

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, June 26, 2014, 10:05 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.

Town of Yucca Valley  
Community Center – Yucca Room  
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Ellen Way at 10:05 a.m. on June 26, 2014, at Yucca Valley, California.

**Roll Call (Board Members Only)**

**Regional Board Members Present:**

Buford Crites, Tom Davis, Jeff Hays, Ed Muzik, Ellen Way  
• Nancy Wright was absent.

The Board Liaison stated that a quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Regional Water Board Counsel:** Tom Vandenberg

**State Water Board Liaison:** Vice-Chair Fran Spivy-Weber

**Regional Board Staff Present:**

Robert Perdue, Jose Angel, Soni Wells, Mary Castañeda, Mary Serra, John Carmona, Kai Dunn, Doug Wylie, Jonathan Rokke, Jeong-Hee Lim, Jose Cortez, Anders Wistrom, Jennie Snyder, Jose Figueroa

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

James Ralph, OE counsel

**Others Present:**

Ramon Alviso Mendoza, MITI  
Ivory Reyburn, CVWD  
James Kortan  
Michael Tistron, Imperial Irrigation District  
Steve Bigley, CVWD  
Darryl Whitley, Resident  
Steve Pastor, RCFB  
Ben Olson, CVILC  
Chris Elliott, USMC

Joe Cleek, USMC  
Sarann Graham, High Desert Water District  
David Mahaffey, MITI  
Larry Briggs, Resident  
David Peach, Morongo Basin  
Mickey Luckman, JBLD  
Jennifer Poland, HDWD  
Jeff Poland, Resident  
Mathew Robmann, Coombs-Hopkins Co  
Bob Stadum, HDWD  
Donna Russell  
Herb Orban, Resident  
Gina Orban, Resident  
Mildred Schmul, Resident  
Manuel Sanchez, IVC  
Ellen Trover, CVILC/RCFB  
MJ Puckett, Resident  
Nathan Compobasso, Resident  
Tamara Alaniz, 29 Palms WD  
Anna L. Garcia, MWA  
Richard Quinan  
Michelle Corbin, BDVWA  
Jennifer Henke, CVMVCD  
Norma Hernandez, Public  
Lance Eckhart, MWA  
Jessica Rice, Public  
Mitch Mansfield, SCSD  
Chris Klontz, SCSD  
Tim Roberts, SCSD  
Courtney Vaughn, Hi Desert Star  
Jennifer Cusack, SCE  
Rochelle Clayton, CFO HDWD

## **MINUTES**

1. Minutes of June 26, 2014 Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded. Motion was carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

2. Public forum was moved to after Item 19, where members of the public commented on Item 19.

## **UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

3. R7-2014-0005 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Imperial Irrigation District, El Centro Generating Station – El Centro, CA, Imperial County (Renewal)

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0005 be adopted.

4. R7-2014-0017 Waste Discharge Requirements for United States Marine Corps, Owner/Operator, Class III Solid Waste Municipal Disposal Facility - Landfill No. 2; Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0017 be adopted with errata changes.

5. R7-2014-0026 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Imperial Community College District, Imperial Valley College Wastewater Treatment Plant – Imperial, CA, Imperial County (Renewal)

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0026 be adopted.

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

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0039 be adopted.

7. R7-2014-0047 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2014-0047) for California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Owner/Operator, Imperial Wildlife Area - Wister Unit Domestic Wastewater Disposal Ponds, Niland, Imperial County (Update)

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0047 be adopted.

8. R7-2014-0048 Waste Discharge Requirements, Board Order R7-2014-0048 for Mission Springs Water District, Owner/Operator, Desert Crest Wastewater Treatment Plant, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County (Update)

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0048 be adopted.

9. R7-2014-0049 Waste Discharge Requirements, Board Order R7-2014-0049 for Mission Springs Water District, Owner/Operator, Alan L. Horton Wastewater Treatment Plant, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County (Update)

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0049 be adopted.

10. R7-2014-0051 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements (Order R7-2014-0051) for Borrego Landfill, Inc., Owner/Operator, Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, 8514 Mast Boulevard, Santee, CA 92071, in San Diego County

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0051 be adopted with errata changes.

11. R7-2014-0052 Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements, Board Order R7-2013-0045 for Hudson Ranch Power II LLC Geothermal Project, Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA) Imperial County

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0052 be adopted.

### **RESOLUTION**

12. R7-2014-0045 Resolution R7-2014-0045 approving the Initial Study and adopting the proposed Negative Declaration for the proposed Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating within the Coachella Valley, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Jeff Hays moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried with one recusal and one abstention that Order No. R7-2014-0045 be adopted.

### **WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

13. R7-2014-0046 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) (Board Order R7-2014-0046) for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating within the Coachella Valley, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried with one recusal and one abstention that Order No. R7-2014-0046 be adopted.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

14. R7-2014-0050 Administrative Civil Liability Order R7-2014-0050 in the matter of Coachella Valley Water District for Unauthorized Sewage Discharge in La Quinta, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried 3 to 1 with one recusal that Order No. R7-2014-0050 be adopted.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

15. Mojave Water Agency Salt Nutrient Management Plan — JR  
Mojave Water Agency Principal Hydrogeologist Lance Eckhart provided an update of their efforts towards completing an SNMP. As a result of these efforts, the Executive Officer has granted a one-year extension for completion.
16. Confined Animal Feeding Operations in Imperial Valley – Report on Status of Compliance — JA  
Jose Angel, AEO, described ongoing efforts to bring the IV feedlots into compliance.
17. Desert Shores Wastewater Treatment Facility – Overview of Compliance with Board Orders — Jose Cortez  
Jose Cortez, WRCE, updated the Board on the ongoing installation and sampling of new ground water monitoring wells and investigation of potential sources and controls addressing complaints of odors from the facility. Tim Roberts, SCSD WWTP Field Foreman, stated the District is making a concerted effort to continually improve monitoring and operations at the facility.
18. Imperial Valley Agricultural Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Update JA  
Jose Angel, Assistant Executive Officer, updated Ag Waiver activities in Imperial County. He noted that more than 200 individuals attended Drain Shed meetings concerning the waivers. IID and the Farm Bureau will serve as co-Leaders and the IID will collect fees.
19. Yucca Valley Septic Tank Prohibition — Town of Yucca Valley and HDWD, JA, MS  
Hi-Desert Water District Assistant Manager Mark Ban made a presentation concerning progress towards complying with the RB7 prohibition for septic tank usage in the town of Yucca Valley. Mr. Ban described numerous District actions such as environmental documentation, surveying and mapping, hydrologic study, and financing and design of the collection system. Rochelle Clayton, HDWD CFO, described the financial components of the project including a primary loan from the SWRCB SRF and a secondary loan for private property owners. Ms. Crayton also outlined progress towards establishment of an assessment district including finalizing the engineers report. Jennifer Poland, HDWD PIO, described the current critical path for the project including the public outreach component. Comments were also received from:
  - Saran Graham, HDWD Chair of Board of Directors
  - Jeff Poland, Resident of Yucca Valley
  - Ramon Mendoza, MITI
  - Herb Orban, Resident of Yucca Valley
  - Gina Orban, Resident of Yucca Valley
  - David Peach, Property Owner, Yucca Valley
  - Bob Stadum, HDWD Director
  - Nathan Tam Campobasso, Property Owner Yucca Valley
  - David Mahaffey, MITI

20. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities — FSW/TV  
SWRCB Vice Chair Fran Spivy-Weber recommended RB7 members attend the upcoming October 2-3, 2014 Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) held at the CalEPA building in Sacramento. Ms. Spivy-Weber also described the ongoing transfer of 300 Drinking Water Program staff from the California Department of Health Services to the SWRCB. The Vice Chair detailed some of the advantages of having both the wastewater and drinking water programs unified under the control of the SWRCB. Ms. Spivy-Weber updated the Regional Board Members on the actions of the SWRCB to address the California Drought Crisis via adoption of Emergency Regulations. Ms. Spivy-Weber stated that the recent state budget includes additional funding for recycled waste water and storm water projects in addition to hiring SWRCB staff to address important ground water issues raised by the drought. Finally, Ms. Spivy-Weber referenced SWRCB member interest in facilitating funding of the Yucca Valley Reclamation Project.
21. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report — RP  
Robert Perdue, Executive Officer, thanked Mr. Mahaffey of MITI for the field tour of his alternative treatment systems. Mr. Perdue also described the issues arising from the separation of functions within the office and noted that Assistant Chief Council Lori Okun will be providing training for the Board on formal Enforcement Procedures at the upcoming September Board Meeting.
22. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments
23. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report — EW

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

24. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session 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)].

No closed session items were discussed.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: 9:00 a.m., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014, PALM DESERT, CA.**

**ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING at 1:25 p.m.**