

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, May 8, 2014, 09:01 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Ellen Way at 09:01 a.m. on May 8, 2014, at Palm Desert, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

**Regional Board Members Present:**

Buford Crites, Tom Davis, Ellen Way, Nancy Wright.

The Board Liaison stated that a quorum was present.

**Regional Water Board Counsel:** Tom Vandenberg

**State Water Board Liaison:**

**Regional Board Staff Present:**

Robert Perdue, Jose Angel, Soni Wells, Mary Castañeda, Abdi Haile, Mary Serra, John Carmona, Kai Dunn, Joan Stormo, Doug Wylie, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Jonathan Rokke, Jeong-Hee Lim, Liann Chavez, Jose Cortez, Francisco Costa, Maria Davydova, Herb Jackson, Anders Wistrom

**Office of Enforcement Counsel and Staff Present:**

Anna Kathryn Benedict, OE counsel; Vanessa Young, OE counsel, James Ralph, OE counsel, Melissa Hall, OE staff

**Others Present:**

Sheryl Bilbrey, PG&E  
Tracy Egoscue, PG&E  
Matthew Palovido, CVWD  
Carrie Oliphant, CVWD  
Curt Russell, PG&E  
Vic Gainer, Veolia  
Chris Bisgaard, Reata Cattle Feeders  
Ken Smith, Reata Cattle Feeders  
Mark Krausf, DWA  
Sam Grindstaff, Desert Shores  
Steve Bigley, CVWD

Michael Shiary, So CAL Gas  
David Ringel, MWH/CVWD  
Rosanna Bayon Moore, City of Brawley  
Jennifer Henke, CVMVCD  
Lilli Garcia, Public  
Stephen Benson, Public  
Felix De Leon, City of El Centro  
David Gram, City of El Centro

## **MINUTES**

1. Minutes of March 20, 2014 Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Nancy Wright moved, Buford Crites seconded with correction to page 4 name change. Motion was carried unanimously that the Minutes, as amended, be adopted.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Samuel Grindstaff from Desert Shores stated that the Salton Community Services District sewage ponds adjacent to his property are poorly maintained and therefore a nuisance. AEO Jose Angel informed the Board that staff is investigating whether the Services District is complying with existing WDRs and is examining the efficacy of the Ground Water Monitoring System.

## **UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

3. R7-2014-0001 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Niland Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant – Niland, CA, Imperial County (Renewal)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0001 be adopted.

4. R7-2014-0002 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of El Centro, El Centro Wastewater Treatment Plant – El Centro, CA, Imperial County (Renewal)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0002 be adopted.

5. R7-2014-0003 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Centinela State Prison Wastewater Treatment Plant – Imperial, CA, Imperial County (Renewal)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0003 be adopted.

6. R7-2014-0004 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Calexico, City of Calexico Water Pollution Control Plant – Calexico, CA, Imperial County (Renewal)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0004 be adopted.

7. R7-2014-0009 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Brawley, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Brawley, CA, Imperial County (Permit Modification)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0009 be adopted.

8. R7-2014-0027 Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Calipatria, Owner/Operator, Wastewater Emergency Standby Basins, Calipatria, Imperial County (Update)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0027 be adopted.

9. R7-2014-0029 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Southern California Gas Company, Owner/Operator, 9400 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, for a Facility located in Riverside County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0029 be adopted.

10. R7-2014-0032 Waste Discharge Requirements for Western Mesquite Mines, Inc., Owner/ Operator, Mesquite Mine, Northeast of Glamis, Imperial County (Update)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0032 be adopted.

11. R7-2014-0038 Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Imperial, Owner/Operator, Wastewater Emergency Standby Basins, Imperial, Imperial County (Update)

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0038 be adopted.

12. R7-2014-0039 Waste Discharge Requirements for Palm Desert Country Club, Owner/Operator, Recycled Water Reuse for Golf Course Irrigation, Palm Desert, Riverside County (Update)

**MOTION:** PULLED

13. R7-2014-0044 Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements, Board Order R7-2002-0118 for Cal Bio-Mass Compost Facility, Hardy and Hardy Investments, Thermal, Riverside County]

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0044 be adopted.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

14. R7-2014-0040 Administrative Civil Liability Order in the matter of the Reata Cattle Feeders, Inc., Brawley, Imperial County

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0040 be adopted.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

15. R7-2014-0042 John Benson, former Board Member, passed away on March 14, 2014.

**MOTION:** Nancy Wright moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried Order No. R7-2014-0042 be adopted.

The Chair read the Resolution and presented the Adopted Order to Mr. John Benson's son, Stephan Benson. Also in attendance for presentation of the Resolution was the city of Brawley, City Manager Rosanna Bayon Moore.

16. R7-2014-0043 Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant (EAR) Account Site List FY 2014-2015

**MOTION:** Nancy Wright moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0043 be adopted.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

17. Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan – Update – JR, CV IRWMP

Patti Reyes, CVWD Special Programs Manager and CVIRWMP Grant Administrator, described the goal of Salt and Nutrient Management Planning (SNP) is to facilitate basin wide management of all sources, including optimal uses of recycled water while ensuring protection of ground water and beneficial uses such as agricultural irrigation and human health.

18. Presentation by CVWD concerning areas within the district still on septic systems – Mark Johnson/Steve Bigley

Carrie Oliphant, CVWD Engineering Manager for Sanitation and Wastewater and Matt Palovido, CVWD GIS Manager, presented a map of areas within the CVWD boundaries which receive domestic water services but do not receive sanitation or wastewater services from the District.

19. Progress Report on Chromium Cleanup at PG&E Topock Compressor Station, South of Needles, CA, Adjacent to Colorado River – PG&E, EO

Sheryl Bilbrey, PG&E Director for Chromium Remediation, provided a brief history, including the location and purpose, of the PG&E Compressor Station. Ms. Bilbrey then described the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr+6) Groundwater Plume historically released from the Compressor Station cooling towers, the extensive Ground Water Monitoring System and the selected remedy for protecting the Colorado River from being impacted by the fugitive CR+6 plume. The selected remedy is in-situ conversion of the CR+6 to CR+3 utilizing the natural physical chemical properties of the subsurface soils along with chemical reduction facilitated by the injection of a substrate. The plume's migration will be accelerated through injection of groundwater from an external water source into several upgradient injection wells, and reinjection of downgradient treated groundwater in a pump-back system. Finally, Ms. Bilbrey discussed the importance of meeting Tribal expectations of causing minimal disruption to the natural environment. She also discussed the water quality issue of introducing the external source of groundwater from an Arizona well, which contains concentrations of naturally occurring Arsenic above Basin Plan water quality objectives.

20. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities—TV

21. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report — RP

Robert Perdue, Executive Officer, reported that the budget for the Water Boards appeared stable. Mr. Perdue stated he attended the Chairs' Meeting in Sacramento on April 11, 2014, with Vice Chair Nancy Wright.

22. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Vice Chair Nancy Wright updated the members of the issues discussed at the April Chairs' Meeting, including the duties and responsibilities of Regional Board Chairs. Ms. Wright volunteered to participate on a Committee to further explore the roles and responsibilities of Board Members, including compensation and the total yearly cap on per diem for a single Regional Board.

23. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report — EW

The Chair thanked Ms. Wright for attending the Chairs' Meeting. The Chair also suggested to the other members that individual briefings with the Executive Officer and Legal Counsel in preparation for Board Meetings might be beneficial.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

24. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)]; to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)].

Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

Board met in Closed Session with the Executive Officer to discuss his Performance Evaluation.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014, YUCCA VALLEY, CA.**

**ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

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