motion to add them to the judgment for pumping rights.

Mr. Markman also stated that there is a meeting is the process of being scheduled with the Caltrans committee.

## **10. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Chairman Honeycutt introduced the RDCIP Ad Hoc Committee members Panel Member Cash and Panel Member Grajeda for comments.

Panel Member Cash stated that the committee reviewed the draft applications and felt that the three-part drafts could be molded into a single application.

Panel Member Grajeda stated that the RDCIP application would be a simpler universal application and would include a Narrative section for applicants to further describe their proposed project.

The committee asked Grace Kast (Kast Consulting) to modify the application and present the final draft to the Panel at the January meeting.

## **11. WATER METER TESTING**

Chairman Honeycutt stated that all tested wells have passed with the exception of one well, not listed in Agenda Report, for the weeks ending September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. The California Water Service Company - Well #3802 - meter 16.5% slow (meters must be within 5% + / -). Result letters have been sent to those water provides that have had their wells tested.

The Panel received and filed this agenda item with the correction on the report to list the California Water Service Company Well #3802 that did not pass test.

## **12. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Aliah Meza of KJ Services Environmental Consulting stated that a letter was received from the City of Long Beach appointing Mr. Christopher Garner as the primary delegate to the Central Basin Water Rights Panel, replacing Mr. Kevin Wattier.

## **13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

No written communications received.

## **14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 14, 2016 WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEETING**

The agenda was discussed for the Water Rights Panel meeting of January 14, 2016.

Chairman Honeycutt suggested revisiting the Sustainable Management Act next meeting. To further discuss which report to submit, the Annual Watermaster Report or the Engineering Survey Report.

Chairman Honeycutt stated the final application draft for RDCIP be presented to the Panel at the January meeting.

The Panel agreed on the approval review of the Annual Watermaster Report for the January meeting.

## **15. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS**


No water rights panel member comments were received.

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Honeycutt adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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