

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

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 20, 2013, 10:10 a.m. to 1:56 p.m.

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

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Ellen Way at 10:10 pm. on June 20, 2013, at Yucca Valley, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Regional Board Members Present:

Buford Crites, Tom Davis, Jeff Hays, Edward Muzik, Ellen Way, Nancy Wright.

The Board Liaison stated that a quorum was present.

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, Doug Wylie, Anders Wistrom, Jose Cortez, John Rokke

Others Present:

Cheryl Nankesula, Yucca Valley Chamber
Elizabeth Karman, Yucca Mesa
Ed Cronin, Resident of Yucca Valley
Merl Abel, Resident of Yucca Valley
Susan Greca, Joshua Basin Water District
Alex A. Hinen, CV Strat
Norman Hall, Resident of Yucca Valley
Mae Hall, Resident of Yucca Valley
Joe Sabo, Resident of Yucca Valley
Richard Quinlan, Yucca Mesa
Jennifer Henke, Coachella Valley Mosquito Vector Control District
Mark Nuaimi, Town Manager, Town of Yucca Valley
Margo Sturges, Resident of Yucca Valley
Thomas Duda, Resident of Yucca Valley
Dwight L. Carey, Hudson Ranch I
Kristina Ban, Hi-Desert Water District
Don Lander, Member of the Public

Michael Shiang, Southern California Gas
Joseph Glowitz, Valley Sanitary District
Fritz Koenig, Resident of Yucca Valley
Tamara Alaniz, 29 Palms Water District
Marina West, Bighorn-Desert View Water District
Dawn Rove, Resident of Yucca Valley
Richard Hart, High Desert Water District
Ton Granger, Resident of Yucca Valley
Susan Shannon, Resident of Yucca Valley
Steve Horn, County of Riverside
Mike Welchel, Resident of Yucca Valley
Mr. Harlan, Resident of Yucca Valley
Bill Horne, Resident of Yucca Valley
Kirk Cloyd, City of Coachella
R.G. Brown, Resident of Yucca Valley
David Peach, Resident of Joshua Tree
Stan Zarakr, Resident of Yucca Valley
Catherine Zarakov, Resident of Yucca Valley
L. Roaks, Resident of Yucca Valley
Bob Stadum Hi-Desert Water District Board Member
Bonnie Brady, Resident of Yucca Valley
Scott Bruckner, Riverside County Flood Control
Byron Ely, National CORE
Tony Winkel, Mojave Water District
George Huntington, Resident of Yucca Valley
David McHuffy, Resident of Yucca Valley
Gretchen Guttierrez, Desert Valley Builders Association
James Brownyard, Desert Valley Builders Association
Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood Control
David Garcia, Riverside County Flood Control
Dominick Villani, Resident of Yucca Valley
Cindy Villani, Resident of Yucca Valley
Lois Johnson, Hi Desert PAC
Mickey Luckman, JBL0D
John Michaelson, Resident of Yucca Valley
Cary Harwin, Resident of Yucca Valley
Ed Wimmer, City of La Quinta
Duncan Mensa, Resident of Yucca Valley
Tami Ruleff, 2107.7
Robert Shirey, Resident of Yucca Valley
Richard Stevenson, Resident of Yucca Valley
Fran Cox, Resident of Yucca Valley
Jon Reid, San Bernardino County
Herb Orban, Resident of Yucca Valley
Dorna Russell, Resident of Yucca Valley
Lowell Miskin, Resident of Yucca Valley
Roeald Cove, Resident of Joshua Tree
Ramon Mendoza, Resident of Morongo Valley
S. McKone, Resident of Yucca Valley
Sarann Graham, Hi-Desert Water District Board Member
Roger Mayes, Hi-Desert Water District Board President

MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 16, 2013 Board Meeting

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted.

PUBLIC FORUM

2. David Mahaffey mentioned his wastewater treatment invention.

UNCONTESTED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. R7-2013-0011 Board Order R7-2013-0011, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System within the Whitewater River Basin (Renewal)

MOTION: Nancy Wright moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried with 5 Yeas and 1 Recusal (Davis) Order No. R7-2013-0011 be adopted with Errata.

4. R7-2013-0031 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0031) for U.S. General Services Administration, Owner, and Water Quality Specialist of San Diego, Operator, Calexico East Border Crossing Station Wastewater Treatment Plant, Calexico, Imperial County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0031 be adopted with Errata.

5. R7-2013-0037 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0037) for City of El Centro, Owner/Operator, Wastewater Treatment Facility Emergency Standby Basin, 2255 La Brucherie Road, El Centro, Imperial County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0037 be adopted.

6. R7-2013-0038 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0038) for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Owner/Operator, Calipatria State Prison Wastewater Holding Basin, 7818 Blair Road, Calipatria, Imperial County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0038 be adopted.

7. R7-2013-0043 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0043) for Pilot Corporation, P.O. Box 10146, Knoxville, TN 37939, Owner/Operator, Pilot Travel Center No. 307, 6605 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, Riverside County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0043 be adopted.

8. R7-2013-0050 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0050) for Valley Sanitary District, Owner/Operator, Irrigation of Pastures and Fields, Indio, Riverside County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and Motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0050 be adopted.

9. R7-2013-0052 Waste Discharge Requirements (Order R7-2013-0052) for Riverside County Waste Management Department, Owner/Operator, Oasis Sanitary Landfill, 84-505 84th Avenue, Oasis, CA 92274

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0052 be adopted.

10. R7-2013-0057 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0057) for Holly Sugar Corporation dba Spreckels Sugar Company, Owner/Operator, Sugar Beet Processing Facility, Wastewater Disposal Evaporation Ponds, Brawley, Imperial County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0057 be adopted.

11. R7-2013-0058 Waste Discharge Requirements (Tentative Board Order R7-2013-0058) for Yucca Valley Senior Housing Partners, L.P., Owner/Operator, Yucca Valley Senior Housing onsite wastewater treatment system

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried vote 5 Yes and 1 Recusal (Muzik) that the second version of Order No. R7-2013-0058 be adopted.

12. R7-2013-0059 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0059) for Hudson Ranch Power I LLC, Owner, Hudson Ranch I Geothermal Development Project, Operator, John L. Featherstone Geothermal Power Plant, 409 McDonald Road, Calipatria, Imperial County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-059 be adopted.

13. R7-2013-0060 Waste Discharge Requirements (Board Order R7-2013-0060) for the County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division's Big Bear Sanitary Landfill, Big Bear City, San Bernardino County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0060 be adopted with Errata.

14. R7-2013-0061 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements (Order R7-2013-0061) for Southern California Gas Company, Owner/Operator, 9400 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, for a Facility located in San Bernardino, County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0061 be adopted.

15. R7-2013-0800 Board Order No. R7-2013-0800, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations within the Colorado River Basin Region (Renewal)

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Buford Crites seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2013-0800 be adopted.

ENFORCEMENT

16. R7-2013-0056 Special Board Order R7-2013-0056 amending Cease and Desist Order R7-2010-0037 issued to Valley Sanitary District, Owner/Operator, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – Indio, Riverside County

MOTION: Edward Muzik moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2013-0056 be adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Yucca Valley Septic Tank Prohibition — JA, MS
The following people spoke on this item:
Jose Angel, Assistant Executive Officer
Mary Serra, Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer
Mark Ban, HDWD, Assistant General Manager
Jennifer Poland, HDWD Public Information Associate
David Peach, Resident of Yucca Valley
Mendoza, Resident of Yucca Valley
Bill Horne, Resident of Yucca Valley
Mr Harlan, Resident of Yucca Valley
Mark Nuaimi, Town Manager, Town of Yucca Valley
Herb Orban, Resident of Yucca Valley
Margo Sturges, Resident of Yucca Valley
Scott McKone, Resident Yucca Valley
18. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities — FS-W, TV:
State Water Board member Ms. Fran Spivey-Weber gave an update on the loan application status of the Hi-Desert Water District to fund its wastewater collection system and reclamation project, provided details of the funding the State Water Board might provide, and described the State Water Board's financial funding programs for clean water projects in general. Due to the Board meeting running overtime, Mr. Vandenberg

postponed his discussion of other State Water Board activities until the next Board meeting.

Due to time restraints, discussion of items #19, 20 & 21 were postponed until the next Board Meeting

19. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report

20. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

21. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

CLOSED SESSION

22. 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)].

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: 9:00 a.m., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, PALM DESERT, CA.

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING