

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

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015  
1:30 P.M.**

Chairman Honeycutt (Signal Hill) called the regular meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:33 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
Mark Grajeda	Montebello Land and Water Company
Chris Garner	City of Long Beach

Also Present

Mohammad Mostahkami	City of Downey
Grace Kast	Grace Kast Consulting
Greg Reed	LADWP
James Markman	Richards, Watson, Gershon
Kristen Sales	KJServices Environmental Consulting

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Panel Member Wen (Lakewood) suggested the minutes from September 10, 2015, Administrative Body Report, ITEM 4a be amended to reflect that Mr. Wen did not note that there were missing transactions from the Cities of Whittier and Commerce. Panel Member Wen (Lakewood) made a motion to strike the agenda item. The

motion was seconded by Panel Member Grajeda (Montebello Land & Water). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the panel members. Panel Member Grajeda (Montebello Land & Water) moved to include the Egoscue Law Group invoice received October 5, 2015 from Grace Kast Consulting. The motion was seconded by Panel Member Cash (Paramount). 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 reported no new income to report. The report showed that the balance of the WRP's account as of October 5, 2015 was \$34,057.71.

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

At this point, the Panel decided to skip agenda item 6, ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT and went directly to item 7, ATTORNEY'S REPORT and item 8, COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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

Mr. James Markman (Richards, Watson, Gershon)

-ice company / Cal-Trans / need for closed sessions

Panel Member Grajeda moved to approve and Panel Member Garner seconded. The item was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel members.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Grace Kast of GK Consulting presented an overview of the RDCIP proposal. Ms. Kast went over the processes of applying for the three types of requests:

- 1) RDCIP Water Storage Request ONLY
- 2) RDCIP Bank Account Funds ONLY
- 3) RDCIP Water Storage Request and Bank Account Funds

Ms. Kast provided an overview of the website access for RDCIP applications, including being accessible via PDF and electronic file (must like online IRS tax forms). Ms. Kast went over the eligibility score for each application, noting that a minimum score would be required for approval, and that no application answering "no" to any of the questions would be approved.

Panel Member Moore (Golden State Water) raised questions about the points system as a means of selecting applicants, as well as how the Panel would

differentiate the points systems for applicants applying for Water Storage Requests vs. those who were applying to Water Storage Request and Bank Account Funds.

Panel Member Grajeda commented on the Panel's need to determine how they would decide which applicants would receive Storage and Funds vs. those who would only receive Storage.

Panel Member Oskoui asked the Panel who among them was on the RDCIP Sub-Committee, to which Panel Member Cash answered that he believed he was the sole remaining member. Mr. Oskoui then suggested that the Sub-Committee decide the issues in the RDCIP program.

Chairman Honeycutt suggested Mr. Grajeda take over Sub-Committee duties, to which Mr. Grajeda agreed. Mr. Grajeda then suggested that the Sub-Committee take the lead in determining Mr. Moore's question about the points system, with the Sub-Committee conferring their findings with GK Consulting for review.

Mr. Oskoui suggested all comments regarding the RDCIP go directly from the Sub-Committee, to which Mr. Grajeda suggested that the Sub-Committee make a recommendation to the Panel and then address general questions then. Mr. Grajeda suggested that the Sub-Committees' pre-approved date of October 27<sup>th</sup> be used as the cut-off date for Sub-Committee recommendations. The Panel unanimously approved Mr. Grajeda's suggestion and the Panel unanimously agreed to approve a revised draft from the Sub-Committee and then bring a finalized report to the Panel during the November Panel Meeting.

## **6. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT**

The Panel returned to this item at the conclusion of item #8.

Mr. Jason Weeks of the Water Replenishment District was unable to attend due to illness.

Chairman Honeycutt presented Mr. Weeks' Monthly Water Rights Activity report in his absence.

In summary, there are 26 leases transferring 14,273.33 acre-feet of APA; 6,796.33 with flex (i.e. 50% carryover), and 7,297 acre-feet without flex.

Panel Member Wen expressed confusion over the number in the report prepared by Mr. Weeks. Panel Member Moore suggested multi-year leases resulted in Mr. Weeks' numbers. Mr. Mostahkami commented that his City had multi-year leases, and that was most likely the cause of Panel Member Wen's concern over Mr. Weeks' numbers.

A motion to Receive and File the item with clarifications 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.

## **9. WATER METER TESTING**

Chairman Honeycutt reported no water meters out of compliance.

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

## **10. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Kristen Sales of KJServices Environmental Consulting made no comments.

## **11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

No written communications were received.

## **12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEETING**

The agenda was discussed for the Water Rights Panel meeting of November 12, 2015.

Chairman Honeycutt suggested the Panel meet bi-monthly, and suggested that they discuss creating a master calendar for future meetings.

Mr. Moore suggested revisiting the Sustainable Management Act next meeting.

Panel agreed to revisit RDCIP application eligibility after receiving comments and recommendations from the Sub-Committee by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **13. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Mohammad Mostahkami of the City of Downey asked if the RDCIP Sub-Committee would be open to suggestions to non-Panel members. Panel Member Grajeda suggested that non-Panel members submit their suggestions to the Consultant, GK Consulting, directly. Ms. Kast commented that all the RDCIP applications were available on the website, [www.cbwatermaster.org](http://www.cbwatermaster.org). Panel Member Wen asked if the Sub-Committee needed to meet formally before the October 27<sup>th</sup> date.

Mr. Greg Reed of the LADWP introduced himself and inquired if there had been any follow-up from an item at the May, 2015 meeting about water rights transfers from

Long Beach. Mr. Markman answered that the total amount of water production did not increase. Mr. Grajeda confirmed that the Panel did not find anything different since the May meeting.

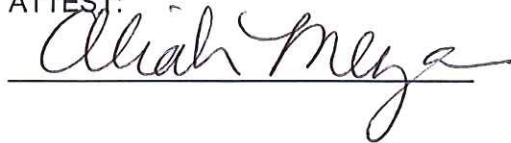
Mr. Chris Garner introduced himself as Mr. Kevin Wattier's replacement as City of Long Beach primary.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Honeycutt adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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