



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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### **REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**December 17, 2019**

#### **FROM**

**GARY McBRIDE, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office**

#### **SUBJECT**

Appointment of Pool Committees Member and Alternative to the Chino Basin Watermaster for Calendar Year 2020

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Appoint Bob Page (Registrar of Voters) to act as the County of San Bernardino's representative and Andrew Silva (Government Relations Analyst) to act as the County's alternative representative on the Agricultural, Non-Agricultural, and Appropriative Pool Committees of the Chino Basin Watermaster for the 2020 Calendar Year. (Presenter: Leonard X. Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer, 387-5425)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.  
Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of these appointments will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Management of the Chino Basin aquifer is subject to the judgment entered in the case of Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et. al., San Bernardino Superior Court case No. 164327 effective as of July 1, 1977 (Judgment). The Judgment established the Chino Basin Watermaster be comprised of three stakeholder groups, called Pools. Corresponding separate Pool Committees were formed as:

- Overlying Agricultural Pool Committee (dairymen, farmers and the State of California);
- Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool Committee (area industries); and
- Appropriative Pool Committee (local cities, public water districts, and private water companies).

Each Pool Committee is responsible for developing policy recommendations for administration of its particular Pool.

The Judgment identifies the County of San Bernardino (County) as having specific water rights as follows:

- 1) Overlying Non-Agricultural Rights associated currently with water used for the Chino Airport; and
- 2) Agricultural Rights associated with water used at most facilities at Prado Regional Park and County-owned properties leased to agricultural users in the Chino Basin.

Additionally, the portion of Prado Regional Park used for the 1984 Olympics shooting contests and now by a concessionaire operating a shooting park were determined by Watermaster to be an appropriative and not an agricultural use (i.e., water must be purchased for this use).

As a holder of water rights and a user, the County is entitled to appoint a representative to each of the three Pool Committees - Agricultural, Non-Agricultural, and Appropriative - to speak on behalf of the County's interests.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) has annually appointed Bob Page, currently the Registrar of Voters, to act as the County's representative on the three Pool Committees since 2014, and Andrew Silva, Government Relations Analyst, of the County Administrative Office to act as the County's alternate representative on the three Pool Committees since 2016. Mr. Silva was appointed as an alternate to ensure the County would have a knowledgeable backup to Mr. Page.

The Board appointment actions are listed in the following table:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Bob Page, Representative</b>	<b>Andrew Silva, Alternate</b>
2014	3/25/2014 (Item No. 27)	n/a
2015	1/6/2015 (Item No. 17)	n/a
2016	1/12/2016 (Item No. 15)	1/12/2016 (Item No. 15)
2017	12/20/2016 (Item No. 33)	12/20/2016 (Item No. 33)
2018	12/19/2017 (Item No. 17)	12/19/2017 (Item No. 17)
2019	1/8/2019 (Item No. 15)	1/8/2019 (Item No. 15)

#### **PROCUREMENT**

Not Applicable.

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Penny Alexander-Kelley, Chief Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on December 2, 2019; Finance (Stephenie Shea, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on December 2, 2019; and County Finance and Administration (Katrina Turturro, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on December 2, 2019.