

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Quartz Hill Water District
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1. Introductions
2. Approval of May 15, 2019 meeting minutes.

One change was proposed to item 3(e), to replace the phrase "Entry of Judgment (?)" in the last sentence with "Stipulation for Entry of Judgment and Physical Solution." The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of potential AV Watermaster Board action items as shown on June 26, 2019 AVWB draft agenda received June 17, 2019.

- a) Well Applications (Qualifying Small Pumper and Monitoring Wells) (Item 8.A);

The Committee recommends a signed version of the application for Masis Hounanian be obtained.

The Committee also discussed the application for Nivosu & Ungonia, noting that the lands to be served are within Quartz Hill Water District's service area, and asking whether all parties to the proposed shared well agreement should sign the New Production Application.

- b) Well Application for Joshua Memorial Park and Intervention to obtain production right (Item 8.B);

The Committee discussed the provided materials. Topics of discussion included: (1) whether the history of ownership was sufficient to allow a full evaluation of whether these lands are covered by the judgment; (2) the lands appear to be within the City of Lancaster, and within the service area of Waterworks District No. 40; (3) questions about whether well owners within service areas of water suppliers were served under the Judgment, and whether the Watermaster should stipulate to intervention by such entities; (4) the expectation that there are a number of other entities that operate their own wells within water supplier service areas, reflecting the history of water supply development in those areas, and that those entities may not be expressly identified in

the Judgment; (5) Parties were granted water rights that were less than their historical use, and that it would be fair for similar reductions to be imposed on any Production Rights granted under Section 5.1.10.

The Committee will summarize the key points from this discussion in comments to the Watermaster.

- c) 2018 AV Watermaster Annual Report Draft (Item 8.C).

It was noted that the draft report is available for review. The Committee did not have any comment on this item.

- d) Antelope Valley Watermaster Authority to Lien Property (8.D);

The Committee had no comments on the Attorney memorandum.

- e) Vote by less than all Watermaster board Members; Conflict of Interest (8.E);

The Committee discussed the resolution provided. Topics discussed included: (1) we do not know the nature of the particular question pending that resulted in this resolution; (2) Who might have conflicts that could trigger this resolution, with the potential being clear for Watermaster members representing AVEK and Waterworks 40, but also being possible for other Watermaster members; (3) The unanimous vote requirement essentially means each Watermaster has veto power over decisions, and the impact of the resolution could depend on whether the conflicted Watermaster members would be in support or opposition to the action before the Watermaster.

The Committee will request that the Watermaster defer this decision to provide more time to evaluate the proposal.

- f) Watermaster Engineer Services for 2020-2023 (8.F);

It was noted that no materials were provided for this agenda item, but there was some further discussion. The general consensus of the Committee was to provide further input to the Watermaster that a priority item would be ensure that local sources of monitoring information be investigated, including information from the USGS and Southern California Edison.

4. Producer - Requested discussion items from prior meetings.

- a. Ensuring that attorney costs related to Judgment compliance is not funded by the Administrative Assessment

The Committee briefly discussed this topic, which included: (1) there is general support for the idea that the Watermaster should seek recovery of its costs for successful enforcement actions; but (2) there may be situations where the

Watermaster counsel should have flexibility in deciding when to seek such recovery (for example, on an action where the Court may consider an issue for the first time).

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

No future agenda items were identified.

6. Information Items

- a. West Valley County Water District Letter re: Unused Federal Reserved Water Allocation (Item 10.C)

The Committee discussed the letter and its attachments, which the Watermaster counsel had asked be included in the agenda. The Committee decided to provide some comments to the Watermaster based on that discussion, including: (1) The letter asks the Watermaster to allocate water pursuant to an agreement attached to the letter, but the Committee believes that the Watermaster is bound to implement the allocation documented in the Judgment; (2) The Committee was not clear about the exact actions that West Valley County Water District would like to occur, which makes it difficult to evaluate the request; and (3) a determination is needed whether the requested action is consistent with the Judgment, or if it would require amendment to the Judgment.