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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Minutes of the March 29, 2001 Board Meeting held at The Richard H. Chambers, U.S. Court of Appeals Bldg. 125 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena, California

INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nahai at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present

Susan Cloke, Francine Diamond, Robert Miller, Bradley Mindlin, H. David Nahai,
Christopher Pak, Timothy Shaheen

Board Members Absent

Larry Kosmont

Staff Present

Dennis Dickerson, Jorge Leon, Robert Sams, Deborah Smith, Dennis Dasker, Ronji Harris, Laura Gallardo, Melinda Becker, Jack Price, Paula Rasmussen, David Koo, Michael Lyons, Winnie Jesena, Wendy Phillips, Ejigu Solomon, Arthur Heath, Kwang-il Lee, Mark Pumford, Cassandra Owens, Hugh Marley, Thomas Siebels,

Others Present

Jacqy Gamble, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Steve Maguin, Sanitation Districts of L.A. County
Jim Rex, Forecast Homes
Jim Perry, Forecast Homes
Jennifer Sasaki, Northrop Grumman
Charles Moore, Cox, Castle & Nicholson
Lucia Mc Govern, West Basin Municipal
Water District
Johanna De Nicholas, Century 21 Executives, Acton
Jacqueline Lambrichts, Friends of San Gabriel River
Chuck Turhollow, City of Los Angeles Bureau of
Sanitation

Steve Fleischli, Santa Monica Baykeeper
Diane Sanchez, CA Department of Water
Resources
Michael Lewis, Lewis & Company, Inc.
Bob Horvath, L.A. County Sanitation District
William Chen, Converse Consultants
Brian Wall, Mayer, Brown & Platt
Stan Holm, Exxon Mobil
Jim Colbaugh, Las Virgenes, MWD
Hazel Scotto, League of Women Voters
Joe Mayer, Citizen
Vicki Conway, L.A. County Sanitation District

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Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

A roll call was taken.

2. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer, Dennis Dickerson recommended the following changes to the Agenda.

- *Item 9 (Board Briefing on Major Permits), to follow Item 18*
- *Item 10.1 (Paktank Corporation), will be heard at a future meeting.*
- *Item 11.29 (Jason's Auto Parts & Service), will be heard at a future meeting.*
- *Item 11.32 (Anden/VMS Rancho Malibu Venture and County of Los Angeles), will be heard at a future meeting.*
- *Item 12.1 and 12.2 (Mitigated Negative Declaration and WDR for Ventura County Naval Base), will be heard at a future meeting.*
- *Item 15 (City of San Buenaventura's Ventura Water Reclamation Plant), will be heard at a future meeting.*
- *Item 16 (Santa Catalina Island Company), will be issued a revised ACL.*
- *Removed 10.2, 11.1, 11.2 and 13 from the consent calendar.*

MOTION: By Ms. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Shaheen and approved on a voice vote.

3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2001.

MOTION: By Ms. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Pak, and approved on a voice vote.

4. In Memoriam Resolution.

Chairman Nahai presented a Resolution to the family of Victor Alvarez. (A student of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board who was killed in a car accident in February 2001.)

5. Introduction of New Staff. *(This item was postponed until the next Regular Meeting.)*

6. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure.

There was nothing reported on this matter.

7. Public Forum.

There were no speakers during the Public Forum.

8. Consent Calendar.

There was a motion to adopt the consent calendar as 10.3 – 10.6, 11.3-11.28, 11.30, 11.31

MOTION: By Ms. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Shaheen, and approved on a voice vote.

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

10.2 Hitco Carbon Composites, Incorporated.

Board Member Cloke asked for clarification on the portion of discharge that will not go to the sewer. She asked whether or not it will go to the sewer in the future.

Simon Ricks, Hitco Carbon Composites, Inc., responded to Ms. Cloke. He clarified that Hitco intends to discharge to the sewer system.

Upon this clarification, a motion was made to adopt the proposed WDR Requirements with changes noted on the Change Sheet.

MOTION: By Ms. Cloke, seconded by Ms. Diamond, and approved on a voice vote.

11.1 Port of Long Beach (Piers G/J Terminal Development Project).

Board Member Mindlin, asked for clarification from staff on a couple of issues. He also asked if it is necessary to test the sediment prior to moving it?

Michael Lyons, Board staff responded to Mr. Mindlin, indicating that there is very little release of the sediments when moving it.

Tom Johnson, Port of Long Beach also responded to questions by the Board. He mentioned that there have been no instances of chemical exceedances. He also gave clarification of a Tier 1 analysis, and it's uses.

There was motion to adopt the proposed permit, and directing the discharger to take samples, to submit to staff (Michael Lyons) for testing and analysis. The decision to move forward will be at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

MOTION: By Mr. Mindlin, seconded by Ms. Diamond, and approved on a voice vote.

11.2 West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin Water Recycling Plant).

Ms. Cloke questioned staff regarding Page 22-27 of the proposed permit.

Winnie Jesena, Board staff made comparison of Page 22-27 and Page 22-28g, in regards to recycled water. She also clarified the criteria of the Department of Water Resources of the State for water use for irrigation of crops and water for human consumption.

Lucia Mc Govern, West Basin Municipal Water District addressed the issues regarding "odors". She stated that one cannot specifically characterize the origin of certain odors, i.e. she mentioned that recycled water smells like chlorine.

Dennis Dickerson, Executive Officer stated that the chlorine is to disinfect the water, and the odor itself has nothing to do with sewage odor, and this is good. He indicated that the odors at the site are not characterized by "sewage odor".

Jorge Leon, Board Counsel discussed the issue of nuisance in the Standard Provisions.

Bob Horvath, Los Angeles County Sanitation District made comments to the Board regarding odor detection, and the various odors that these plants usually have that are not necessarily sewage related odors.

There was a motion to adopt the proposed permit with the change sheet and the following recommendations:

- *Direction to staff to view Page 22-31, Item J, and come back with a recommendation.*
- *Clearer language for the permit clarifying other detectable odors, and odors of sewage origin "shall not be detectable".*
- *Deletion of sub-paragraph A, 1, on Page 22-27. Revision of Paragraph J will be brought back by staff with definition of sewage odors, and will exclude odors such as chlorine, and other odors that are defined.*

MOTION: By Ms. Cloke, seconded by Mr. Shaheen, and approved on a voice vote.

13. Consideration of a Resolution requesting the Board delegate to the Executive Officer the Regional Board's authority under Water Code section 13385(h), to require a discharger to carry out a Supplemental Environmental Project or develop a Pollution Prevention Plan in lieu of paying the penalty on a first serious violation.

There was a motion to defer this matter until after the Board Priority Setting Meeting takes place on July 28, 2001.

MOTION: By Mr. Mindlin, seconded by Ms. Cloke, and approved on a voice vote.

14. Consideration of a Resolution to extend the interim chloride limit of 190 mg/L for discharges to Calleguas Creek until March 29, 2002.

Melinda Becker gave the staff presentation. She gave a brief historical background on the interim limits, and clarification on the TMDL Consent Decree with proposed changes and objectives.

Ms. Cloke asked questions about the status of the water softener regulation(s).

After brief discussion, there was a motion to approve the proposed Resolution with the change.

MOTION: By Ms. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Shaheen, and approved on a voice vote.

PANEL HEARING RECOMMENDATIONS

17. Consideration of Complaint No. 00-156 to assess penalties pursuant to Water Code section 13399.33 against Spencer Diecasting Company for violation of its Waste Discharge Requirements.

Francine Diamond Chair of the Hearing Panel for this matter, held March 5, 2001. The discharger did not show up for the Panel Hearing, nor did the discharger appear at this meeting. There was much discussion by the Board regarding staff costs, and the modification of the ACL

recommendation. After much discussion by the Board, there was a motion to modify the ACL in the amount of \$8,000 plus the cost of staff time.

MOTION: By Ms. Cloke, seconded by Mr. Shaheen, and approved on a voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

18. General Waste Discharge Requirements for private subsurface sewage discharges from single residential housing developments in the Acton Area.

Dennis Dasker, Assistant Executive Officer gave background information, and made mention of the Septic Tank Policy which was established by the Board in 1990. He mentioned the concerns and the letters that were received from certain developers in Acton. He stated that the developers would like to enroll the proposed residential housing the General Waste Discharge Requirements.

Jim Rex, Division President, The Forecast Group gave a historical background on construction for housing projects in the Acton area, and the permitting process. He indicated that they have been pursuing a permit since 1999 and would like to begin construction in Acton.

NPDES PERMITS

9. Board Briefing on Major Permits.

Mark Pumford, Board Staff gave a presentation to the Board. He updated the Board on the status of pending major permits and the recent State Board decision (WQ 2001-06) related to the TOSCO Refinery Permits. Mr. Pumford addressed workplan commitments, workplan impediments, and the State Implementation Policy (SIP) adopted March 2, 2000. He also gave background on Drinking Water Designations (MUN).

Jorge Leon, Board Counsel also discussed how the TOSCO decision of March 7, 2001 affects some pending permits.

Steve Maguin, Los Angeles County Sanitation District summarized the L.A. County Sanitation District permits which will be forthcoming in the June 2001. He estimated the cost and energy impacts required to meet the new permit limits.

Others who made comments on this matter:

Brian Wahl, Western States Petroleum Association

Steven Arita, Western States Petroleum Association

Margaret Clark, Chair, L.A. County Sanitation District, Board of Directors

Steve Fleischli, Santa Monica Baykeeper

22. Adjournment of Current Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2001, at the Richard H. Chambers, U.S. Court of Appeals, located at 125 S. Grand Avenue, in Pasadena, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes adopted at the _____ Regular Board meeting submitted/amended.



Written and submitted by: _____.

