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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes  
City of Simi Valley  
Council Chambers  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road  
Simi Valley, California 90363

December 12, 2019

Vice Chair Lawrence Yee called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

### **Item 1 – Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Lawrence Yee, James Stahl, Cynthia Guzmán, Daniel Tellalian (early departure at 11:15 a.m.)

Board Members Absent: Irma Muñoz and Charles Stringer

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Hugh Marley, Jenny Newman, Russ Colby, Susana Lagudis, Khalid Abdullah, Adriana Nuñez, Puja Vats, Brendan O’Sullivan, Milasol Gaslan, Eric Wu, Ching-Yin To

### **Item 2- Order of Agenda**

*The EO proposed moving Item 11 to the Uncontested Items calendar; there were no objections. Additionally, the EO stated that Item 12 would be heard after Item 8 and Item 7 would follow the Uncontested Items calendar*

### **Item 3- Appointment of a Committee to Nominate Regional Water Board Officers for 2020**

*Vice Chair Yee appointed Board member Stahl and Board member Stringer as the Nominating Committee for the selection of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2020.*

### **Item 4 – Approval of draft meeting minutes for the November 14, 2019 Board meeting**

MOTION: Board member Stahl made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the November 14, 2019 board meeting

Seconded by: Board member Tellalian

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Guzman – Yea

Lawrence Yee – Abstained

James Stahl – Yea

Daniel Tellalian – Yea

Irma Muñoz – Absent

Charles Stringer – Absent

### **Item 5 – Board Member Communications**

*There were no ex parte communication disclosures.*

Board member Guzmán shared that on December 10th she attended a training by Physicians for Social Responsibility in Los Angeles. The training addressed engagement and interaction on safe clean water, particularly considering SB 200, which established the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

### **Item 6 – Executive Officer’s Report**

*The EO provided a report, starting with an update on the investigation at the Hi-Shear site in Torrance, California. Ms. Purdy stated that staff Art Heath, Jillian Ly, Thizar Williams, Kevin Lin, Mohammad Zaidi and Hugh Marley held an open house to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions regarding the offsite soil and groundwater investigation process. Ms. Purdy also provided updates on the PFAS investigation, which is ongoing throughout the state, and the ongoing cleanup at the Carousel site. Ms. Purdy shared that regional board staff was invited by the Vice Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to provide a summary and answer questions on SB 205. Also, Ms. Purdy shared that on December 10th, Board staff Susana Lagudis, Art Heath and Hugh Marley participated with Chair Muñoz in the 2019 national brownfields training conference in Downtown Los Angeles.*

### **Item 8 – Update from State Water Board**

State Water Board liaison Sean Maguire provided an update for the State Water Board

*Following up on Ms. Purdy’s report, State Water Board member Maguire gave an update on the statewide PFAS investigation. He also shared an update on the Ocean Plan triennial review work plan and the status of the water resilience portfolio directed by the Governor’s Executive Order N-10-19.*

**Item 12 – Information update on the actions taken by San Miguel Produce, Inc., to achieve compliance with the Waste Discharge Requirements for San Miguel Produce Inc., Oxnard; Order No. R4-2019-0064, File No. 04-168.**

Board staff, Dr. Eric Wu, gave a brief introduction.

Ms. Betsy Elzufon with Larry Walker and Associates gave an update on behalf of San Miguel Produce, Inc.

**Item 9 – Public Forum**

*There were no speakers.*

**Item 10-11 Uncontested Items include items 10 and 11, including the change sheets.**

MOTION: Board member Stahl made a motion to approve uncontested items 10 and 11.

Seconded by: Board member Guzmán  
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Guzmán – Yea  
Irma Muñoz – Absent  
James Stahl – Yea  
Charles Stringer – Absent  
Daniel Tellalian - Yea  
Lawrence Yee – Yea

**Item 7 – Enforcement Report**

An introduction was given by Hugh Marley, Assistant Executive Officer, followed by a presentation by Yvonne West, Director, Office of Enforcement. The presentation focused on the statewide Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Policy & Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) Fund.

**Item 13 – Update on pending issuance of a Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for Los Angeles and Ventura counties.**

*An introduction was given by Assistant Executive Officer Jenny Newman in which she announced the upcoming January 7th, 2020 workshop at the regional board office.*

*Speaker*

- *Paul Alva, Count of Los Angeles & Los Angeles County Flood Control District*
- *Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay*
- *Cori Bell, NRDC*
- *Michael Omary, APD Clean Water Technologies Group, LLC.*

*The Board went into closed session at 11:58 a.m. The Board resumed open session at 1:43 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at that time. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: [Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov), and she may provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)*

*Written and submitted by Puja Vats, then finalized on 02/18/2020*



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