
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
City of Carson
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

October 10, 2019

Chair Irma Muñoz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Former Board member Francine Diamond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 – Roll Call

Board Members Present: Irma Muñoz, Lawrence Yee, Cynthia Guzman, James Stahl, Charles Stringer and Daniel Tellalian

Note: Board member Stringer left at approx. 1:00 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m. and Chair Muñoz left at 5:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Hugh Marley, Jenny Newman, Sophie Froelich, Tamarin Austin, Gerardo Rabelo, Helen Rowe, Susana Lagudis, Brendan O’Sullivan, Russ Colby, Bobbi Valencia, Cris Morris, Steven Webb, Jeong-Hee Lim, L.B. Nye, Ivar Ridgeway and Ali Rahmani

Item 2 – Order of Agenda

The Executive Officer stated Item 11 is postponed.

The Executive Officer stated the Board will be recognizing former Board member Francine Diamond as well as a staff member.

Presentation of engraved vase to former Board member Diamond and remarks by Board members and the Executive Officer.

Presentation of Staff Superior Achievement Award to Stefanie Hada. Remarks by Jenny Newman, AEO, and presentation of certificate.

Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee moved to approve the draft September 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as revised.

Seconded by: Board member Charles Stringer

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote

Cynthia Guzman – Yea

Irma Muñoz – Yea

James Stahl – Yea

Charles Stringer – Yea

Daniel Tellalian – Abstained

Lawrence Yee – Yea

Item 4 – Board Member Communications

There were no *ex parte* communication disclosures.

Chair Muñoz reported on the ongoing work of the Industrial Task Force, including the passage of SB 205 (Hertzberg) regarding business licenses for industrial facilities that are required to have permit coverage for their industrial stormwater discharges. Board Member Stahl reported on his participation in a tour of urban disadvantaged community water systems on September 13th, which was organized by the State Water Board and attended by State Water Board members Laurel Firestone and Sean Maguire along with Regional Water Board members Stahl, Tellalian and Guzmán. He also reported on his participation in a stormwater workshop sponsored by the Southern California Water Coalition on September 27th, a rededication ceremony for the West Basin E.C. Little Water Recycling Facility on October 3rd, and the Hyperion Visioning Workshop on October 7th. Board member Tellalian also noted his participation in the tour of urban disadvantaged community water systems on September 13th and provided a brief report regarding development of a proposal by the Board's outreach subcommittee (Board members Tellalian and Guzmán) that is focused on investing in human capital in urban, disadvantaged communities to build more capacity for engagement in water quality issues.

Item 5 – Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer, Renee Purdy, provided a verbal report.

Item 6 – Update from State Water Board

State Water Board Member Sean Maguire provided a verbal report.

Item 7 - Public Forum

There were no requests to speak during public forum.

Item 8, 9 and 10 Uncontested Items Calendar

The Chair stated the uncontested items calendar as Items: 8, 9 and 10.

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee made a motion to approve uncontested calendar items 8, 9 and 10.

Seconded by Board member James Stahl

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Cynthia Guzman – Yea

Irma Muñoz – Yea

James Stahl – Yea

Charles Stringer – Absent

Daniel Tellalian – Yea

Lawrence Yee – Yea

Item 11 – Postponed to a future Board meeting at the request of REV 973 and with the concurrence of the Vice Chair***Item 12 - Consideration of a Tentative Resolution approving the list of Supplemental Environmental Projects as submitted for inclusion in the Los Angeles Region Disadvantaged Community SEP Fund required in the Memorandum of Understanding between Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environmental and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to Establish, Develop and Administer a Los Angeles Region Disadvantaged Community SEP Fund***

Staff presentation: Hugh Marley, AEO, followed by Russell Colby, Section Chief of the Compliance & Enforcement Section

Rose Foundation Presentation: Tim Little & Laura Fernandez

Speaker Cards:

- Jes McBride, LA Food Policy Council
- Angelo Logan, Espernza/UFPI
- Shelly Backlor, Friends of the LA River
- Mere Shorty, Community Repower Movement
- Katherine Pease, Heal the Bay
- Danny Oaxca, SGVCC
- Peter Massey, Tree People
- Francisco Romero, Promesa Boyle Heights
- Tom Dudley, Santa Clara River Conservancy
- Doug Kobold, California Product Stewardship Council
- Jill Sourial, The Nature Conservancy
- Florence Pearson, Del Amo Action Committee

Lynne Plambeck, Santa Clarita Org. for Planning & The Environment

- Bruce Resnick, LA Waterkeeper
- Mike Meadoz, Cal Greenworks
- Nancy Berlin, Rose Foundation

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee made a motion to approve Item 12.

Seconded by: Board member James Stahl

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote

Cynthia Guzman – Yea

Irma Muñoz – Recused

James Stahl – Yea

Charles Stringer – Absent

Daniel Tellalian – Yea

Lawrence Yee – Yea

The Board went into closed session at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Item 13 - The Los Angeles Water Board members and staff attended the Grand Opening of the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center Demonstration Facility hosted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. (This agenda item occurred from 1:45 to 4:00 PM at the following offsite location: 24501 S. Figueroa St., Carson, CA 90745.) Chair Muñoz made remarks as an invited speaker during the ceremony.

Item 14 - The Los Angeles Water Board allocated time for comments from permittees and other stakeholders on (a) implementation of the Los Angeles County, City of Long Beach, or Ventura County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits, or (b) the Board's pending issuance of a Regional MS4 permit for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Since issuance of a Regional MS4 permit is a pending adjudicative matter before the Board, this noticed item provides permittees and other stakeholders with the opportunity to communicate directly with the Board regarding implementation of projects, as well as their interests and concerns regarding the current permits or future issuance of a MS4 permit. The Board did not take any action or vote related to this item.

Speaker Presentations approved in advance:

- Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District
- Annelisa Ehret Moe, Heal the Bay (along with Los Angeles Waterkeeper and NRDC)
- Robert Ferrante, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

Speaker Cards:

- Margaret Clark, Mayor, City of Rosemead
- Gary Boyer, Council Member, City of Glendora
- Dan Medina, Council Member, City of Gardena
- Jim Dear, Council Member, City of Carson
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental, Inc., representing Compton and Irwindale

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. (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, and she may provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)

Written and submitted by Helen Rowe, then finalized on: 11/19/2019

Original signed by Helen Rowe (Signature on File)