

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
City of Palm Desert
City Council Chambers
73-510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by the Chair Ellen Way at 10:07 a.m. on March 19, 2009 in the City Council Chambers, City of Palm Desert, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Board Members Present:

Tom Davis, John Edney, Jeff Hays, Edward Muzik, Rick Post and Ellen Way. The Board Secretary stated that a quorum was present. Tom Davis needed to leave the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Red Martinez was absent.

Staff Present:

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Terry Barnes, Mary Castañeda, John Carmona, Kai Dunn, Abdi Haile, Robert Perdue, Jennie Snyder, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Wylie and Nadim Zeywar.

Others Present:

Arlyn Atadero, Assistant Superintendent, McCabe School District
Mark Bohannan, Centinela State Prison
Amanda Brooke, Superintendent, McCabe School District
Robert Johnson, USMC, 29, G-5
Garry Forney, Bull Holding
Robert R. Nickler
Tom Vandenberg, Office of the Chief Counsel, SWRCB

Minutes

1. Minutes of January 22, 2009 Board Meeting

MOTION: Tom Davis moved, Rick Post seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted. Jon Edney recuses himself.

Public Forum

2. No public comments.

UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. JC R7-2009-0006 *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Centinela State Prison Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Imperial – Imperial County (Renewal)*

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2009-0006 be adopted.

4. JC R7-2009-0011 *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **McCabe Union School District, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**, El Centro – Imperial County (Amendment)*

Amanda Brooke spoke to the Board to compliment John Carmona and his staff for the work they have done with the McCabe Union School District.

MOTION: Rick Post moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2009-0011 be adopted. Jon Edney recuses himself.

5. MR R7-2009-0029 *Rescission of **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and General Waste Discharge Requirements***

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order Nos. R7-2009-0029 be adopted.

6. JS R7-2009-0012 *Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Synagro – Colorado, Chuckawalla, and Whitewater**; Riverside County*

MOTION: Rick Post moved, Ed Muzik seconded. The motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2009-0012 be adopted.

ACTION ITEM

7. CR 97-108

Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 97-108 for
**Bull Holding Corporation, Owner/Operator Manure
Composting Facility**, El Centro – Imperial County

MOTION: Rick Post moved, Ed Muzik seconded. The motion carried unanimously that Order No. 97-108 be adopted and revised.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities – TAV

Tom Vandenberg spoke on the following:

- SWRCB adopting recycled water policy;
- February 3, 2009 SWRCB adopted supplemental Environmental Project Policy;
- Issuance of septic tank regulations are being revisited;
- Charlie Hoppin has been elected Chair of the SWRCB.

9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report – RP

Mr. Perdue reported on the WQCC held at the Chino Basin Water Treatment Plant that Mr. Davis and he attended. The meeting centered on the issue of recycled water and also had a training session by OCC on separation of functions. Additionally, Mr. Perdue reported on a Consultive Work Group meeting and a Leadership meeting for the Topock PG&E Chromium cleanup held, respectively, in Boulder City and Palm Springs. Finally, the EO announced an upcoming Performance Measures meeting will be held in the RB office with SWRCB Executive Director Dorothy Rice and Deputy Director Jonathan Bishop on April 20, 2009.

10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Mr. Muzik mentioned a discussion he had with Mr. Crumley of UC Davis, regarding performance-based reviews and work on a strategic plan. UC Davis has been obtained by the Regional Board to work on a Regional Strategic Plan and assist with enhancing the work environment. Mr Muzik mentioned his employer, Hi-Desert Water District, brought in an independent consultant to help with their strategic planning. Mr. Muzik thought it was a great tool and recommended the Board Members participate in the UC Davis effort. He also mentioned how the Mojave Water Agency had their board meeting and discussed Prop 84 and Mr. Granger gave a presentation to the board.

11. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report – EW

Ms. Way thanked Mr. Muzik for all his traveling. She said there would be a number of enforcement actions at the next Board meeting and asked the Board to arrange their schedules to accommodate a long meeting. She said the June Board meeting will be held in Yucca Valley.

CLOSED SESSION

12. 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)].

There was no closed session.

Arrangements for Next Board Meeting

Date: May 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., in La Quinta.

Adjournment: 11:19 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously that the Board Meeting be adjourned.