

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR OPERATOR CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADVISORY COMMITTEE) APPOINTMENTS

DISCUSSION

The Water Code, Sections 13631 - 13633, requires that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) appoint a nine-member Advisory Committee to assist in carrying out its duties regarding wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) operator certification and training. The State Water Board has maintained an Advisory Committee since the WWTP operator certification regulations were adopted in 1972. The operator certification and training regulations require that Advisory Committee members be appointed for a four-year term. The terms of four Advisory Committee members expired June 30, 2008.

Nominations, or re-nominations, were requested from those statewide organizations listed in Water Code Section 13632 and from State Water Board staff. Four nominations have been received and are listed below along with a staff recommendation. All four nominees have indicated that they are willing to serve on the Advisory Committee.

For the period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2012:

1. Representing municipal treatment plant operators:

Mr. Chris Berch, Operations Supervisor
Inland Empires Utilities Agency
(Nominated by the California Water Environment Association)

2. Representing local sanitary agencies other than municipal:

Mr. Wyatt Troxel, Board Member
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
(Nominated by California Association of Sanitation Agencies)

3. Representing universities:

Mr. Ken Kerri, Professor
School of Engineering
California State University, Sacramento
(Re-nominated by the State Water Resources Control Board)

4. Representing organized labor:

Mr. Joseph McKinzie
Business Representative
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501
(Re-nominated by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501)

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board appoint the nominees to the Advisory Committee?

FISCAL IMPACT

The Advisory Committee is not paid a salary and meets once or twice a year. Authorized travel expenses are budgeted within the existing program.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should appoint the nominees to the Advisory Committee.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADVISORY COMMITTEE) APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS:

1. Section 3718, Chapter 26, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations provides for a [nine member Advisory Committee](#) appointed pursuant to Sections 13631 – 13633 of the Water Code;
2. The terms of four of the nine member Advisory Committee expired on June 30, 2008; and
3. Nominations, or re-nominations, for the Advisory Committee were received from four statewide organizations interested in wastewater treatment plant operations and water quality control and from State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff. The nominees have indicated that they are willing to serve on the Advisory Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board appoints, or reappoints, the following members of the Advisory Committee. Terms shall be as follows:

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on February 17, 2009.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board