

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

Minutes
428th Regular Meeting
Water Quality Control Board
Sacramento, California

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Butler, Chairman; William Porter, Vice Chairman; Chuck Ahlem, Susan Azevedo, Craig Pedersen, Members; John Brown, SWRCB Liaison

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Carlton, Tom Pinkos, Jim Rohrbach, Inge Clarke; Frances McChesney and Tim Regan, Counsels-SWRCB

OTHERS PRESENT

August Hieco, Municipal Services, City of Sanger
Philip Steiner, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Walnut Creek
John Briggs, attorney for Masami Cattle Ranch, Inc. Sacramento
Thomas J. Domonte, Rancho Tehama Association, Corning
Diane Elden, Rancho Tehama Association, Corning
Scott Long, Long Ranch, Inc., Manteca

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the 427th Regular Meeting of 17 September 1999 were approved as written.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Porter, and unanimously approved.

UNCONTESTED ITEMS

2. **City of Sanger, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Fresno County – Consideration of Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 91-037, Cease and Desist Order No. 91-038, and Special Order No. 98-115**

A public hearing was held. No one appeared to contest the adoption of the proposed order.

99-135

MOTION: By Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Ahlem, to adopt the proposed order. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

3. **City of Merced, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Merced County – Consideration of Special Order Modifying Cease and Desist Order No. 98-219**

A public hearing was held. No one appeared to contest the adoption of the proposed order.

99-136

MOTION: By Mr. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Porter, to adopt the proposed order as amended. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4. **Uncontested NPDES Permits**

99-137 U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, Wawona Wastewater Treatment Facility, Mariposa County (amended)

MOTION: By Mr. Ahlem, seconded by Mr. Pedersen, to adopt the proposed order as amended. Unanimously approved.

5. **Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements Rescissions**

City of Hanford, Sanchez Brothers Farming, Kings County, Order No. 98-097
City of Hanford, Sanchez Brothers, Kings County, Order No. 88-113

99-138

MOTION: By Mr. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Porter, to adopt the proposed order. Unanimously approved.

6. **Uncontested Change of Name and/or Ownership for Waste Discharge Requirements**

Bitney Springs, LLC, Bitney Springs Center, Nevada County, Order No. 97-256

99-139

MOTION: By Mr. Ahlem, seconded by Mr. Porter, to adopt the proposed order. Unanimously approved.

7. **Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements**

99-140 Devco Properties, Inc., and My Ranch at Grizzly Creek Property Owners Association, Grizzly Creek Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Plumas County (amended)

99-141 Resolution Approving an Initial Study and Adopting a Negative Declaration for William Long, Scott Long, and Long Ranch, Inc., Waste Disposal Facility, San Joaquin County

99-142 William Long, Scott Long, and Long Ranch, inc., Waste Disposal Facility, San Joaquin County

99-143 Myron Smith, Quail Valley Recreational Park, Tulare County

99-144 Peter Soo and The Peter Soo and Elfrieda Soo Trust, Hi-Ho Resort, Kern County

99-145 Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Kettleman Compressor Station, Class II Surface Impoundments, Avenal, Kings County

MOTION: By Mr. Ahlem, seconded by Mr. Pedersen, to adopt the proposed orders as amended. Unanimously approved.

**8. Masami Cattle Ranch, Inc. and Ishida and Takako Masami, Tehama County –
Consideration of Referral to the Attorney General for Civil Penalties**

A public hearing was held. The staff report was presented by James Rohrbach. The case file, staff presentation, and exhibits were entered into the record. Additional testimony was provided by Diane Elder and Thomas Domonte. A closing statement was presented by John Briggs, attorney for the discharger.

99-146

MOTION: By Mr. Porter, seconded by Mrs. Azevedo, to adopt the proposed order as amended referring the matter to the Attorney General. Unanimously approved.

(Item 8 was recorded on tape and by a certified court reporter.)

9. Board Member Communications

Mr. Ahlem advised the Board that he has been speaking frequently on the Dairy Quality Assurance Program and that the California process has been noticed on a national level.

10. The Board received the Executive Officer's Report, as well as a brief information report on the region's expanded organizational structure.
11. The Chair appointed a committee of Messrs. Pedersen, Ahlem, Butler, and Mrs. Azevedo to advise and cooperate with the Executive Officer on matters he deems necessary until the Board has a quorum of members.
12. The Board recessed to closed session to discuss matters in litigation and pending litigation.
13. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to the 10 December 1999 meeting in Sacramento.