
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California 93063

September 12, 2019

Chair Irma Muñoz called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Item 1 - Roll Call

Board Members Present: Irma Muñoz (left at 1:30 p.m.), James Stahl, Cynthia Guzman, Charles Stringer and Lawrence Yee

Board Members Absent: Daniel Tellalian, Francine Diamond

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Hugh Marley, Jenny Newman, Sophie Froelich, Tamarin Austin, Jennifer Fordyce, Gerardo Rabelo, Puja Vats, Susana Lagudis, Brendan O' Sullivan, LB Nye, Amanda Rosenblum, Cris Morris, Guangyu Wang, Milasol Gaslan, Wen Yang, Peter Raftery, Eric Wu, Russ Colby

Item 2 - Order of Agenda

The Executive Officer stated that Item 6 is moved to follow Item 11 and Item 5 is to follow Item 14. Additionally, Item 9 is moved from the Uncontested Calendar to follow Item 14.

Item 3 - Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the July 11, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee moved to approve the draft July 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Board member Charles Stringer
Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Cynthia Guzman – Yea
Irma Munoz - Yea
James Stahl - Yea
Charles Stringer - Yea

Lawrence Yee - Yea

Item 4 - Board Member Communications

There were no ex parte communication disclosures reported.

Board member Stahl reported on a meeting he attended on August 26, 2019 with the LA County Sanitation Districts, LA County Department of Public Works and others in regard to ongoing work related to a report, [Tapping into Available Capacity in Existing Infrastructure to Create Water Supply and Water Quality Solutions](#). The project explores the opportunity for permissive and strategic integration of stormwater systems with the wastewater system in light of the reduction in flows in sewers resulting from increased water conservation, which has created a significant amount of unused capacity in sewage collection systems and wastewater treatment facilities. He also mentioned a related report by Dr. Mark Gold, [LA Sustainable Water Project: Los Angeles Citywide Overview](#).

Chair Muñoz reported on several activities, including: a meeting with Mr. Rudy Ortega, Jr., Chairman of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission to talk about how we can incorporate their thoughts and ideas into the work of the Los Angeles Water Board; her participation as an invited speaker at the Grand Opening of the Water Replenishment District's Albert Robles Center for water recycling and environmental learning; and meetings with representatives of NRDC, the Executive Director of Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and the President/CEO of Heal the Bay. She also reported on a brownfields community workshop that she hosted in her role as the Founder/President of Mujeres de la Tierra in collaboration with the Center for Creative Land Recycling, which included presentations in Spanish with English translation by the Los Angeles Water Board staff.

Vice Chair Yee reported on the same meeting with NRDC representatives as reported on by Chair Muñoz. He also reported on a boat tour he attended along with Board staff of the Port of LA, including a visit to a couple Supplement Environmental Projects (SEPs) for trash collection that the Port has implemented.

Board member Guzmán attended the Urban Revitalization Summit hosted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy on July 25, 2019, which focused on the lower LA River. As part of the summit, she moderated a panel on financing river revitalization.

Item 5 - Executive Officer's Report

The item was heard at the end of the meeting. The EO, Renee Purdy, provided a short report, including a discussion of the Port of LA boat tour, a short update on the site cleanup activities at the Ujima site, including the completion of Board staff's review of the additional shallow soil investigation and DTSC's review of the associated Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA), a groundbreaking ceremony in Camarillo for the Pleasant Valley groundwater desalter, and the release of US EPA's draft National Water Reuse Action Plan.

Item 6 - Update from State Water Board

State Water Board member, Laurel Firestone, provided a presentation on SB 200, the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, and the Water Boards' strategic plan related to safe and affordable drinking water.

Item 7 - Public Forum

TJ Moon, LA County, provided a short presentation on a regional, multi-benefit stormwater capture project being constructed at Carriage Crest Park in Carson, CA to address TMDL related MS4 permit requirements.

Ewelina Mutkowska, Stormwater Program Manager, County of Ventura, provided a short presentation on their Phase I Piru Stormwater Capture for Groundwater Recharge Project, which is a collaborative effort between Ventura County and the United Water Conservation District and is funded in part through Proposition 1 grant funds.

Item 8 - Uncontested Items calendar

The EO stated the uncontested items calendar as Item 8.

MOTION: Board member Charles Stringer made a motion to approve uncontested items calendar as Item 8.

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 - Yea

Lawrence Yee - Yea

Item 10 - Information Item water quality in Channel Islands Harbor, including results of water quality monitoring and the function of the Ventura County MS4 Permit and Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands.

A staff presentation was given by Dr. LB Nye.

Speakers:

- *Chuck Carter, Channel Islands*
- *Rocco Belmonte, CI Harbor Neighborhood Council*
- *Tom McNally, CINC-MAC*
- *Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay*

Item 11 - Information on Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-10-19 and directive to the California Environmental Protection Agency, California Natural Resources Agency and California Department of Food and Agriculture to prepare a water resiliency portfolio that meets the needs of California's communities, economy, and environment through the 21st century.

- Introduction (State Water Board member Sean Maguire and California Natural Resources Agency Deputy Director Nancy Vogel)

- Regional Water Board introduction (Renee Purdy, Executive Officer)

- Panelists:

- *City of LA (Liz Crosson, Mayor's Office of City Services, Tim Dafeta, Bureau of Sanitation & Rafael Villegas, LA DWP)*
- *County of LA (Dan Lafferty, Dept. of Public Works, and Rita Kampalath, Chief Sustainability Office)*
- *WRD (Diane Gatza & Brian Partington)*
- *MWD (Deven Upadhyay)*
- *Ventura County WPD (Arne Anselm)*
- *Calleguas MWD (Henry Graumlich)*
- *Los Angeles Waterkeeper (Bruce Reznik)*

Speakers:

- Shona Ganguly, The Nature Conservancy
- Sheryl Hamlin, Representing Self
- Dr. Edo McGowan, Representing Self
- Cori Bell, NRDC
- Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
- Sunny Wang, City of Santa Monica

Input was provided by Board members Stringer, Stahl, Guzmán, and Yee.

The Board went into closed session at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened around 2:00 p.m. Counsel announced closed session items as Items 15.b, 15.c, 15.d, and 15.f.

Item 12 - Update on actions taken by San Miguel Produce, Inc. to achieve compliance with the Waste Discharge requirements and Water Recycling Requirements for San Miguel Produce, Inc., Oxnard.

Staff Introduction by Dr. Eric Wu.

An update was provided by Mr. Terry Lund, Facility Director of San Miguel Produce, Inc.

Board members Yee and Stahl made comments and asked questions of Mr. Lund in response to his update.

Item 13 - Update on the Santa Monica Bay Comprehensive Monitoring Program

Staff presentation by Dr. Guangyu Wang, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Item 14 - The Los Angeles Water Boards will allocate up to 15 minutes 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.

Speaker:

- Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay, provided a heads up regarding a report that Heal the Bay, LA Waterkeeper and NRDC are preparing on progress under the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs) and which the organizations will be releasing publicly later this fall.

Item 9 – Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for Hofer Properties LLC for dredge and fill activities associated with the Olivas Park Drive Extension Parcel 11 Project; File No. 18-091.

This item was moved from the Uncontested Calendar. A short presentation was given by Tamarin Austin, Board legal counsel, regarding some revisions to the tentative WDRs to state the legal basis for the permit on page 5 (Section 12, Conditions) and page 14 (Section H.1.d.1) of the permit. Dr. LB Nye confirmed that the revisions were discussed with the Discharger and that the Discharger had no objections to the revisions.

MOTION: Board member Charles Stringer made a motion to approve Item 9 as revised.

Seconded by: Board member Cynthia Guzmán

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Puja Vats at (213) 576-6611 or email at: puja.vats@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 September 27, 2019

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Puja Vats