

February 2, 2017

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

February 9, 2017 2:00 p.m.

Quartz Hill Water District
5034 West Avenue L
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Conference Call Number: (877) 402-9757

Access Code: 8384110

Action Items:

1. Approval of December 15, 2016 meeting minutes.
2. Discussion of AV Watermaster Monthly Agenda and Meeting Schedule.
3. Discussion of role in selection of the Watermaster Engineer.

Tentative Date and Activities:

February 17 – Short list presented and approved by AVWB

February 28 & March 1 – Separate Interviews by Advisory Com. and AVWB

March 7 – Presentation of Advisory Com. recommendation to AVWB and selection of
Watermaster Engineer

Input on interview questions

4. Set March meeting date, time, and location.
5. Requests for future agenda items.

Enclosures:

December 15, 2016 Draft Minutes

AV Watermaster Monthly Agenda and Meeting Schedule

Approved Operating Principles and Procedures

Roster and Contact Information

February 9, 2017

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

December 15, 2016 1:00 p.m.

**Los Angeles County Farm Bureau
41228 12th Street West, Suite A
Palmdale, CA 93551**

Action Items:

1. Approval of November 17, 2016 meeting minutes.

The November 17, 2016 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Discussion and Adoption of Operating Procedures.

After a discussion, Version 2 of the Operating Principles and Procedures were unanimously approved.

3. Establishment of the Administrative Pumping Assessment.

After a discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend an Administration Assessment of \$1.00 for the Exhibits 3 and 4 pumping rights, the State of California pumping rights, and the City of Lancaster pumping rights for a total of \$71,374.

The Committee also recommends the 2017 Budget be prepared by the Watermaster Engineer once in place.

4. Discussion of role in selection of the Watermaster Engineer.

The Committee expressed the desire to be involved in the Watermaster Engineer recruitment process by interviewing the short list of candidates and making a recommendation to the Watermaster Board.

5. Requests for future agenda items.

- The formation of a technical advisory committee
- More information on involvement in the Watermaster Engineer recruitment.

Watermaster Agenda Preparation and Meeting Schedule

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First			Watermaster Chair Approves Agenda		
Second		Administrative Staff Distributes / Posts Agenda Packet		PWS Steering Committee Mtg. Advisory Committee Mtg.	
Third				FINAL AGENDA & PACKET	
Fourth			Watermaster Board Meeting Time: 10:00am Location: TBD		

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPERATING PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES – APPROVED DECEMBER 15, 2016

Background

The Antelope Valley Groundwater adjudication Stipulation was signed on December 23, 2015. The Stipulation authorized and directed the “Producer(s)” (Article 3.5.30) to cause a committee of “Producer representatives” (undefined in the Stipulation) to be organized and act as an “Advisory Committee” (undefined in of Stipulation) (Article 19.1).

The Producers attending the September 28, 2016 meeting decided all producers were on the Advisory Committee and to elect an Executive Committee representing a broad range of interests. This Executive Committee would be the entity that actually interfaced with the Watermaster. The 16 members on the Executive Committee are shown below:

- 4 - Agricultural interests
- 1 – Industrial landowner
- 1 – Public landowner (LACSD or Los Angeles)
- 2 – Los Angeles County Public Water Purveyors (PWD, QHWD)
- 1 – Kern County Public Agency (RCSD)
- 2 – Mutual Water Companies (One each Los Angeles and Kern Counties)
- 2 – Small Pumpers
- 2 – Ex-Officio members per Judgement (Federal and State)
- 1 – Ex-Officio member of Rottman Drilling

However, on November 17, 2016, the Executive Committee determined:

1. The Producers should align their terminology exactly with the letter and intent of the Stipulation. Therefore; the “Executive Committee” is in fact the Advisory Committee. It was also reaffirmed any individual may attend Advisory Committee meetings and make inputs.
2. A set of operating principles and procedures should be adopted as shown below.

Operating Principles and Procedures for the Advisory Committee

1. The Advisory Committee provides for input from all Producers, as authorized in Articles 19.1 to 19.4 of the Judgment.
2. Every Producer, or customer of a Producer, shall be given an opportunity to provide input on their specific issues of concern. This includes Producers that serve as Watermaster Representatives (As of November 2016: AVEK, WW40, LCID, Tejon Ranch, and Calandri Farms.)
3. The Producers reserve the right to change the makeup and organization of the Advisory Committee as the Producers deem appropriate.

4. In order to ensure a diverse range of input, and avoid conflicts of interest, Producers (or their direct employees) who are serving as Watermaster Representatives will not be allowed to serve on the Advisory Committee.
5. The Advisory Committee may elect, by majority vote, administrative positions (e.g. chair person, vice-chair person, recording secretary, etc.) and change those positions as circumstances may dictate.
6. Meetings of the Advisory Committee will be open to the public (Judgment Article 19.4). Information about meetings will be posted on the Antelope Valley Watermaster website (or on the AVEK website until the Watermaster website is implemented).
7. Agendas and minutes will be prepared by the Antelope Valley Watermaster administrator, subject to the approval of the Advisory Committee, and will be stored by the Antelope Valley Watermaster Administrator.
8. As a practical matter, in order to organize the input in a way that can be efficiently presented to the Watermaster, Producers and Advisory Committee members are encouraged to coordinate their input with others that have similar concerns.
9. To facilitate providing complicated or technical input to the Watermaster; individuals providing a specific recommendation to the Advisory Committee are encouraged to provide the recommendation in **writing**.
10. There are literally thousands of Producers covered by the Judgment with a wide range of potential concerns. In order for input to be provided to the Watermaster in an efficient manner; certain responsibilities may be delegated to a sub-set of the Advisory Committee for further investigation/refinement before presentation to the full Advisory Committee.
12. The intent of the Advisory Committee is to allow all attendees to discuss their issues and recommendations in a relatively informal atmosphere. However; since the Advisory Committee is relatively large, and the number of producers attending a meeting is potentially large, the Chairman will run the meetings with enough formality and sufficient adherence to Robert's Rules of Order to complete the meetings in an orderly and time efficient manner.
13. Based on input from those attending the Advisory Committee meetings; the Advisory Committee will, when appropriate, identify a range of recommendations for the Watermaster's discretionary determinations.
14. On some issues it is expected there will be competing recommendations suggested by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will identify the "majority" opinion by a majority vote of its members, but will also identify "minority" opinions which it will also pass on to the Watermaster for its consideration. The Advisory Committee may also provide compromise recommendations between the majority and minority positions.

Antelope Valley Watermaster Advisory Committee Roster

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Industrial Landowner Member

Nathan W. Francis	661-754-2778	Nathan.Francis@riotinto.com
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Public Landowner Member

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Kern County Public Agency Member

Ron Smith	661-256-3411	rsmith@rosamondcsd.com
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Small Pumper Members

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