

**MINUTES OF THE  
CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER  
WATER RIGHTS PANEL  
  
PROGRESS PARK  
BOARD ROOM  
15500 DOWNEY AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA  
  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015  
1:30 P.M.**

Chairman Glancy (Lakewood) called the regular meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:38 pm.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Panel Member Farfsing (City of Signal Hill) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Panel Members

John Oskoui	City of Downey
James Glancy	City of Lakewood
Chris Cash	City of Paramount
Ken Farfsing	City of Signal Hill
Paul Rowley	Golden State Water Co.
Ken Bradbury	Montebello Land & Water Co.

Also Present

Grace Kast	Grace Kast Consulting
Charlie Honeycutt	City of Signal Hills
Chad Lamacchia	LA DWP
James Markman	Richards, Watson, Gershon
Mohammad Mostahkami	City of Downey
David Pelser	City of Whittier
Kevin Sales	KJServices Environmental Consulting
Jason Weeks	Water Replenishment District

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Panel Member Oskoui (Downey) made a motion to approve Item Nos. 4a, and 4b. Panel Member Bradbury (Montebello Land and Water) seconded the motion. With abstentions from Panel Member Cash (Paramount), the Panel Members approved the Consent Calendar by a voice vote.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Panel Member Rowley (Golden State Water - alternate) presented the Treasurer Report.

Mr. Rowley 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 May 14, 2015 was \$87,888.05.

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. The Panel confirmed that FY 14 - 14 Assessments that were not paid would be rolled-over and included on the new assessment invoice for FY 2015 - 2016.

The item was received and filed by the Panel.

**6. 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 Water Rights Activity**

There have been 5 leases and no sales since the April Water Rights Panel meeting. A summary of water rights leases and sales is provided below. A detailed summary of the leases is provided in the attached *Allowed Pumping Allocation Transfers* dated May 8, 2015.

- Leases
  - There are currently 53 leases transferring a total of 25,933 acre-feet of water rights.
    - 43 leases, totaling 20,829 acre-feet, are with flex (i.e. 40% Carryover).
    - 10 leases, totaling 5,104 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-foot of Total Water Rights and 1.00 acre-foot 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
    - March 2015 groundwater production was approximately 12,500 acre-feet. Year-to-date Central Basin groundwater production is approximately 135,900 acre-feet.

**2014-2015 Storage Activity**

There is 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 April 2015, is shown 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	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 April, 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 April, no water has been put into storage in 2014-2015.

### **2015-2016 Administrative Body and Water Rights Panel Invoicing - Update**

In a follow-up to his presentation at the April meeting, Mr. Weeks presented the panel with a draft combined invoice that would be generated by the Water Replenishment District that would combine the Administrative Body's annual assessment and the Water Rights Panel's annual assessment. Mr. Weeks stated that the combined billing would be generated at no cost to the Water Rights Panel and that as assessment payments are received, the Water Rights Panel funds would be transferred to the Panel on a monthly basis.

The consensus of the Panel is that a combined billing will help eliminate the confusion caused by this year's double billing and would mostly likely speed up payments and make delinquent collections easier.

Panel member Farfsing made a motion to accept the Administrative Body's (WRD) proposal to handle the combined assessment billing for FY 2015 - 2016 and called for the development of a Memo of Understanding between both Panels to develop the finalized assessment invoice format, cover letter and any other required billing elements.

The motion was seconded by Panel member Cash and approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Panel.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Panel member Farfsing presented this item.

Mr. Farfsing, along with Mr. Jim Markman (Richards, Watson, Gershon), updated the Panel members on the filing of the Regional Disadvantaged Communities Incentive Program with the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Mr. Farfsing then introduced Grace Kast (Grace Kast Consulting) to present an overview of her proposal to implement the first year of the RDCIP program.

Grace stated that the proposal is made up of two principal components: (1) Development and approval of RDCIP required documents, such as the application form and application review criteria; and (2) Distribute information to potential RDCIP applicants and assist them with questions related to their application. The task would also include working with the State of California to help identify and secure additional funding for the RDCIP program.

Panel member Farfsing stated that in addition to any funds allocated to a contractor to help with the implementation and administration of the first year of the RDCIP, the Panel should plan on allocating some funds for attorney costs related to the development of the RDCIP related documents.

The Panel decided to bring the RDCIP implementation proposal back to its June meeting for additional discussion and possible approval.

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

Chairman Glancy presented the Department of Water Resources' initial well testing reports for the week ending April 3, 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. All the well tested during the reporting period passed.

Paradise Memorial Park - SWN/Owner# 03S12W01K009S/2

The Panel received an update on the status of the well located at Paradise Memorial Park. Currently the owners are considering switching to the use of reclaimed water for irrigation instead of continuing to use well water. The well, which failed its inspection and testing because of a broken meter, continues to leak. The cost of the well repair would be substantial and as a result the owners are looking for other options.

The Panel received and filed this agenda item.

**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 has spoken with Paradise Memorial Park regarding their leaking well. The well repair costs are estimated to be approximately \$200,000. As a result the owners are considering switching to reclaimed water and closing the well. They have contacted the City of Santa Fe Springs to discuss the availability of reclaimed water. Mr. Weeks, of the WRD, stated that there are reclaimed water lines directly adjacent to the site, which are being used to provide water to the City of Santa Fe Spring's park which is located directly next to the cemetery.

2. Continues to work with the City of Lynwood to try to collect their outstanding FY 14/14 Assessment invoice. The Lynwood invoice accounts for approximately 95% of the remaining outstanding funds.

**10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

No written communications were received.

**11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The agenda was discussed for the Water Rights Panel meeting of June 11, 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.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Proposal for RDCIP implementation.
4. Water Meter Testing monthly report.
5. FY 2015 - 2016 Budget.
6. Closed session update.

**12. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No Panel comments were received.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

  
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CHAIRMAN

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