

January 18, 2018

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

January 18, 2018 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

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of December 5, 2017 meeting minutes.**
- 3. Discussion of potential AV Watermaster Board agenda items on January 24, 2018.**
 - a) Administrative Assessments Rules and Regulations
 - b) 2018 AV Watermaster Budget
 - c) 2018 Administrative Assessment
 - d) AV Watermaster Administration
 - e) Phelan Pinon Hills CSD Rampdown Production Costs
- 4. Discussion of potential future items to present to the AV Watermaster.**
 - a) Hierarchy of Production Rights
 - b) Procedures for handling pending well applications

5. Information Items

Summary of Watermaster Engineer well application actions.
Status of court motions

6. Requests for future agenda items

Enclosures:

Operating Procedures and Roster

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MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2017 2:00 p.m.

**Quartz Hill Water District
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1. Introductions
2. Approval of October 18, 2017 meeting minutes.

Unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of potential AV Watermaster Board items on December 6, 2017.

Action Items:

- 7.A. Publishing and setting public hearing for process and procedures for levying administrative assessments.

No additional comments.

- 7.B. Resolution No. 17-08 approving filing a motion with the Superior Court of Los Angeles seeking interpretive guidance as to Pre-Rampdown Production Rights under the Judgement and Physical Solution.

- 7.C. Resolution No. 17-09 approving filing a motion with the Superior Court of Los Angeles seeking interpretive guidance as to Carry Over Water Rights under the Judgement and Physical Solution.

7.B and C discussed together. Unanimously agreement that the Committee's role on these subjects is complete. Resolution of them is likely to be by Judge Komar.

- 7.D. Well approval process and applications for new well applications by nonparties to the Judgement.

The discussion of this item included concern about the location of and capacity of replacement wells, ensuring a material injury analysis will be completed if needed (using SGMA criteria?), and compiling an accurate list of APN's for production wells.

- 7.G. 2016 and 2017 Audit Proposal

No comments on this item.

Discussion Items:

- 7.E. Distribution of unused Federal Rights.
- 7.F. Imported Water Return Flows for 2016 and 2017 – Appendix H (2016 Annual Report)
- 7.H. Replacement Water Assessments

These items were generally discussed as future issues with no specific comments.

4. Information Items

Summary of Watermaster Engineer well application actions.

Todd Groundwater distributed a map showing the location of well applications and their general status.

5. Requests for future agenda items

Determination of the Replacement Assessment for overproduction.

Enclosures:

AVWB 12-6-17 Agenda Packet

Operating Procedures and Roster

Antelope Valley Watermaster Advisory Committee Roster

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CALL-IN ATTENDANCE

A.V. WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 5, 2017

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Derek Yurosek

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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.

On July 19, 2017 the Advisory Committee decided it would be prudent for each Committee member to have an alternate.

In order to provide for continuity over time and ensure representation of all interest groups at all meetings, each Primary member of the Advisory Committee is strongly encouraged to recruit an Alternate Advisory Committee member. The Primary member should keep the Alternate member informed of all matters discussed by the Advisory Committee. The Alternate member should attend Advisory Committee and Watermaster meetings whenever possible. This will assist the Alternate member to become familiar with other Advisory committee members and remain cognizant of the issues, discussions, and decisions of the Advisory Committee and Watermaster.

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.

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