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**Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**MINUTES**

**November 14, 2012**

**Regular Meeting**

Teleconference

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region  
South Lake Tahoe Office, Conference Room  
2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150;

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
157 Short Street  
Bishop, CA 93514;

California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Lahontan Region  
Victorville Office, Conference Room  
14440 Civic Drive, Suite 200  
Victorville, CA 92392;

Rosamond Community Services District  
3179 35<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Rosamond, CA 93560; and

Town of Truckee  
Second Floor Conference Room  
10183 Truckee Airport Road  
Truckee, CA 96161

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**Board Members Present**

Don Jardine, Chair, Markleeville  
Peter C. Pumphrey, Vice Chair, Bishop  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Eric Sandel, Truckee  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond

**Board Member Absent**

Jack Clarke, Apple Valley

### Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

### Staff Present

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Charles Curtis, Supervising WRCE  
Mike Plaziak Sup. Eng. Geologist  
Patrice Copeland, Senior Eng. Geologist  
Richard Booth, Senior Eng. Geologist

Jay Cass, Senior WRCE  
Cindi Mitton, Senior WRCE  
Ghasem Pour-Ghasemi, WRCE  
John Morales, WRCE  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant

### Addressing the Board

Kevin Sullivan, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

### INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Don Jardine called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. on November 14, 2012, and introduced Board members participating from five locations.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel and Water Board staff present in the South Lake Tahoe Office and asked the Victorville Office to introduce Staff and members of the public present at their location.

#### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

Kevin Sullivan, representing PG&E, addresses the Board with an update on the Chromium Remediation Project in Hinkley. Mr. Sullivan also commented on the Background Chromium Study and asked that a technical working group be formed as part of the review process.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

Note: An (\*) appears next to items adopted by the Board on the uncontested calendar.

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Sandel, to approve the Uncontested Calendar as presented. The Chair called for a roll call vote and the **motion carried** per the following votes:

Aye: Jardine, Pumphrey, Dyas, Horne, Sandel  
Nay: none  
Abstain: none  
Absent: Clarke

### REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

#### 3. \*Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority Percolation Pond and Biosolids Waste Units, Board Order No. R6V-2008-0004, San Bernardino County

\*See Item No. 2 for Board Action.

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2012-0058](#)

**AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS****4. \*Fort Irwin National Training Center; Wastewater Treatment Facility, Board Order No. R6V-2004-0005, San Bernardino County**

\*See Item No. 2 for Board Action.

Click here to view adopted Amended [Board Order No. R6V-2004-0005](#)

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS****5. \*Rand Mining Company; Rand Project Board Order No. 6-95-61, Kern County**

\*See Item No. 2 for Board Action.

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2012-0059](#)

**OTHER BUSINESS****6. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [November Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- We have made changes to the Board meeting dates for next year to accommodate scheduling challenges.
- I participated in a successful multi-agency Asian Clam Press Event on October 30 at Lake Tahoe. Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Program announced the largest Asian clam control project in the history of Lake Tahoe. Treatment involved scuba divers covering 5 acres of the infested lake bottom with thin rubber barriers, augmented with organic material. This reduced the available oxygen and smothered the clams. The Regional Board was integral to this effort and funded this project to the tune of a half-million dollars. In total, the Regional Board, through the Cleanup and Abatement Account, has dedicated nearly \$800,000, to Asian clam eradication efforts. The mats at Emerald Bay will be in place until next Fall and they will be reused through the Lake. It is estimated that 100 acres of Lake Tahoe are infested with clams and that the mats can moved and treat up to 15 acres per year.
- I attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting on November 1-2 in Sacramento; along with Don Jardine and Dr. Amy Horne. The focus of this session was California water supply reliability, a restored Delta and the Water Board's roles. Also on the Agenda were:
  - Update on the State Board Budget
  - San Joaquin Delta Panel
  - Water Quality and Water Supply Panel
  - Spotlight of Water Board Role in Integrated Planning, Policies, Permits and Funding

- I have included an update of the 208 Plan in my Executive Officer Report, but I have some new developments to share. The TRPA is poised to adopt a Section 208 Plan tomorrow and then will transmit a copy to the State Board for adoption. We have been working closely with TRPA and Nevada on the contents of this document. We are supportive of this 208 Plan and we will speak in support at the TRPA meeting tomorrow.
- As a Spalding Tract update, Mr. Robinson has successfully connected the septic tanks on his two properties to the community wastewater system. He has also paid his fine. Mr. Neil continues to make progress. He engaged a local contractor to abandon the septic tanks on his two properties as well as his NANCO, Inc. property. The Lassen County Environmental Health Department is scheduled to perform inspection of these properties tomorrow. I expect all will go well and he will be in compliance.  
Mr. Neil has also paid his penalty. Laurel Winters successfully had her septic tank abandoned before the October 2012 board meeting. However, we are still waiting to receive the penalty payment. Approximately 32 properties remain in violation of the Basin Plan's prohibition. It is expected that Notices of Violations will be issued to property owners in the next few months. Staff remain hopeful that the Board's recently adopted ACLs will encourage others to comply.
- Our comment period for the Hinkley EIR closed on November 5. We received comments from 19 Hinkley residents; CA Dept Fish and Game; Native American Heritage Commission; Project Navigator; and PG&E. We are reviewing these comments and will be preparing a summary of the comments and response to comments in December. All comment letters are posted on our website.

We also sent out a request for data on metals, namely manganese, in domestic wells in the Hinkley Valley. We plan to have technical working session in the community in early December and will invite government agencies and expect to go over all the data we have compiled. This meeting is open to the public. We are working with the CAC and Project Navigator to map all the information we find and then staff will compile a report with recommendations and next steps. We plan to have a public workshop on either January 9 or 10 to discuss the staff report

On the delineation of the chromium plume draft CAO, the Advisory team has been reviewing all of the comments received and the analysis of comments prepared by the Prosecution Team. We have some remaining information that needs to be provided, but I am close to reaching a decision on the draft Order.

Following the EO Report, Mike Plaziak, Supervising Engineering Geologist, addressed the Board and provided an update of dairy activities in the Southern part of the Region and Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer, gave the quarterly violations report.

## 7. **CLOSED SESSION\*\***


The Board met in Closed Session from 3:55-5:00 p.m. to discuss:

**d. Discussion of Litigation: Atlantic Richfield Company v. State of California, State Water Resources Control Board, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC380474. Authority: Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).**

Information was provided to the Board. No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. on November 14, 2012.

Prepared by:  Adopted: January 16, 2013  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant