

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
WATERMASTER BOARD MEETING**

11:00 a.m. – February 26, 2026

*Mr. Marty Zvirbulis, Chair*

*Mr. Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair*

*Mr. Bob Bowcock, Secretary/Treasurer*

**At The Offices Of**

**Chino Basin Watermaster**

9641 San Bernardino Road

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**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any short non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Chino Basin Watermaster. No discussion or action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda, per the Brown Act. Each member of the public who wishes to comment shall be allotted three minutes, and no more than three individuals shall address the same subject.

**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:

1. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Meeting held January 22, 2026 (*Page 1*)
2. Minutes of the Watermaster Board Special Meeting held February 5, 2026 (*Page 10*)

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Period Ended December 31, 2025 (*Page 13*)

**C. APPLICATION: RECHARGE – UP TO 2,500 AF OF STATE PROJECT WATER BY ASR INJECTION UNTIL MARCH 2031 BY CITY OF CHINO HILLS (*Page 29*)**

Approve 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 40)**

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. REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE APRIL 28, 2017 COURT ORDER REGARDING THE RESET OF SAFE YIELD (DISCUSSION ONLY) (Page 50)**

## **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)
6. Board Meeting Protocols and Best Practices

### **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. San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Request for Intervention into the Appropriative Pool
3. National Groundwater Awareness Week March 8 – 14, 2026
4. Other

## **IV. INFORMATION**

### **A. RECHARGE INVESTIGATIONS AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PROJECT 23a STATUS) (Page 130)**

## **V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.6, of the Watermaster Rules & Regulations, a Confidential Session may be held during the Watermaster Board meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION: a) Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Ontario et al., 4th District Court of Appeal Case No. E080457 and E082127; b) Inland Empire Utilities Agency, et al. v. LS-Fontana LLC (C.D. Cal Cases Nos.: 5:25-cv-00809, 5:25 cv01159)

2. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Facilities to Implement the Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan, dated January 13, 2003.

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER**

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**