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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
1:30 P.M.

Chair Honeycutt (Signal HII) called the regular meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:30 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Honeycutt lead the panel members and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Panel Members
John Oskouei
Jason Wen
Chris Garner
Sarah Ho
Charlie Honeycutt
Toby Moore
Ken Bradbury

City of Downey
City of Lakewood
City of Long Beach
City of Paramount
City of Signal Hill
Golden State Water Company
Montebello Land and Water Company

Also Present
Desi Alvarez
Ted Johnson
Esther Rojas
James Markman
Gina Nila
Dave Schickling
Kevin Sales

MCM Management
Water Replenishment District
Water Replenishment District
Richards, Watson, Gershon
City of Commerce
City of Whittier
KJServices Environmental Consulting

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR
With one correction to the Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Water Rights Panel meeting, Panel Member Moore (Golden State Water Co.) made a motion to approve both items 4a and 4b. Panel Member Wen (Lakewood) seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT
Panel Member Wen presented the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Wen reviewed the financial report prepared by the City of Lakewood. The City's summary report showed that the beginning balance of the Water Rights Panel's (WRP) account as of its last meeting was $199,151.25. The WRP made one payment in the amount $1,250. The balance of the Water Rights Panel's account, as of the date this meeting, was $197,901.25.

A motion to Receive and File the item was made by Panel Member Oskoui (Downey), with a second by Panel Member Garner (Long Beach). The item was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT
Esther Rojas of the Water Replenishment District provided an update on the status of the Administrative Body. The report was given in two sections, the first covering the updates on water activity in the Central Basin and the status of the Consolidated Watermaster Billing for 2017 - 2018; and the second dealing with the draft Watermaster Report for FY 2016 - 2017.

During the first portion of the Report, Ms. Rojas presented the following updates:

2017 - 2018 Groundwater Pumping
July - September 2017 Central Basin groundwater pumping is 50,513.41 acre-feet (af), which is 0.4% higher than the same period last year (50,311.31).

2017 / 2018 Water Rights Activity
For the current AY 17-18 to date, there have been 36 leases processed transferring 14,568.74 af of rights, of which 31 leases are with flex (retain 60% carryover provision) and 5 leases are without flex.

2017 / 2018 Storage Activity
No water has been put into storage nor extracted from storage in the current AY 17-18.
FY 2017 / 2018 Watermaster Invoices - Water Rights Panel

The AY 2017 - 2018 Consolidated Watermaster Invoices were sent out on October 9, 2017 with payments due by November 22, 2017. Outstanding balances from previous years were included within the most current invoices. For the AY 16-17 there were $225.32 in outstanding payments and for AY 15-16 there were $226.35 in outstanding payments.

As of the date of the meeting, the WRD has received $37,066.56 in payments for AY 2017 - 2018. Reimbursement No. 1 is pending and will be sent to the Water Rights Panel (in care of the City of Lakewood) during late November or early December. As of the meeting there is still $357,436.85 in outstanding payments (for both the Water Rights Panel and the Administrative Body).

A motion to receive and file this portion of the Administrative Body report was made by Panel Member Garner with a second by Panel Member Wen. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.


2016 - 2017 Central Basin Watermaster Report

The Water Replenishment District (WRD), as the Administrative Body, submitted the 2016 - 2017 draft Watermaster Report at the Panel’s previous meeting on September 14, 2017. Subsequently the WRD made suggested edits and corrections to the draft Report and submitted the draft Report, via email, for review to all the Parties to the Central Basin Judgment and posted it on the WRD website for public comments between October 6 to October 27. WRD worked with all interested parties to incorporate all the comments submitted. WRD staff finalized the Report and is resubmitting it to the Panel for review and approval.

Panel Member Moore stated that Tables 17 and 18 of the Report still listed Park Water and needed to be changed to Liberty Utilities. No additional Panel comments were received.

Mr. James Markman stated that once the Report is approved by the Panel and he receives a copy from the WRD, he will file the Report with the Court as required by the Central Basin Judgment.

Panel Member Oskoui made a motion to approve the FY 2016 - 2017 Watermaster Report, as presented with the changes noted for tables 17 and 18. The motion was seconded by Panel Member Moore and was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.
7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
Mr. James Markman of Richards, Watson, Gershon presented the Panel with an update on the following issue:

1. There is no additional information available regarding the proposed Cyclic Storage Plan developed by the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) and the Metropolitan Water District (Met) to import and store water in the Central Basin. This issue had been previously discussed at the Panel’s July 2017 and September 2017 meetings.

Mr. Ted Johnson of the Water Replenishment District stated that the WRD had hoped to have the Cyclic Storage Program approved by October 1st but that date had passed with no progress.

The Panel's continuing consensus on the Cyclic Storage Plan is that since Central Basin MWD is not a party to the Central Basin Third Amended Judgment, they do not have the authority to store water in the Basin.

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

8. STORAGE PROJECT APPLICATION FORM - AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE
Panel Member Moore provided an update on this item.

At its September 14, 2017 meeting, the Water Rights Panel reviewed and discussed the draft application forms developed by the ad hoc committee for Storage projects and Water Augmentation projects. There were a number of edits suggested at that meeting and the Panel decided to hold off on action and ask that the edits be made and that the item be returned for consideration at their November meeting.

At the November meeting the revised forms were presented to the Panel members and Mr. Moore reviewed each, describing any changes as appropriate.

After some discussion by the Panel, a motion to approve both the Groundwater Storage Project and the Water Augmentation Project application forms was made by Panel Member Oskouli with a second by Panel Member Bradbury (Montebello Land & Water Company). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT
No report.
10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
There were no written communications received.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 11, 2018 WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEETING
The agenda was discussed for the Water Rights Panel meeting of January 11, 2018.

In addition to the Panel's recurring meeting items--Consent Calendar, Treasurer's Report, Administrative Body Report, Attorney's Report, and Water Meter Testing Program Report--the following items will be included on the Water Rights Panel's next meeting agenda:
   a. Omega Superfund Site Project - Institutional Control Plan update.
   b. Administrative Body rules - update report.

16. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS
No Panel comments were received.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
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