



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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MINUTES
August 29-30, 2007
City Council Chambers
44933 Fern Avenue
Lancaster, California, 93534

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Brissenden, Hope Valley
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley
Keith Dyas, Rosamond (present 8/29/07)
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Eric Sandel, Truckee
Susan J. Van Dam, Barstow

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Keith Dyas (absent 8/30/07)

LEGAL COUNSEL

David Coupe, State Water Resources Control Board

STAFF PRESENT

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer	Jehiel Cass, WRCE
Robert S. Dodds, Assistant Executive Officer	Mike Coony, WRCE
Lauri Kemper, Supervising WRCE	Alan Miller, Senior WRCE
Cindi Mitton, Senior WRCE	Eric Shay, Staff Services Analyst
Mike Plaziak, Senior Engineering Geologist	Curt Shifrer, WRCE
Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant	

ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Norman Diaz
Ai Duong, U. S. Air Force
John Harris, Department of Toxic Substance Control
Joseph Healy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D., Nebeker Ranch
Logan Olds, General Manager, Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
Wilson F. So, City of Adelanto
Ray Tremblay, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster

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Regular Meeting
August 29, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on August 29, 2007. Dr. Horne noted the Board would be meeting in closed session to discuss Items 1g and 1h. Keith Dyas recused himself from participating in the closed session because of his employment with Edwards Air Force Base.

1. CLOSED SESSION

Board members met in closed session from 2:04 p.m. until 3:40 p.m. to discuss items 1g and 1h. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:41 p.m. and recessed until 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, continued
August 29, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2007. Mr. Dyas joined the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Singer discussed items from the Executive Officer's written report and the unauthorized waste discharge report for August 2007.

Mr. Singer noted the State Water Board adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems. The Order requires public agencies that own or operate sanitary sewer systems to develop and implement sewer system management plans and report all sanitary sewer overflows to the State Water Board using the State Water Board's online database. Several agencies within the Lahontan Region have not enrolled in the permit. Staff will encourage those agencies to comply.

Mr. Singer noted the Governor signed the State budget. The Legislature reviewed the State Water Board's information technology program and found that it needs improvement. The State Water Board is taking steps to resolve the inadequacies.

The Water Board's November meeting date has been changed from November 14-15 to November 28-29. The exact location has not been determined but the meeting will be held in the southern portion of the region.

The Board recessed for dinner at 4:50 p.m.



Regular Meeting, continued
August 29, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Amy Horne, John Brissenden, Jack Clarke, Keith Dyas, Eric Sandel, and Susan Van Dam. Board members absent: None.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Eugene Nebeker, Ph.D., provided information on the monitoring well network on his ranch and discussed recent test results. He handed out material and discussed a Community Settlement Committee. He noted the Committee's purpose is to recommend to the Regional Board and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District what the community wants in the settlement.

Logan Olds, General Manager, Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA), gave a status report regarding VWVRA. Mr. Clarke thanked Mr. Olds for his leadership at VWVRA.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13-14, 2007 in Bishop.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Dyas and **unanimously carried** to adopt the minutes as written. Note: Mr. Brissenden abstained.

AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

5. County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County, Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant – Board Order No. 6-00-57

Mike Coony gave the staff presentation. Mr. Coony and Mr. Plaziak discussed the late revisions, answered questions from the Board and recommended the Board adopt the proposed order with the late revisions.

Mr. Singer suggested the following change to the amended waste discharge requirements:

Page 9, Discharge Specification A.5.: Prior to July 25, 2011, the discharge to the storage reservoirs shall not exceed a mean BOD of 30 mg/L in a 30 day period, and shall not exceed a BOD of 45 mg/L.



Mr. Coupe suggested the following changes to the amended waste discharge requirements:

Page 4, strike footnote 1.

Page 9, Discharge Specification A.4., change to read: The discharge to the storage reservoirs shall meet the water quality specified by the definition of tertiary treated recycled water as defined in Title 22, CCR, Section 60301.230.

Addressing the Board: Ray Tremblay, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles; and Dr. Eugene Nebeker, Nebeker Ranch.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Mr. Clarke, **and unanimously carried** to adopt the amended waste discharge requirements with the late revisions submitted by staff and the revisions suggested by Mr. Singer and Mr. Coupe at the meeting.

ENFORCEMENT

6. Public Hearing – Consideration of a Cease and Desist Order for the Adelanto Public Utility Authority for Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Contained in Board Order No. R6V-2002-050

Dr. Horne opened the public hearing and administered the oath.

Mike Plaziak gave the staff presentation, and recommended removing Item IV. (First paragraph on page 7 of the Cease and Desist Order). With that change, Mr. Plaziak recommended the Board adopt the Cease and Desist Order.

Addressing the Board: Dr. Horne administered the oath to Wilson F. So, City Engineer, Adelanto. Mr. So answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Singer drew the Board's attention to Attachment B, the second and third columns, where the term "NA" appeared. Mike Plaziak indicated that NA meant no violation or insufficient data to make a determination. Mr. Singer suggested clarifying which items had no violation and which had insufficient data and adding a footnote to explain each.

There being no further testimony, Dr. Horne closed the hearing.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Sandel to adopt the cease and desist order with the revisions recommended by Mr. Plaziak and Mr. Singer. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Note: The evening meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m.



Regular Meeting, continued
August 30, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. Board members present: Amy Horne, John Brissenden, Jack Clarke, Eric Sandel, and Susan Van Dam. Board member absent: Keith Dyas.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Norman Diaz discussed the need to teach young children about the importance of water resources and water quality in grammar school. He noted that schools are cutting programs due to lack of funding and commented that there is a need to fund hands-on activities and field trips to engage children at a young age. Mr. Diaz offered to work with Board staff to secure funding for educational programs throughout the region.

Mr. Singer discussed the grant process and noted that many grant projects have an educational component. He cited the recent \$25 million grant awarded to the Mojave Water Agency that included funding for education. Mr. Singer noted he would provide additional information to Mr. Diaz following the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Record of Decision for Operable Units 4 and 9, South Air Force Research Laboratory, Containment Zone; Edwards Air Force Base, Kern County

Jehiel Cass gave the staff presentation and recommended the Board adopt the Resolution as proposed. Mr. Cass and Mr. Coupe answered questions from the Board.

Addressing the Board: Ai Duong, U.S. Air Force; Joseph Healy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9; John Harris, Department of Toxic Substance Control; and Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster.

Mr. Cass gave additional remarks regarding the alternatives and the rationale for selecting alternative 2.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Resolution as proposed.

9. Reports by Chair and Board Members

Mr. Sandel commented that he enjoyed the color presentations and handouts and encouraged the use of color by staff in the future.

Dr. Horne discussed the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting to be held October 29-30, 2007 in San Diego and encouraged Board members to attend. Dr. Horne also discussed the California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission created by Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Commission has been directed to perform a comprehensive review of federal, state



and regional laws, policies and practices that affect the vulnerability of the Tahoe Basin to wildfires. Dr. Horne is a non-voting member of the Commission. Upcoming meetings will be held on September 10 and 21.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Prepared by: *Laurie Applegate* Adopted: October 10, 2007
Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant

