

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER
WATER RIGHTS PANEL

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
1:30 P.M.**

Interim Chairman Honeycutt (Signal Hill) called the regular meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:32 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Interim 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 Co.
Mark Grajeda	Montebello Land & Water Co.

Also Present

Desi Alvarez	MCM Mgt.
Vince Brar	City of Cerritos
Hye Jin Lee	City of Whittier
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Aliah Meza	KJServices Environmental Consulting
Jason Weeks	Water Replenishment District
Grace Kast	Grace Kast Consulting
Christina Dixon	City of Huntington Park
Ed Castaneda	Orchard Dale Water District
Ron Richard	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Panel Member Oskoui made a motion to approve Item No. 4a and Item 4b, as presented. The motion was seconded by Panel Member Cash (Paramount). With abstentions from Panel Member Grajeda (Montebello Land & Water), the Panel Members approved the Consent Calendar by a voice vote.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Interim Chairman Honeycutt provided overview of the Item. With the retirement of Mr. Jim Glancy and Mr. Ken Farsing the panel members need to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman for the continuation of the current positions terms. Interim Chairman Honeycutt opened the discussion for nominations.

Panel Member Grajeda (Montebello Land & Water) nominated Panel Member Cash (Paramount) for the position of Chairman and Interim Chairman Honeycutt (Signal Hill) for the position of Vice Chairman.

Panel Member Cash responded with the nomination of Interim Chairman Honeycutt for the position of Chairman.

Interim Chairman Honeycutt called for a vote on the motion and second to name himself, Panel Member Honeycutt, as Chairman and Panel Member Cash as Vice Chairman. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the panel members.

6. 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 September 10, 2015 was \$48,971.11.

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

7. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT

Chairman Glancy 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:

2014-2015 Watermaster Report

Administrative Body staff is continuing to develop the 2014-2015 Watermaster Report and will provide the draft tables and figures at the Water Rights Panel meeting.

2015-2016 Water Rights Activity

The attached document provides a summary of 2015-2016 leases that have been processed as of September 3, 2015. In summary, there are 25 leases transferring 4,770.75 acre-feet of APA; 4,223.75 with flex (i.e. 50% carryover), and 547 acre-feet without flex.

2015-2016 Groundwater Pumping

July groundwater production in the Central Basin was approximately 15,800 acre-feet.

2015-2016 Storage Activity

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

Party	Quantity (acre-feet)	Storage Account
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

TOTAL 22,397.31
 *Includes 2014-2015 Carryover Conversion requests.

Jason asked that the Panel members for further time to review the draft review the FY 2014-2015 annual report to verify that the information shown was correct. Mr. Jason Weeks (Water Replenishment District) will present the draft FY 2014-2015 annual report at the October 8th meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Weeks presented the allowed pumping allocation transfers as of September 3rd. Panel Member Wen (Lakewood) noted that there were missing } transactions for the City of Commerce, Whittier, and Cerritos. *strike* }

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

8. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. James Markman of Richards, Watson, Gershon was absent and attorney's report was skipped.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Honeycutt introduced Grace Kast (Grace Kast Consulting) to present the interest assessment report for the RDCIP program.

Grace recapped interest for the RDCIP program from the City of Lynwood. Along with Lynwood, Grace contacted Park Water Company and the City of Cerritos. Both parties also expressed interest in the RDCIP program.

The remaining activities include the preparation of the grant application documents and an application review checklist to be used by the Panel when assessing applicants received under the RDCIP program. Draft documents will tentatively be distributed at the October 8th meeting.

Panel Member Oskoui suggested preparing written status updates on any progress regarding the Regional Disadvantage Communities Incentive Program. The Panel Members concurred.

Grace Kast provided an update on the current Water Right Panel subcommittees, Subcommittee of Rules & Regulations and Regional Disadvantaged Communities Incentive Program Design. Panel Member Moore (Golden State Water) stated that the Subcommittee of Rules and Regulations had not met but plan to gather to review the draft FY2014-2015 annual report. Vice Chairman Cash (Paramount) stated that the RDCIP Design Committee has completed their part in the development the program process and operating rules, therefore committee does not need to meet.

The Panel received and filed this agenda item.

10. WATER METER TESTING CONTRACT WITH DWR

Chairman Honeycutt stated that all tested wells have passed with the exception of two wells for the weeks ending September 7th and 14th. The California Water Service Company - Well #290-01 - meter inoperable, and the City of Whittier - Well #14 - meter 10.2% slow (meters must be within 5% + / -). Result letters have been sent to those water provides that have had their wells tested. Discussions have been held with California Water Service Company and they have been given a deadline of October 16th to replace their meter and have it retested.

The Panel received and filed this agenda item.

11. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Aliah Meza of KJServices Environmental Consulting made no comments.

12. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communications were received.

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The agenda was discussed for the Water Rights Panel meeting of September 10, 2015. It was agreed that the following items would be included on the Panel's meeting agenda:

1. Treasurer's Report.
2. Attorney's Report
3. Administrative Body Report.
 - a. Draft FY 2014/2015 Annual Watermaster Report
 - b. Assessment Billing update
4. Committee Reports
5. Water Meter Testing monthly report.
6. Status Update on the Sustainable Groundwater Act.

14. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS

Panel Member Oskoui inquired about the status of the Artesia Ice Company. Jason Weeks (Water Replenishment District) stated the Artesia Ice Company has responded to the cease and desist letter. All parties are in agreement and language is currently being drawn to be added into the judgment.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 1:52 pm.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


