

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
11020 SUNCENTER DRIVE, SUITE 200  
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Kate Hart called to order the 506th regular meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region at the Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Suncenter Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kate Hart, Chair	Cheryl Maki, Vice-Chair	Julian Isham	Karl Longley
Sandra Meraz	Dan Odenweller	Robert Walters	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nicole Bell

**STAFF PRESENT**

Pamela Creedon	Alex Macdonald	Jeanne Chilcott	Stephanie Fong
Ken Landau	Anthony Toto	Jennifer LaBay	Stephen Louie
Richard Loncarovich	Betty Yee	Jerry Bruns	Sue McConnell
Lori Okun	Brett Stevens	Jim Munch	Terry Bechtel
Patrick Pulupa	Camille Hang	Joe Karkoski	Vose Faria
Emel Wadhvani	Christine Joab	Josh Grover	Wendy Cohen
Kiran Lanfranchi	Dan Radulescu	Mary Boyd	Wendy Wyels
Clay Rodgers	Elizabeth Thayer	Peter Minkel	
Lonnie Wass	Fred Kizito	Robert Busby	
Diana Messina	Gail Cismowski	Robin Merod	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ann Hester	Elizabeth Frantz	Michael Britten	Stuart Childs
Benjamin Hall	Felix Musco	Michael Campos	Ted Grinstead
Bill Quigley	Frank Barron	Mike Drake	
Bill Thomas	Gary Carlton	Parry Klassen	
Dennis Leikam	Joe DiGiorgio	Randy Pesses	
Dr. Cajun James	Leroy Ornellas	Ryan Hilburn	
Ed Yates	Meredith Durant	Steve Herrera	

**APPROVAL OF 28/29 JANUARY 2010 MINUTES**

Motion to approve January 28/29 Board Meeting Minutes with amendments Motion by Vice-Chair Maki  
Seconded by Member Walters

**Agenda Item 3**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Longley submitted the following by subsequent written submittal and asked Administrative Assistant, Kiran Lanfranchi to complete his Board communication of February 11<sup>th</sup>

- 1 February, attended CV SALTS Technical Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, and Public Education and Outreach Committee Meetings, Sacramento County Sanitation District
- 9 February, Moderator, ASCE Infrastructure Symposium, Citizens Hotel Sacramento

- 10 February Participated as member of planning committee for Pacific Southwest Organics Residuals (PORS) Committee in meeting with legislative staffers regarding cross-media issues, a major theme of this year's symposium, State Capitol
- 11 February, interviewed with Erica Geis, Reporter from KALW Radio, on the agricultural exemption to the Clean Water Act and the implication for groundwater pollution in small communities around Visalia. (This communication was updated by Administrative Assistant, per Dr. Longley's request)
- 12 February, attended PORS Cross Media Subcommittee meeting, Davis
- 17-19 February, attended and presented a poster regarding salinity at the Multi State Salinity Coalition meeting in Las Vegas
- 23 February, gave presentation to the Pacific Water Quality Association meeting regarding the CV SALTS program at the Hyatt hotel in Sacramento
- 25 February, visited Mission Bell Winery to view a demonstration of Frank Schubert's technology for treating complex, saline wastes in Madera
- 25 February, met with Sandra Meraz, Laurel Firestone (CWC), Britton Schwartz (CWC), Josephine Jennings, Alpaugh Community member, and Liza Balanos. On the telephone representing Clean Water Fund were Jennifer Clary and Andria Ventura. Items discussed were the Irrigated Lands Program and the possible requirement to include groundwater quality; CV SALTS - I provided a status report; economically disadvantaged rural communities where the principal focus of the conversation was on the two proposals (Environmental Protection Agency and National Science Foundation) having major disadvantaged rural community drinking water and wastewater treatment projects that Fresno State's California Water Center is pursuing; and the Delta Mercury and Methyl Mercury TMDL. On the latter item the participants were told the item could not be discussed at this point but that the two regional board members present are looking forward to the comments that will be provided on the proposed TMDL
- 2 March, met with Alexis Strauss and Lauren Fohdahl, USEPA Region 9, and Allen Desault, Sustainable Conservation, to discuss cross media issues, Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco
- 3 March, attended CSU Water Resources and Policy Initiatives meeting as a member of CSU Fresno faculty, Sacramento State University
- 10 March, together with Ben Letton of the Regional Board's Redding Office, briefed members of the Northeastern California Water Association on CV SALTS and ILRP, Alturas
- 11 March, attended CV SALTS Technical Advisory Committee and Public Education and Outreach Committee Meetings, Sacramento County Sanitation District
- 13 March, gave a presentation on Central Valley salinity issues to the Central Valley Water Forum: Facts vs. Fictions, presented by the Valley Water Consortium, in Fresno

Chair Hart submitted the following communication by subsequent written submittal

- 6 February, had a discussion with Jay Ziegler of Ziegler Associates regarding background and provisions of Mercury TMDL
- 9 February, had discussions with Tam Doduc of State Water Resources Control Board regarding pending Mercury TMDL.

Member Odenweller submitted the following communication by subsequent written submittal:

- 29 January, spoke to Chuck Armor, Bill Jennings, and Jim Buell about the paper on fish losses to entrainment at the CVP and SWP
- Spoke to Bill Jennings, conversation included the concept of "Historical Levels," and the best salvage estimate tables to use from my exhibits. Delta smelt take has started, and this may affect the court proceedings in Fresno regarding pumping
- 10 February, attended two of the three CVSalts meeting at the Rancho Cordova office. Spoke to Linda Dorn (SRCSD) about obtaining copies of their paper on fish losses in the south Delta (export pumps).
- 12 February, – Called and spoke to Ron Ott, agreed to send him material on the current Delta flow and exports issues
- 15 February, Bill Jennings called to clarify some of the study results in the south Delta, and their effect on loss estimates. I confirmed that he was interpreting the results correctly
- 19 February, E-mail exchange with Linda Dorn (SRCSD) regarding their paper on pumping plant effects. Obtained an electronic copy and will receive 10 hard copies for distribution to the CVFFRT at the next meeting

- 22 February, spoke to Bill Jennings (CSPA) about exhibits for the SWRCB flow hearings, he said they were to be up on the SWRCB website on Tuesday
- 24 February, attended the Mercury/Methyl Mercury Delta TMDL Stakeholder meeting at the Rancho Cordova office
- 26 February, attended a meeting with Central Valley Fish Facilities Review Team, West Sacramento
- 27 February, attended the Hunter Education Instructor Training in Los Banos. A number of California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) staff was also present. Discussed current Hunter Education and law enforcement activities and emphasis by the CDFG
- 3 March, E-mailed a copy of the GAO report to Bill Jennings.
- 8 March, attended the Retired CDFG Employees annual luncheon at the Dante Club in Sacramento. Discussed my appointment to the Board, and my role in the big picture, but no specific projects were highlighted
- 9 March, responded to Bill Jennings (CSPA) with information from the Board's website regarding the Delta Monitoring Plan process, and its use of the stakeholder process
- 17 March, attended my first meetings of the Stewardship Council in Sacramento, as the Alternate to Soapy Mulholland. Met with Ms. Allene Zanger and Soapy Mulholland, to be briefed on my role and responsibilities, and involvement in the Council

Vice-Chair Maki submitted the following communication by subsequent written submittal:

- 2 February, meeting and overview by Rob Aragon on regionalization and privatization of waste water treatment facilities, Aragon Solutions in Lincoln
- 22 February, attended a Auburn City Council meeting to hear a report on the progress of the upgrades at their Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)
- 8 March, attended a Auburn City Council meeting to hear a report on the progress of the upgrades at their WWTP

Member Sandra Meraz submitted the following communication by subsequent written submittal:

- 25 February, joined Dr. Longley in a meeting with Community Water Center. Also attending were Laurel Firestone (CWC), Josephine Jennings (Alpaugh), Britton Schwartz (CWC), Liza Bolanos (Fresno), Susana DeAnda (CWC), on the phone was Jennifer Clary and Andria Ventura (Clean Water Action)

#### **Agenda Item 4 PUBLIC FORUM**

Parry Klassen provided literature to be distributed to the Board and gave an update on activities of the East San Joaquin Agricultural Coalition

#### **Agenda Item 5 Executive Officer's Report**

Executive Officer presented Superior accomplishment awards to the following staff:  
Christine Joab, Dania Huggins, Warren Gross, Stephen Klein and Katie Bowman

Rick Moss, Assistant Executive Officer gave an update on the State Water Board's Recycled Water Policy Constituents of Emergency Concern Expert Panel.

Executive Officer told the Board that it took a lot of time for staff to put together the Executive Officer's Report (EO Report), and also for her to review. She asked the Board if the EO report was worthwhile to them and asked for suggestions. She also told the Board that she will work with staff to streamline the process. Chair Hart asked the Board to either email the Executive Officer with suggestions, with a copy to her, or to bring their suggestions to the next Board meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 11 ENFORCEMENT**

Bear Valley Water District Wastewater Treatment Facility, Alpine County – *Consideration of Order Amending Time Schedule Order R5-2005-0140 (NPDES Permit No. CA0085146)*

**ITEM NUMBER 11 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

A public hearing was held. No one came forward to verbally comment on, or contest uncontested items 12 through 18

**Agenda Item 12**

City of Placerville Water Reclamation Facility, El Dorado County – *Consideration of Order Amending Cease and Desist Order R5-2008-0054 (NPDES Permit No. CA0078956)*

**Agenda Item 13**

City of Vacaville Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant, Solano County – *Consideration of Order Amending Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2008-0055 and Time Schedule Order R5-2008-0056 (NPDES Permit No. CA0077691)*

**Agenda Item 14**

City of Tracy Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Joaquin County – *Consideration of Order Amending Time Schedule Order R5-2007-0037 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079154)*

**Agenda Item 15**

City of Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant, Yolo County – *Consideration of New Time Schedule Order (NPDES Permit No. CA0079049)*

**Agenda Item 16**

El Dorado Irrigation District El Dorado Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant, El Dorado County – *Consideration of New Time Schedule Order (NPDES Permit No. CA0078671)*

**Agenda Item 17**

The County of Tuolumne and the County of Tuolumne Department of Public Works Division of Solid Waste, Jamestown Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facility, Tuolumne County – *Consideration of Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2006-0100*

**Agenda Item 18**

Quincy Community Services District, Quincy Wastewater Treatment Plant, Plumas County – *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal and Adoption of Cease and Desist Order*

Motion to adopt uncontested items 12 through 18 made by Member Odenweller  
Seconded by Vice-Chair Maki  
Unanimously approved

**Agenda Item 19**

Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc., Shasta Lake Division Sawmill, Shasta County – *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal and Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2006-0128*

A public hearing was held. No one came forward to verbally comment on, or contest this item

Chair Hart's employer represents Sierra Pacific Industries in unrelated matters. Therefore, she recused herself from this item to avoid any appearance of bias

Vice-Chair Maki presided.

Motion to adopt item 19 made by Member Dr. Longley  
Seconded by Member Odenweller  
Approved by roll call vote of 6-0-0

**OTHER**

**Agenda Item 20**

Resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to apply for State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account funds and enter into contracts for maintenance and cleanup activities for the Walker Mine –*Consideration of approval of resolution*

**Agenda Item 21**

Resolution for Central Valley Region Emergency, Abandoned and Recalcitrant 2010/2011 Annual Site Priority List – *Consideration of approval of resolution*

A public hearing was held. No one came forward to verbally comment on, or contest uncontested items 20-21

Motion to approve uncontested items 20-21 made by Member Odenweller  
Seconded by Vice-Chair Maki  
Unanimously approved

**Agenda Item 22**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

- a) Waste Discharge Requirements, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Experimental Test Site 300, Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC, San Joaquin and Alameda Counties, (revision)  
**THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**
- b) Campbell Soup Supply Company, LLC, Campbell Soup Supply Company Dixon Facility, Solano County, (revision)

**Agenda Item 23**

**NPDES PERMITS**

- a) AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORATION, GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS, ARGET, GET E/F, GET H, INTERIM GET H, GET J, GET K, INTERIM GET K, GET L, GET L1, SAILOR BAR PARK WELL, CHELTENHAM WELL, AND LOW-THREAT DISCHARGES, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, NPDES PERMIT NO. 0004111 (revision)
- b) City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility, Stanislaus County, NPDES Permit No. CA0079103, (amendment)

**Agenda Item 24**

**WDR RESCISSIONS**

- a) Layton Energy Co., Midway-Sunset Oil Field, Kern County, Order No. 69-098
- b) Kistler's K Arrow Ranch, Kistler's K Arrow Ranch WWTF, Tuolumne County, Order No. 75-59
- c) Indian Valley Health Care District, Geothermal Space Heating System, Plumas County, WDR Order No. R5-2005-0012 (NPDES No. CA0081493)

**Agenda Item 25**

**CHANGE OF NAME AND OR OWNERSHIP**

- a) Crimson Resource Management Corp., Vista Oil Field, Kern County, Order No. 58-512
- b) Valley Sun Dried Products, Inc. and Raymond C. Benech, Stanislaus County, Order No. 93-173
- c) Mahenga S. Bhatti Prune Dryer, Sutter County, Order No. 94-265
- d) Crystal Creek Regional Boys' Camp, Shasta County, Order No. 95-204
- e) Fairway Oaks Development, Butte Creek Country Club Golf Course, Butte County, Order No. 5-00-229

A public hearing was held. No one came forward to verbally comment on, or contest uncontested items 22(b) through 25

Motion to adopt uncontested items 22(b) through 25 made by Vice-Chair Maki  
Seconded by Member Dr. Longley  
Unanimously approved

**CONTESTED ITEMS**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

**Agenda item 7**

Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dischargers Related to Timber Harvest Activities (Existing Resolution No. R5-2005-0052) – *Consideration of renewal of waiver*

A public hearing was held. Angela Wilson presented the staff report. Dr. Cajun James (SPI), Frank Barron (Crane Mills), Ryan Hilburn (CLFA/WM Beaty) gave additional testimony

Chair Hart's employer represents Sierra Pacific Industries in unrelated matters. Therefore, she recused herself from this item to avoid any appearance of bias.

Vice-Chair Maki presided.

Motion to approve renewal of waiver with amendments and late revisions made by Member, Dr. Longley  
Seconded by Member Walters  
Approved by roll call vote of 5-1-0

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item 8**

Resolution for Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin –*Consideration of approval of the resolution*

A public hearing was held. Anthony Toto presented the staff report. Bill Thomas (South San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition), gave additional testimony

Motion to approve resolution with late revisions made by Member Dr. Longley  
Seconded by Vice-Chair Maki  
Unanimously approved

### **Agenda Item 9**

Resolution addressing the preparation of Salinity and Nutrient Management Plans pursuant to the Recycled Water Policy – *Consideration of approval of the resolution*

A public hearing was held. No one came forward to verbally comment or contest this item.

Motion to adopt resolution made by Member Dr. Longley  
Seconded by Member Odenweller  
Unanimously approved

## **WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Agenda Item 10**

Musco Family Olive Company and the Studley Company, Wastewater Treatment and Land Disposal Facility, San Joaquin County – *Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements*

A public hearing was held. Ken Landau gave a brief overview and also answered clarifying questions for the Board. Anne Olson presented the staff report. Clay Rodgers, Felix Musco, (Musco Olive), Benjamin Hall, Leroy Ornelus, Adin Hester (Oliver Growers Council), Ed Yates (California League of Food Processors), gave additional testimony.

Motion to adopt Updated Waste Discharge Requirements with amendments and late revisions,  
Made by Member Dr. Karl Longley  
Seconded by Vice-Chair Maki  
Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to the 22 April Special Board meeting on Mercury TMDL

Respectfully submitted by

Board Secretary, Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi