

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

9:00 a.m. – February 19, 2026

*Mr. Scott Burton, Chair*

*Mr. Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair*

**At The Offices Of**

**Chino Basin Watermaster**

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

*(Meeting can also be taken remotely via Zoom at this [link](#))*

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

**SAFETY MINUTE**

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless any members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

**A. MINUTES**

Approve as presented:

Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2026 *(Page 1)*

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Period Ended December 31, 2025 *(Page 6)*

**C. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – UP TO 2,500 AF OF STATE PROJECT WATER BY ASR INJECTION UNTIL MARCH 2031 BY CITY OF CHINO HILLS *(Page 22)***

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the City of Chino Hills Application for Recharge and direct Watermaster staff to account for any recharge into the Chino Basin in the appropriate storage account.

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. CALCULATION OF EXCESS CASH RESERVES BASED ON OPERATING CASH RESERVE POLICY 4.17 *(Page 33)***

Recommend the Watermaster Board find that 1) the reports supporting the Calculation of Excess Cash Reserves, along with the Attachments meet the requirements of Watermaster Policy 4.17, 2) that no excess cash reserves, based on the Policy, exist at this time, and 3) authorize staff to use the existing cash reserves for the continued funding of operations until the FY 2025/26 Assessment Package process is finalized and the remainder of FY 2025/26 Assessments are paid.

**B. SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION INTO THE APPROPRIATIVE POOL** *(Page 43)*

Recommend Watermaster filing the request for intervention with the Court.

**C. REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE APRIL 28, 2017 COURT ORDER REGARDING THE RESET OF SAFE YIELD** *(Page 47)*

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board.

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. January 30, 2026 Court Hearing (Ontario Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs; Watermaster Motion for Court to Receive and File the 2024/2025 Annual Report for the Ground-Level Monitoring Program)
2. February 20, 2026 Court Hearing (Proposed Order following Court of Appeal Remittitur in Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E0821270)
3. March 20, 2026 Court Hearing (Watermaster Motion for Court to Receive and File 48th Annual Report)
4. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
5. Inland Empire Utilities Agency, et al. v. LS-Fontana LLC (C.D. Cal Cases Nos.: 5:25-cv-00809, 5:25 cv01159)

**B. ENGINEER**

1. 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation
2. Recommended Scope and Budget for the GLMP/PBHSP for FY 2026/27

**C. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Watermaster Audit Services
2. Watermaster Board Strategic Planning Workshop Update
3. National Groundwater Awareness Week March 8 – 14, 2026
4. Other

**D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY** *(Page 127)*

1. Metropolitan Water District Activities Report (Written)
2. Water Supply Conditions (Written)
3. State and Federal Legislative Reports (Written)

**E. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

**IV. INFORMATION**

**A. RECHARGÉ INVESTIGATIONS AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PROJECT 23a STATUS)** *(Page 144)*

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

A Confidential Session may be held during the Advisory Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER**

02/24/26	Tue	9:00 a.m.	Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee (GRCC)
02/26/26	Thu	9:30 a.m.	Watermaster Orientation (in person only)
02/26/26	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board
03/05/26	Thu	10:00 a.m.	Ground-Level Monitoring Committee (GLMC)
03/12/26	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Committee
03/12/26	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Committee
03/12/26	Thu	1:30 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Committee
03/19/26	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee
03/19/26	Thu	9:15 a.m.	Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget Release (During Advisory Committee)
03/19/26	Thu	10:00 a.m.	Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee (PBHSC)
03/26/26	Thu	9:30 a.m.	Watermaster Orientation (in person only)
03/26/26	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board

**ADJOURNMENT**