

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER
WATER RIGHTS PANEL

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

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

Vice Chairman Farfsing (Signal Hill) called the regular meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:30 pm. The meeting was then recessed until 2pm by order of the Vice Chairman. The recess was ordered to allow extra time for the remainder of the Panel members to arrive from another meeting. The meeting was reconvened by the Vice Chairman at 1:55 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Panel Member Oskoui (Downey) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Panel Members

John Oskoui	City of Downey
James Glancy	City of Lakewood
Kevin Wattier	City of Long Beach Water Dept.
Chris Cash	City of Paramount
Ken Farfsing	City of Signal Hill
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Co.
Mark Grajeda	Montebello Land & Water Co.

Also Present

Desi Alvarez	MCM Management
Chris Castillo	City of South Gate
James Markman	Richards, Watson, Gershon
Mohammad Mostahkami	City of Downey
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Chris Repp	Los Angeles DWP
Kevin Sales	KJServices Environmental Consulting
Jason Weeks	Water Replenishment District

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Panel Member Cash (Paramount) made a motion to approve Item Nos. 4a, and 4b. Panel Member Oskoui seconded the motion. The Panel Members approved the Consent Calendar by a unanimous voice vote.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Panel Member Moore (Golden State Water Co.) 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 1/26/15 was \$142,458.99.

A listing of the currently outstanding FY 14/15 Water Rights Panel Assessment billing was provided to the Panel members as an update. Collection activities continue to secure payment for the remaining Assessment invoices.

Chairman Glancy, along with other members of the Panel, suggested that the Water Rights Panel and the Administrative Body (Water Replenishment District) prepare a single Assessment Invoice for next fiscal year's billing. The 2014 / 2015 billing was split, with both entities sending out separate invoices. Because prior billing, handled by the State Department of Water Resources, was a single invoice sent to all Central Basin water rights holders, the two separate invoices mailed out for FY 2014 / 2015 caused confusion among many of the water rights holders and delayed the receipt of payments.

The members instructed the Water Rights Panel secretary, Kevin Sales, to coordinate with Jason Weeks of the Water Replenishment District, representing the Administrative Body, on the development of a single, combined invoice for the next fiscal year (FY 15/16) billing period. The next annual billing is slated to go out to the water rights holders in June 2014.

The item was received and filed by the Panel.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORT**

Vice Chairman Farfasing (Signal Hill) 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:

1. 2014-2015 Water Rights Activity

There have been 1 lease and 1 sale since the January Water Rights Panel meeting. A summary of water rights leases and sales is provided below.

- Leases
 - There are currently 40 leases transferring a total of 19,353 acre-feet of water rights.
 - 34 leases, totaling 16,549 acre-feet, are with flex (i.e. 40% Carryover).
 - 6 leases, totaling 2,804 acre-feet, are without flex.

- Sales
 - There have been 5 water rights sales.
 - Petersburg, L.P to California Domestic Water Company
 - 373.75 acre-feet of Total Water Rights and 299.00 acre-feet of APA
 - California Domestic Water Company to Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group Inc.
 - 373.75 acre-feet of Total Water Rights and 299.00 acre-feet of APA
 - CECC, LLC to ECOGAS, INC.
 - 1.00 acre-feet of Total Water Rights and 1.00 acre-feet of APA
 - Atkinson Brick Company to LA Brickyard, LLC
 - 11.00 acre-feet of Total Water Rights and 9.00 acre-feet of APA
 - Aqua Capital Management to LADWP
 - 1,875.00 acre-feet of Total Water Rights and 1,500.00 acre-feet of APA

□ Groundwater Production

- o December 2014 groundwater production was approximately 11,800 acre-feet. Year-to-date Central Basin groundwater production is approximately 99,300 acre-feet.

2014-2015 Storage Activity

There are currently 20,377.31 acre-feet of water in storage, all of which is within Individual Storage Accounts; no water has been stored in the Community Storage Pool. A summary of stored water, as of December 2014, is shown in the table below.

Party	Quantity	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	4,500.00	Individual Storage Account
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 3	300.00	Individual Storage Account
Whittier Union High School District	50.00	Individual Storage Account

TOTAL **20,377.31**

Through December, a total of 899.49 acre-feet of stored water has been extracted in 2014-2015. All of this extraction has occurred from Long Beach's Individual Storage Account and is reflected in the volumes reported above.

Through January, no water has been put into storage in 2014-2015.

Mr. Weeks also distributed a copy of the Water Replenishment District's Allowed Pumping Allocation Transfers Report. The Report provides a running summary of water leases between parties with pumping rights in the Central Basin. An updated copy of the report will be provided to the Panel each month as part of the Administrative Body Update Report.

2. Update on the WRD's Replenishment Water Order

As of the beginning of February, the Central Basin has received 6.5" of rain since October 1, 2014. 12,500 acre-feet of storm water runoff has been captured for infiltration into the Basin. The Central Basin water level has risen by 5' at its monitoring well. The West Basin water level has also increased by 1.5'.

Of the 25,000 acre-feet of water being delivered to the Central Basin from the State Water Project, approximately 20% has been received as of the beginning of February.

Through an in lieu arrangement with the City of Long Beach, 10,000 acre-feet of water has been used for Central Basin replenishment. This infusion of water has caused a ground water level increase in the Long Beach area of 73'.

The item was received and filed by the Panel.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Annual Report Coordination

Mr. Jim Markman (Richards, Watson, Gershon) reported to the Panel that the Regional Disadvantaged Communities Incentive Program (RDCIP) request for an extension to its completion date was approved by the Court at its February 4th status conference. The next status conference with the Court is scheduled for July 8, 2015.

Committee on the Regional Disadvantaged Communities Incentive Program (RDCIP).

Panel Member Farfsing stated that the draft RDCIP had been released for its 45-day comment period, which ends February 28, 2015. He stated that to date not many comments have been received.

The item was received and filed by the Panel.

8. WATER METER TESTING CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Vice Chairman Farfsing presented the Department of Water Resources' initial well testing reports for the period of December 15, 2014 through January 30, 2015. All the well meters tested during the period passed their inspection.

Copies of the well test results were mailed to each of the well owners.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kevin Sales of KJServices Environmental Consulting, as the secretary for the Water Rights Panel, made comments on the following items:

1. Confirmed that he will work with Jason Weeks of the Administrative Body to review the outstanding assessment invoices and coordination collection activity. In addition, he and Mr. Weeks will work together to investigate any issues surrounding creating a combined Assessment Billing for FY 2015 / 2016.

2. Reminded meeting attendees to sign in at each meeting to ensure that a correct record of attendance will be included in the monthly minutes.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following written communications were discussed at the meeting:

Chairman Glancy briefly discussed an email received from Mr. David Pelsler of the City of Whittier, requesting that the panel consider moving the date or time of the monthly Water Rights Panel meeting to prevent any scheduling conflict with the monthly Gateway Water Management Authority meeting. Normally the WRP meeting follows immediately after the GWMA meeting. However occasionally, because of a change in meeting location or if the GWMA meeting runs long, there can be a conflict with the Water Rights Panel meeting.

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The agenda was discussed for the Water Rights Panel meeting of February 12, 2015. It was agreed that the following items would be included on the Panel's meeting agenda:

1. Treasurer's Report.
2. Administrative Body Report.
 - a. Combined Assessment Billing for FY 2015 / 2016
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Draft RDCIP Comments Update.
4. Water Meter Testing monthly report.

15. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were received.

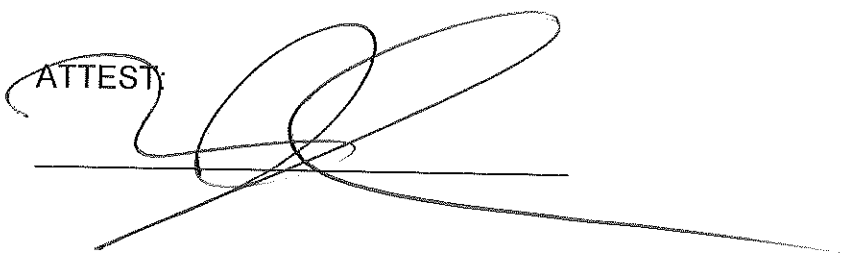
16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST

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