

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

Minutes
14 March 2008
492nd Regular Meeting
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Karl Longley, Chair, Kate Hart, Vice Chair, Sandra Meraz, Dan Odenweller and Paul Betancourt members.

STAFF PRESENT

Pamela Creedon, Ken Landau, Jack Del Conte, Richard Loncarovich, Lori Okun, Patrick Pulupa, Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi, Dan Radulescu, Amanda Montgomery, Fred Kizito, James Taylor, Mike Hoffman, Susan Friegan, Pat Leary, Oscar Biondi, Stephen Louie, Michelle Wood, Patrick Morris, Jeanne Chilcott, Alisha Wenzel, Bill Templin, Brian Newman, Alex Macdonald, Mary Serra, Kathy Harder, Jim Marshall, Duncan Austin, Jim Munch, Karen Larsen, Jennifer LaBay, Spencer Joplin, Jerry Bruns, Robert Ditto, Antonia Vorster, Jim Brownell, Heidi Vogelsang, Dale Harvey, Loren Harlow, Lonnie Wass, Doug Patteson and Diana Messina.

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Emerick	Wendell Kido	Elaine Miles
Mike Floyd	Delia Green	James W. Babcock
Steve White	Lisa Koehn	Tess Dunham
Michael Ceremello	Wanda Kieger-Tucker	Dave Scholl
Joan Philippe	Dale Wickstrom	Debra Denton
Michael Bryan	Patrick Fagen	Hope McCaslin
Debra Denton	Steve Beck	David Tompkins
Nancy Yoshikawa	Christine Joab	J. Dasovich
Jacqueline McCall	Mark Seedall	Joe D.
Bryan Styles	Baldomero Rodriguez	Humberto Molina
Mike Leonardo	S. Thomas	Ryan Barnes
David Tucker	Penny Carlo	Steve Tarantino
Jim Marshall	Jeanne S.	J. Lollis
Tiffany Knapp	R. Rogers	

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

The minutes from the January 25th Board meeting were approved, moved by Ms. Kate Hart, seconded by Mr. Odenweller.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Dan Odenweller reported meetings with Bill Jennings to discuss Delta fish populations, attending the 14 February Irrigated Lands Program Technical Issues Committee meeting, attending CV-Salts meetings, and telephone discussions with Chuck Armor and Perry Hergessell regarding fish screens.

Paul Betancourt attended the California Water Plan meeting in Friant on March 11, at the request of Board Chair, Dr. Longley. He also attended the Board meeting of the East San Joaquin Coalition in Madera, on March 13.

Ms. Meraz attended a meeting at the Rural Water Strategy, with Dr. Longley and others; attended a meeting in Visalia, representing the committee for a better Alpaugh; attended the Tulare County Water Commissioner's

meeting and the Rural Water System Operations and management meeting, where Dr. Longley gave a presentation.

Dr. Longley reported attending Salinity Technical Meetings; California Water Plan Update meetings; the Chairs meeting; a meeting with Lloyd Freyer and David Cone to discuss Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program; met with Alf Brandt, from Assemblywoman Volk's office, along with Executive Officer, Creedon, to discuss water quality issues; met with Congressman Costa to discuss water issues affecting the San Joaquin Valley; visited Taft, California and Sandy Creek with State Board Chair, Tam Doduc along with Loren Harlow, Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board in Fresno, Assemblywoman Fuller and officials representing Taft and gave a presentation to the Tulare County water commission.

Chairman Longley mentioned about the Special Board meeting to be held in Auburn, California on March 28.

PUBLIC FORUM

Wendell Kido, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, requested time at the April Board meeting to discuss mercury studies conducted by the District. Chairman Longley directed that he work with the Executive Officer, but he was not supportive of giving much time.

Mike Floyd, citizen of Dixon, questioned the ACL issued to the City of Dixon since the citizens had reasonably rejected the city's misguided plan, and complained about the State's protection of water softeners.

Dave Scholl, Dixon Independent Voice, stated that Board should not be trying to spend its entire budget, but should try to be effective. The Citizens want to have a hearing on the ACL.

Wanda Tiger Tucker, Dixon Citizen, asked the Board to make sure of its facts before enforcing.

Michael Ceremello, Dixon citizen, said that the City's proposed solution made no sense and was rejected. He said that the Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) made no sense.

Elaine Miles, Yuba City citizen, asked the Board to recognize the high costs of strict standards.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Creedon reported that the CIWQS Review Team found that significant improvements had been made, although there is still a lot of work to be done.

Karen Larsen provided an update on POD work. A strategic workplan will be released in May for Board consideration in June. There was a public workshop held on March 5th. An update will be given to the State Water Board on 19 March.

Dr. Longley noted that most Integrated Regional Water Management money was going to Southern California (Item 32 on the EO report).

Ms. Creedon announced the Timber Harvest Program brochure developed by Redding office staff, and reported on the SB 1439, a proposed bill by Senator Ashburn, dealing with Tulare County groundwater quality problems in economically impacted communities

Dr. Longley suggested the need for a handbook on rural water systems.

Sandra Meraz stated that the cost of compliance for Dixon was great, but that the citizens should keep on trying.

Pamela Creedon presented Superior Accomplishment Awards to Jeff Hannel, James Taylor and Greg Cash.

UNCONTESTED ITEMS CALENDAR

ENFORCEMENT

Hilmar County Water District, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Merced County – *Consideration of Special Order to Rescind Cease and Desist Order and Waste Discharge Requirements.*

[Steven Popenoe (559) 444-2418]

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the order Unanimously approved

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the CDO Recission. Approved by roll call vote of 5-0-0.

Malaga County Water District Wastewater Treatment Facility– *Consideration of Renewal of NPDES Permit and Cease and Desist Order* [Dale Harvey (559) 445-6190]

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the NPDES Permit. Unanimously approved.

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the CDO. Approved by roll call vote of 5-0-0.

City of Porterville, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Tulare County – *Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements and Rescission of Cease and Desist Order* [Doug Patteson (559) 445-5156]

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz seconded by Ms. to adopt the WDR with late revisions. Unanimously approved.

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the CDO. Approved by roll call vote of 5-0-0.

NPDES PERMITS

- a. City of Clovis, Clovis Sewage Treatment and Water Reuse Facility, Fresno County (new) (This item was moved to the contested calendar and voted on separately)
- b. City of Shasta Lake, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Shasta County - Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal
- c. California Department of Fish and Game, Feather River Fish Hatchery, Butte County - Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal
- d. City of Colfax, Placer County- Consideration of Resolution to Amend NPDES Permit

OTHER BUSINESS

Central Valley Region Emergency, Abandoned and Recalcitrant 2008/2009 Annual Site Priority List, *Consideration of Resolution Adopting the Priority List.*

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

- a. Bar 20 Partners, Ltd, and Microgy, Inc, Bar 20 Dairy No. 2, Fresno County (new)
(This item was removed from the agenda and will be heard at a future board meeting)
- b. De Jong Investments Group, Cloverdale Dairy, Kings County (new)
- c. De Jong Investments Group, Hollandia Farms, Inc, Kings County (new)
- d. Lansing, LLC, Wreden Ranch Dairy, Kings County (new)
- e. Thomas V. Fogarty and Mary R. Fogarty, Trustees, and Thomas V. and Mary R. Fogarty Revocable Trust, for post closure maintenance of Humboldt Road Private Properties Operational Unit, Butte County (revision)
- f. Charles Fulton, Carol Fulton, and Fulton Family Trust, For Operation of Fulton Reclamation Facility, Inc., Glenn County (revision)
- g. Land O' Lakes, Inc., Orland Cheese Processing Plant, Glenn County (revision)
- h. Former Baltimore Aircoil Facility, In-Situ Groundwater Remediation, San Joaquin County (new)
- i. Contra Costa Water District and Victoria Island, L.P., Alternative Intake Project Dewatering Discharge to Land Contra Costa County (new individual waiver)
- j. Sierra Brooks Subdivision, Exemption for an Engineered Residential Wastewater Disposal System, Sierra County (Resolution)

RESCISSIONS

- a. William Baer, Black Oak General Store, Mariposa County, Order No. 87-117
- b. Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, Chico Remanufacturing Facility, Groundwater Treatment and Re-injection, Butte County, Order No. 96-240
- c. DeFrancesco and Sons, Inc, Fresno County, Order No. 98-133
- d. City of Merced, Merced Municipal Airport, Enhanced Bioremediation Project, Merced County, Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R5-2004-0081
- e. Western Farm Service, Inc., Merced Facility, In Situ Groundwater Remediation Pilot Study, Merced County, Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R5-2003-0095
- f. Synagro West, LLC and Gary Silva, Silva Ranch Wet Weather Biosolids Storage Facility, Sacramento County, Order No. R5-2007-0124

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR OWNERSHIP

- a. Sun Pacific Packers, Exeter Packinghouse, Tulare County, Order No. 85-105
- b. Sun Pacific Packers, Woodlake Packinghouse, Tulare County, Order No. 85-301
- c. Vacaville Nursery, Hines Wholesale Nursery, Inc., Solano County, Order No. 95-131
- d. Sun Pacific Packers, Sun Pacific Shippers, Kern County, Order No. 96-169

MOTION: BY Mr. Betancourt seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the uncontested items with late revisions. Unanimously approved.

CONTESTED CALENDAR

NPDES PERMITS

City of Clovis, Clovis Sewage Treatment and Water Reuse Facility, Fresno County (new)

A public hearing was held. Ms. Delia Green, resident of Clovis gave testimony.

MOTION: BY Ms. Hart seconded by Mr. Odenweller to adopt the order with late revisions. Unanimously approved.

City of Merced Wastewater Treatment Facility, Merced County – *Consideration of Renewal of NPDES Permit and Rescission of Cease and Desist Order.*

A public hearing was held. No one contested the orders.

MOTION By: Ms. Hart seconded by Mr. Odenweller to adopt the NPDES Permit with late revisions. Unanimously approved.

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Mr. Odenweller to adopt the Recission of CDO. Approved by roll call vote of 5-0-0.

Lazarus Mining LLC and U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Park; Klondike, Dutch and Telegraph Mines; Sierra County – *Consideration of New NPDES Permit*

A public hearing was held. No one contested the order.

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Mr. Odenweller to adopt the order with late revisions. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Total Maximum Daily Loads of Pathogens in Stockton Urban Waterbodies, San Joaquin County - *Consideration of a Resolution Approving TMDL*

A public hearing was held. No one contested the order.

MOTION: By Ms. Hart seconded by Ms. Meraz to adopt the order. Unanimously approved.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

This was an informational item. Assistant Executive Officer, Richard Loncarovich gave an overview of the State budget system and the current fiscal status of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The presentation centered around the following:

- Personal services aspect of our budget and the distribution of staff resources between our three offices.
- Budget Change Proposals and their approval process.
- Development of the annual Budget Bill and the approval process.
- Discussion of the various funds and the source of the money that supports Region 5.
- Status of Region 5's current year budget by fund and program.
- Impacts of California economy decline in current year and budget year.

After the presentation a question and answer time was provided. Board members were appreciative of the information and suggested that perhaps a financial subcommittee could be established. The Board requested an update on the budget at the August or September board meeting. No decision was made at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m to the April 24/25 Board meeting.