

STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD
DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

WATER USERS:

Application 28996 Permit 20753

Water Code section 1396 requires an applicant to exercise due diligence in developing a water supply for beneficial use. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), in considering requests for extension of time, will review the facts presented to determine whether there is good cause for granting an extension of time to complete the project. Where diligence in completing the project is not fully substantiated, the State Water Board may set the matter for hearing to determine the facts upon which to base formal action relating to the permit. Formal action may involve:

1. Revoking the permit for failure to proceed with due diligence in completing the project.
2. Issuing a license for the amount of water heretofore placed to beneficial use under the terms of the permit.
3. Granting a reasonable extension of time to complete construction work and/or full beneficial use of water.

The time previously allowed in your permit within which to complete construction work and/or use of water has either expired or will expire shortly.

Please check below the action you wish taken on this permit.

- The project has been abandoned and I request revocation of the permit.

Signature
- Full use of water has been made, both as to amount and season, and I request license be issued.

Signature
- The project is not yet complete. I request the State Water Board's consideration of the following petition for an extension of time.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME If START of construction has been delayed

Complete items 1, 2, and 3.

1. What has been done since permit was issued toward commencing construction?

2. Estimate date construction work will begin. _____
3. Reasons why construction work was not begun within the time allowed by the permit.

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\$ 1,000.00
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
If construction work is proceeding

If construction work and/or use of water is proceeding but is not complete, an extension of time may be petitioned by completing items 4 through 16. Statements must be restricted to construction or use of water only under this permit.

4. A 47 - year extension of time is requested to complete construction work and/or beneficial use of water. (Must be consistent with the time frame allowed in California Code of Regulations sections 840 through 844) See attachment no. 1.
5. How much water has been used? _____ acre-feet/year _____ cfs
6. How many acres have been irrigated? See attachment no. 1.
7. How many houses or people have been served water? See attachment no. 1.
8. Extent of past use of water for any other purpose. See attachment no. 1.
9. What construction work has been completed during the last extension? See attachment no. 1.
10. Approximate amount spent on project during last extension period. \$ See attachment no. 1.
11. Estimated time in years it will take for construction to be completed. N/A
12. Estimated time in years it will take for water to be fully used. 47 years.
13. Reasons why construction and/or use of water were not completed within time previously allowed. See attachment no. 1.
- _____
- _____

If the use of water is for municipal (including industrial) and irrigation supplies and is provided or regulated by public agencies and use of the water has commenced, but additional time is needed to reach full use contemplated, the following information must be provided.

14. What water conservation measures are in effect or feasible within the place of use?
See attachment no. 1.
15. How much water is being conserved or is it feasible to conserve using these conservation measures?
_____ acre-feet per annum. See attachment no. 1.
16. How much water per capita is used during the maximum 30-day period? _____ gpd.
See attachment no. 1.

I (we) declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Dated: NOVEMBER 15, 2010, at Rancho Cucamonga, California

Signature(s) (909) 484-3888
Telephone No.

Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Rd., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

NOTE: All petitions must be accompanied by the **filing fee** (see fee schedule at www.waterrights.ca.gov) made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and an **\$850 fee** made payable to the Department of Fish and Game must accompany all but the first petition for an extension of time. Separate petitions are required for each water right. Separate State Water Board fees are required if both a change and time extension petition are being filed.

Attachment No. 1

Attachment No. 1 to Chino Basin Watermaster's Petition for Extension of Time for Permit 20753

Introduction

Through this Petition for Extension of Time ("Petition"), the Chino Basin Watermaster ("Watermaster") seeks a 47-year extension of time to make full beneficial use of water under its Permit 20753. Watermaster holds three permitted rights for stormwater diversion and recharge within the Santa Ana River watershed, pursuant to which it conjunctively manages recharge through the permitted diversions to spreading grounds and basins.

Watermaster's Permit 19895 allows the diversion of 15,000 AFA, from November 1 through April 30 of the succeeding year, to underground storage through basins and spreading grounds located on Day Creek. Permit 20753 allows the diversion of 27,000 AFA, from October 1, through May 1 of the succeeding year, to underground storage through basins and spreading grounds located on East Etiwanda Creek and San Sevaine Creek. Permit 21225 allows the diversion of 68,500 AF, from January 1 through December 31, to underground storage through basins and spreading grounds located on Deer Creek, Day Creek, Etiwanda Creek, San Sevaine Creek, Chino Creek, San Antonio Creek and Cucamonga Creek. Some of the recharge facilities permitted for use under Permits 19895 and 20753 are additionally permitted for greater recharge under Permit 21225. Water recharged and stored under each of the permits may be put to industrial, irrigation and municipal uses within Watermaster's jurisdictional area.

On July 28, 2000, the Division of Water Rights approved a new development schedule and amended Permit 20753 to require complete application of water to its authorized uses by December 31, 2010. Watermaster seeks a 47-year extension under Permit 20753 to coincide with the deadline for beneficial use under Watermaster's Permit 21225.¹

In addition to its recharge for later extraction and beneficial use, stormwater diverted and recharged pursuant to Permit 20753 (as well as that diverted and recharged under Watermaster's Permits 19895 and 21225) is a key component of Watermaster's recycled water recharge activities. Watermaster is permitted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to recharge recycled water to the Basin, contingent upon the availability of storm flows for sufficient dilution. In order to recharge recycled water, Watermaster must recharge a prescribed amount of stormwater to meet blending requirements.

Project Background

The Chino Groundwater Basin was adjudicated in the 1970s in response to over pumping by municipal, agricultural, and industrial entities. The adjudication resulted in a 1978 judgment in *Chino Basin Municipal Water District vs. City of Chino*, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. RCV 51010 ("1978 Judgment"). One of the central tasks given to Watermaster under the 1978 Judgment is the development of a physical solution for the Basin. This physical solution takes the form of a comprehensive and integrated groundwater management plan called the Optimum Basin Management Program ("OBMP"), developed through a multi-year planning

¹ Watermaster has requested a similar extension to make full beneficial use under its Permit 19895.

process, which culminated in 1998. The OBMP includes nine program elements. OBMP Program Element 2 is Watermaster's comprehensive recharge program and is the program under which Watermaster's diversion and recharge permitted under Permit 20753 are conducted.

During implementation of the OBMP, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency ("IEUA") and Watermaster completed a Recharge Master Plan and began facility designs (the Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Program – "CBFIP") in an effort to enhance the ability of selected basins to recharge water. The initial implementation of the CBFIP involved a \$50 million investment in the improvement of recharge facilities throughout the Chino Basin. These facilities were existing facilities – some nearly one hundred years old – that had primarily been used for flood control purposes. Watermaster recharges water through these facilities, pursuant to all three of its permits, which is subsequently put to beneficial use by right holders within the Basin.

Water Diversion and Use (Questions 5-8)

5. Amount of Water Used

In 2009, Watermaster diverted to storage for subsequent beneficial use 8,224 acre-feet of storm water.² This reflects recharge conducted pursuant to Permits 19895, 20753 and 21225, as Watermaster conjunctively manages all of its diversions to the groundwater recharge basins. During Fiscal Year 2009-10, water right holders under the 1978 Judgment extracted in excess of 223,000 acre-feet from the Basin.

6. Acres Irrigated

As stated on the 2009 Progress Report, the water appropriated under Permit 20753 is recharged into the Chino Basin and put to use within Basin area. Water recharged under Permit 20753 is permitted for irrigation use on 37,648 acres irrigated within the Chino Basin.

7. Houses or People Served

As reported in the 2009 Progress Report for Permit 20753, the water appropriated under Permit 20753 is recharged into the Chino Basin and put to use for municipal, agricultural and industrial uses by an estimated 800,000 people who live and work in the Basin area.

8. Extent of Past Use/Purpose of Use

The water recharged under Permit 20753 is put to municipal and industrial use, irrigation, and stock water use by water right holders under the 1978 Judgment.

Construction Work Progress and Amount Spent (Questions 9-10)

As stated above, construction of groundwater recharge facilities utilized for recharge under Watermaster's three permits has been completed. To date, approximately \$31,893,000 has been spent on construction of facilities along the San Sevaine channel. These include basin

² See 2009 Permittee Progress Report for Permit 20753.

improvement, turnouts, inlet structures, pipelines and pump stations. As part of the Chino Basin Facilities Improvement Program, Phase I, approximately \$26,350,000 was spent on facilities along the San Sevaine channel. Under Phase II of the Facilities Improvement Program, an estimated additional \$5,543,682 was spent for improvement projects along the channel.

Watermaster and IEUA completed the 2010 Recharge Master Plan Update (“RMPU”) in June 2010. The RMPU identifies additional capital improvements planned for Watermaster’s stormwater recharge facilities. The capital cost of these new improvements is estimated at \$216 million. Watermaster, the IEUA and regional stakeholders are presently in the process of developing an implementation plan to move these projects forward in a phased manner.

Reason for Delay in Use of Water (Question 13)

13. Watermaster has exercised due diligence recharging water such that it may be applied to maximum beneficial use, and Watermaster’s delays in making full diversion to beneficial use under Permit 20753 have been occasioned by factors out of Watermaster’s control: the facilities’ primary use was originally for flood control purposes, prior to their enhancement through the CBFIP, and the “flashy” nature of the hydrology in the project area results in water only sporadically being available for recharge. As part of its project, Watermaster diverts storm flows from the San Sevaine Creek and Etiwanda Creek systems, which are tributary to the Santa Ana River. In general, unappropriated water is only present in the channels of these creek systems during or immediately following storm events or when snowmelt is present.

Because of drought conditions within the region, unappropriated water has not been fully available, and full diversion for beneficial use under the permit has not yet been accomplished. Review of the precipitation data for the 1900 through 2008 period and the ten-year period ending in 2008 indicates that the last ten years have been drier than normal and may in fact be very dry when compared to the last 100 years.

In recognition of this situation, the State Water Resources Control Board issued Watermaster’s Permit 21225 to allow Watermaster through 2057 to make full beneficial use thereunder. Watermaster has requested an extension of time through 2057 to make full beneficial use under Permit 19895. Since Watermaster conjunctively manages diversion and recharge under its three permits, Watermaster requests a similar extension of time until 2057 to make full beneficial use under Permit 20753.

Water Conservation and Conserved Water (Questions 14-16)

14. As part of the RMPU, IEUA has implemented a Water Efficiency Program. As the regional wholesale supplier of water for the area, IEUA has assumed the role of coordinating the region’s activities and programs to reduce demand for potable water. The Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Program Business Plan was released in September, 2010. Through the WUE Program, IEUA includes demand management measures required under AB 1420, and has begun planning for the requirements of Water Code sections 10608 et seq., reducing overall demand by 20% by 2020.

The WUE Program is to be used as a blueprint to help IEUA and its member agencies comprehensively plan for and implement future active conservation activities and programs. IEUA expects to exceed the 20x2020 goal; for both the 2015 target and the 2020 target. This will be accomplished through regional and local actions utilizing WUE Active Programs (offering customers a program portfolio with cost effective water efficiency measures), WUE Passive Policy Initiatives (e.g., building codes and landscape ordinances), and reducing demand for potable water by increasing recycled water supply. Collectively, these programs when implemented are anticipated to save 19,592 acre-feet.

15. According to IEUA data, overall water use by IEUA member agencies has decreased significantly in recent years. In FY 2006-2007, total water use, inclusive of recycled water use, stood at 255,000 acre-feet. In contrast, by FY 2009-10, total water use, inclusive of recycled water use, is 223,000 acre-feet. This decrease in water use has resulted from increased recycled water use by 7,000 AFY since FY 2006-2007, and 4,500 AFY conserved attributed to IEUA's WUE Program.

16. Current demand within IEUA is 230,000 acre-feet, for a current population of 825,000. This results in a current demand/per capita of 250 gallons per day (gpd). The RMPU sets targets of 225 gpd by 2015, and 200 gpd by 2020. Both numbers include use of recycled water.

California Environmental Protection Agency

State Water Resources Control Board

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR PETITIONS**

Petition for Change

Petition for Extension of Time

Before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) can approve a petition to change your water right permit or a petition for extension of time to complete use, the SWRCB must consider the information contained in an environmental document prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This form is not a CEQA document. If a CEQA document has not yet been prepared, a determination must be made of who is responsible for its preparation. As the petitioner, you are responsible for all costs associated with the environmental evaluation and preparation of the required CEQA documents. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit any studies that have been conducted regarding the environmental evaluation of your project. If you need more space to completely answer the questions, please number and attach additional sheets.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition to change, provide a description of the proposed changes to your project including, but not limited to, type of construction activity, structures existing or to be built, area to be graded or excavated, increase in water diversion and use (up to the amount authorized by the permit), changes in land use, and project operational changes, including changes in how the water will be used. For a petition for extension of time, provide a description of what work has been completed and what remains to be done. Include in your description any of the above elements that will occur during the requested extension period.

See Attachment No. 1

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2. COUNTY PERMITS

a. Contact your county planning or public works department and provide the following information:

Person contacted: N/A Date of contact: _____

Department: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

County Zoning Designation: _____

Are any county permits required for your project? YES NO If YES, check appropriate box below:

Grading permit Use permit Watercourse Obstruction permit Change of zoning

General plan change Other (explain): _____

b. Have you obtained any of the required permits described above? YES NO

If YES, provide a complete copy of each permit obtained.

See Attachment No. _____

3. STATE/FEDERAL PERMITS AND REQUIREMENTS

a. Check any additional state or federal permits required for your project:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission U.S. Forest Service Bureau of Land Management

Soil Conservation Service Dept. of Water Resources (Div. of Safety of Dams) Reclamation Board

Coastal Commission State Lands Commission Other (specify) _____

b. For each agency from which a permit is required, provide the following information:

AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	PERSON(S) CONTACTED	CONTACT DATE	TELEPHONE NO.
N/A				

See Attachment No. _____

c. Does your proposed project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed or bank of any stream or lake? YES NO

If YES, explain: _____

See Attachment No. _____

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- d. Have you contacted the California Department of Fish and Game concerning your project? YES NO
If YES, name and telephone number of contact: _____

4. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

- a. Has any California public agency prepared an environmental document for your project? YES NO
If YES, submit a copy of the latest environmental document(s) prepared, including a copy of the notice of determination adopted by the California public agency. Public agency: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
- b. If NO, check the appropriate box and explain below, if necessary:
- The petitioner is a California public agency and will be preparing the environmental document.*
 - I expect that the SWRCB will be preparing the environmental document.**
 - I expect that a California public agency other than the State Water Resources Control Board will be preparing the environmental document.* Public agency: _____

See Attachment No. 1

* Note: When completed, submit a copy of the final environmental document (including notice of determination) or notice of exemption to the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights. Processing of your petition cannot proceed until these documents are submitted.

** Note: CEQA requires that the SWRCB, as Lead Agency, prepare the environmental document. The information contained in the environmental document must be developed by the petitioner and at the petitioner's expense under the direction of the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights.

5. WASTE/WASTEWATER

- a. Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation?
 YES NO
If YES, or you are unsure of your answer, explain below and contact your local Regional Water Quality Control Board for the following information (See instruction booklet for address and telephone no.):

See Attachment No. _____

- b. Will a waste discharge permit be required for your project? YES NO
Person contacted: _____ Date of contact: _____

- c. What method of treatment and disposal will be used? _____

See Attachment No. _____

6. ARCHEOLOGY

- a. Have any archeological reports been prepared on this project? YES NO
- b. Will you be preparing an archeological report to satisfy another public agency? YES NO
- c. Do you know of any archeological or historic sites located within the general project area? YES NO

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If YES, explain: Archeological resources were analyzed pursuant to the prior environmental analysis conducted for the project, as discussed in attachment no. 1, at #4.

See Attachment No. _____

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Attach **three complete sets of color photographs**, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the below-listed three locations. For time extension petitions, the photographs should document only those areas of the project that will be impacted during the requested extension period.

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.
- At the place(s) where the water is to be used.

8. CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements I have furnished above and in the attachments are complete to the best of my ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Signature:  _____

Environmental Information for Petition for Extension of Time for Permit 20753, Attachment No. 1

1. Work Completed and Requested Extension

The Chino Groundwater Basin was adjudicated in the 1970s in response to over pumping by municipal, agricultural, and industrial entities. The adjudication resulted in a 1978 judgment in *Chino Basin Municipal Water District vs. City of Chino*, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. RCV 51010 (“1978 Judgment”). One of the central tasks given to Watermaster under the 1978 Judgment is the development of a physical solution for the Basin. This physical solution takes the form of a comprehensive and integrated groundwater management plan called the Optimum Basin Management Program (“OBMP”), developed through a multi-year planning process, which culminated in 1998. The OBMP includes nine program elements. OBMP Program Element 2 is Watermaster’s comprehensive recharge program and is the program under which Watermaster’s diversion and recharge permitted under Permit 20753 are conducted.

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Construction of groundwater recharge facilities utilized for recharge under Watermaster’s three permits has been completed. Watermaster and IEUA completed the 2010 Recharge Master Plan Update (“RMPU”) in June 2010. The RMPU identifies additional capital improvements planned for Watermaster’s stormwater recharge facilities. The capital cost of these new improvements is estimated at \$216 million. Watermaster, the IEUA and regional stakeholders are presently in the process of developing an implementation plan to move these projects forward in a phased manner.

4. Environmental Documents

IEUA is the lead agency under CEQA for the OBMP. The basins included in the CBFIP are considered to be second tier projects to the Optimum Basin Management Plan (“OBMP”) per section 15152 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, the basins fall within the scope of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the OBMP, which was certified by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency on July 13, 2000 (PEIR, SCH#2000041047). In addition, a project level analysis for these basins was completed in September 2001 through an Initial Study for the Implementation of Stormwater and Imported Water Recharge at 20 Recharge Basins in Chino Basin (Recharge Basin IS). A Notice of Determination dated October 9, 2001 found the implementation of the project would not cause any significant adverse impacts to the environment and the proposed project fell within the scope of the OBMP PEIR, and a *de minimis* finding was adopted. The San Sevaine Creek System and the operations at issue under Permit

20753 were reviewed and analyzed by the Recharge Basin IS for any and all potential environmental effects. As stated above, the Notice of Determination found that the project would not cause any significant adverse impacts to the environment. A copy of this Notice of Determination is attached to this Environmental Information form.

On December 21, 2007, the San Bernardino Superior Court approved a suite of agreements and best management practices for the Basin collectively referred to as the Peace II Agreement ("Peace II"). Collectively, these measures created a legal structure that facilitates the use of recycled water, expands desalting of groundwater, and complies with the directives of the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Basin Plan for the Santa Ana River. Peace II is considered a modification of the OBMP. As part of Peace II, Watermaster and IEUA concluded that a Subsequent EIR should be prepared to address the potential significant adverse environmental impacts that may result from implementing the Peace II program. Also, because the OBMP PEIR is now ten years old, a decision was made to update the environmental database for continued implementation of the OBMP, as modified by the Peace II program. Accordingly, IEUA, acting as the lead agency, released a Draft Subsequent PEIR for the Peace II program in May, 2010, re-evaluating the potential environmental effects of the OBMP, and the project at issue under Permit 20753. The IEUA Board approved the Peace II SEIR on October 6th, 2010, a full copy of which is available on the IEUA website at:
http://www.ieua.org/news_reports/docs/2010/PEACE/Peace_Final_SEIR/files/peace%20ii%20final%20seir.pdf.

**Inland Empire Utilities Notice of Determination,
Storm Water and Imported Water Recharge at 19
Recharge Basins in the Chino Basin, 10/09/2001**

**INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

To: San Bernardino County
Clerk of the Board
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
9400 Cherry Avenue, Building A
Fontana, CA 92335

Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Storm Water and Imported Water Recharge at 19 Recharge Basins in the Chino Basin
Project Title

<u>N/A</u>	Mr. Richard Atwater, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager	(909) 357-0241
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Telephone Number

Project Location

Nineteen (19) locations (flood control/recharge basins) are being considered for use as recharge sites in the Chino Basin. These basins range from the Etiwanda Spreading Grounds in the northern portion of the Basin to the Ely Basins located in the southern portion of the Basin.

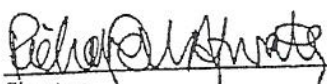
Project Description

On behalf of several participating agencies (County Flood Control, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Chino Basin Watermaster), Inland Empire Utilities Agency served as the Lead Agency for a proposal to use 19 existing basins within the Chino Basin to recharge storm water and imported water. All of the basins will be modified within their existing footprints to create conservation storage and management areas, which will ultimately allow recharge of up to 23,700 acre-feet per year of storm water and 122,100 acre-feet per year of imported water. New pipelines (estimated total of 13,500 lineal feet of pipeline) will be installed to connect existing imported water pipelines and turnouts to the recharge basins.

This is to advise that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency has approved the above described project on October 3, 2001 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An evaluation was prepared for this project, and the Agency determined that implementing the project will not cause any significant adverse impacts to the environment. The IEUA concluded that the proposed project impacts fall within the scope of the previously adopted Optimum Basin Management Program Environmental Impact Report and a *de minimis* finding was adopted by the Agency Board.
3. All of the mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study were made conditions of approval for the project.

This is to certify that the evaluation and record of project approval are available to the general public at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency office in Fontana at the location referenced above.

	10/09/01	CEO/GM
Signature	Date	Title

Date received for filing:

CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLERK OF THE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION
De Minimis Impact Finding

Project Title / Location (include county):

Title: Storm Water and Imported Water Recharge at 19 Recharge Basins in the Chino Basin

Project Location:

Nineteen (19) locations (flood control/recharge basins) are being considered for use as recharge sites in the Chino Basin. These basins range from the Etiwanda Spreading Grounds in the northern portion of the Basin to the Ely Basins located in the southern portion of the Basin.

Project Description:

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Findings of Exemption (attach as necessary):

The location of all of the facility improvements occur within existing road rights-of-way or within existing flood control/recharge basins located within the Chino Basin. This is a second tier project being approved under the certified Optimum Basin Management Program Program Environmental Impact Report, and no areas that have not been disturbed in the past and that are being currently maintained for flood control and recharge purposes will be affected by the implementation of this project.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not directly impact or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.



Name/Signature

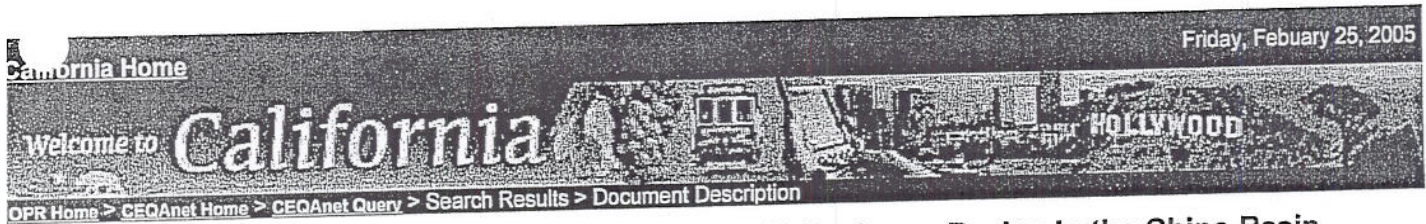
Chief Executive Officer

Title: General Manager

Lead Agency: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Date: October 9, 2001

CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCT 10 PM 4:10
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CALIFORNIA



Storm Water and Imported Water Recharge at 19 Recharge Basins in the Chino Basin

SCH Number: 2001109034

Type: NOD

Project Description

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Project Lead Agency

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Contact Information

Primary Contact:

Ronald Atwater
Inland Empire Utility Agency
909 357-0241
9400 Cherry Avenue
Bldg A
San Bernardino
CA, 92335

Project Location

County: San Bernardino
City:
Region:
Cross Streets:
Parcel No:
Township:
Range:
Section:
Base:
Other Location Info:

Determinations

This is to advise that the Lead Agency Responsible Agency Inland Empire Utilities Agency has approved the project described above on 10/3/2001 and has made the following determinations regarding the project described above.

- The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
- Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Final EIR Available at: Inland Empire Utilities Agency 9400 Cherry Avenue, Building A Fontana, CA 92335

Environmental Setting:
Three Complete Sets of Color Photographs

Number	Description
1	Etiwanda Debris Dam and Basin North 243, 775 feet and East 2,146,550 feet
2	To Etiwanda Spreading Grounds North 240, 625 feet and East 2,147,275 feet
3	To Etiwanda Spreading Grounds North 236, 975 feet and East 2,149,750 feet
4	To Lower San Sevaine Retention Basin North 234,000 feet and East 2,150,200 feet
5	San Sevaine Debris Dam & Basin; to San Savaine Spreading Grounds and San Savaine Basins North 243,850 feet and East 2,155,450 feet
6	Lower San Sevaine Retention Basin North 232,900 feet and East 2,150,650 feet
7	To Victoria Basin North 230,425 feet and East 2,150,550 feet
8	To Hickory Basin North 216,150 feet and East 2,143,250 feet
9	Hickory Basin North 215,900 feet and East 2,147,550 feet
10	To Jurupa Basin North 201,625 feet and East 2,147,150 feet
11	Rich Basin North 240,050 feet and East 2,158,200 feet

November 19, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED, RETURN RECEIPT MAIL

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RE: Chino Basin Watermaster Permit 20753: Petition for Extension of Time

Dear Ms. Gaffney:

Please find enclosed Chino Basin Watermaster's completed Petition for Extension of Time for Permit 20753, the Environmental Information for Petitions, and attachments thereto. Please also find the enclosed checks for \$1,000 made out to the State Water Resources Control Board, and for \$850 made out to the Department of Fish and Game. Upon your receipt of the Petition, please file stamp the enclosed copy and return to me in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions regarding Watermaster's Petition, please contact me at the number above.

Best Regards,



Bradley J. Herrema

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