

September 21, 2018

**ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE****MEETING MINUTES**

September 20, 2018 10:00 a.m.

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

Conference Call Number: (877) 402-9757

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1. Introductions
2. Approval of August 14, 2018 meeting minutes.

**Unanimously approved.**

3. Discussion of potential AV Watermaster Board action items as shown on draft September 26, 2018 AVWB agenda received September 18, 2018.
  - a) Well Applications (Item 8.A).

**The Committee had no comments on these applications.**

- b) Action on Proposed Storage Agreement for Banking and Recovery Form (Item 8.B.a).

**The Committee recommends this item, and draft form, be tabled based on the following comments:**

1. The counterpart form for converting carryover into storage is not available to review;
2. The draft form tries to combine an application for storage with a storage agreement. The two should be separate;
3. Concern about the proposed \$5,000 flat fee. More justification is needed. A better approach would be a deposit and actual time spent by the Watermaster Engineer dealing with the application;
4. It is unclear how a Party can store water in a third-party's groundwater banking facility in the proposed form;
5. The process, information, and conditions appear to overstep the authority described in Section 18.5.14 of the Judgement;
6. The termination provision under "Agreement Conditions and Terms" has no guidelines for why termination would occur or a hearing process to have the ability to dispute findings, and;
7. Concern about controls on water quality of stored water and how this process works with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**Additional comments were submitted by Committee member Powell and are attached.**

- c) Proposed changes to the Transfer Request Form (Item 8.B.b).

**The Committee had no comments on this draft form.**

- 4. Producer - Requested discussion items from prior meetings.

- a) Administrative Staff Roles and Responsibilities – Sub Committee Report

**The Sub-committee working on this item reported on the results of interviewing the current AVEK and PWD staff acting as interim administration for the AV Watermaster. The Subcommittee's recommendation is as follows:**

- 1. Additional information can be gathered from other adjudicated basins including the Mojave Basin Area Adjudication.**
- 2. A Request for Proposals should be developed, distributed, and considered to have a full understanding of the services and costs for Watermaster administration.**

**The full Advisory Committee approved these recommendations and request this item be placed on the October 2018 AV Watermaster Board meeting agenda for consideration and action by the Board.**

- b) Recommendations for improving the groundwater monitoring network.

**The Committee discussed the groundwater network used for the 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports prepared by Todd Groundwater and the need to improve information on the AV Basin's status prior to any recommendation of a change in the Native Safe Yield described in Section 18.5.9 of the Judgement.**

**The Committee recommends an item be placed on a future AV Watermaster Board meeting agenda to develop a strategic plan to guide its activities in managing the AV Basin. This plan should include interim goals, 5, 10, 15 years for example. It is also recommended a facilitator be hired to assist in developing the plan.**

- 5. Items requested by Committee Members or Other Producers for Future Agenda

- **Allowing Producers to report production on a semi-annual rather than quarterly basis beginning in 2020**
- **Requesting maps of the AV Basin include more location information (i.e. Township and Range, Sections, major streets, etc.).**

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