



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Lahontan Region



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MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 9, 2009

Video/Teleconference – two locations

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

California Regional Water Quality
Control Board – Lahontan Region
South Lake Tahoe Office -
Conference Room
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Mr. Clarke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2009.

Board Members in Victorville

James W. M. Charlton, Palmdale
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley
Mike Dispenza, Palmdale
Keith Dyas, Rosamond

Board Members in So. Lake Tahoe

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Don Jardine, Markleeville
Eric Sandel, Truckee

Board Members Absent

None

Legal Counsel

David Coupe, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

Staff Present

Harold Singer, Executive Officer
Chuck Curtis, Supervising WRCE
Lauri Kemper, Supervising WRCE
Mike Plaziak, Supervising Eng. Geologist
Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph Vail noted the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) is under a cease and desist order issued by the Lahontan Water Board. Mr. Vail voiced concern about an increase in the rates for those connected to the VWVRA to fund a \$15 million project to totally remove chlorine. Mr. Vail felt that further studies should be conducted to determine the water quality upstream and downstream of the VWVRA discharge point before proceeding with a \$15 million project that he felt might not be needed.

Mr. Singer pointed out that the standards in the VWVRA's NPDES permit are established by the State Water Board's California Toxics Rule. He commented that the Lahontan Water Board has discretion when establishing time schedules in a cease and desist order but does not set the standards for discharges to surface waters and cannot specify a discharger's method of compliance. He noted the discharger decides the best means to achieve compliance and that in this case, the VWVRA made the decision not to chlorinate and chose a disinfection system that would eliminate chlorine and chlorine byproducts.

Mr. Singer discussed the VWVRA rate increase. He noted that the VWVRA rates had not increased in 15 years and that with the proposed fee increase, the VWVRA rates would be about average with what others are paying.

Logan Olds, General Manager, VWVRA, noted that the fee increase would add approximately \$7 a month per rate payer. He commented that the VWVRA has implemented a supplemental environmental project to evaluate the upper stretches from the Lower Narrows to the Helendale Bridge. He noted the draft report is due to the Regional Board by June 2010 and that with the release of the report, many of Mr. Vail's concerns would be addressed.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8-9, 2009 in South Lake Tahoe

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Mr. Dispenza and **unanimously carried** to adopt the July minutes as written. Dr. Horne abstained as she was not present at the July meeting. Note: A roll call vote was taken for this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

3. **Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Singer discussed items from the August and September 2009 written report and answered questions from the Board. He discussed the quarterly violations report covering the period from April 1 to June 30, 2009, and handed out and discussed an article from the South Lake Tahoe Mountain News entitled *Road to destruction – A personal essay of post-Angora forest management by the USFS*;

an article by The Associated Press entitled *Lawmakers to seek \$390M for Lake Tahoe restoration*; and a list of potential supplemental environmental projects found on the State Water Board's website.

In addition to items in the written material, Mr. Singer discussed items to be considered at the Board's October and November meetings, issues to be considered at the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting in October, and issues related to the budget, furloughs, current staff levels and the status of leases for the Victorville and South Lake Tahoe offices. Mr. Singer also discussed salt and nutrient management plans and guidance provided by the State Water Board.

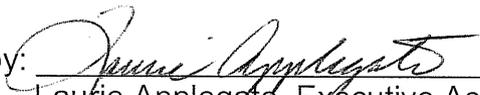
Board members discussed the agenda for the October 26-27 Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting. Mr. Clarke gave a report regarding items discussed during the September 8 Chairs' conference call.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met in closed session from 4:05 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to discuss Items 4i and 4j. and reconvened in open session at 4:31 p.m. Mr. Clarke reported that Mr. Singer and the Board discussed Mr. Singer's previous decision to take the Assistant Executive Officer's position. As a result of the closed session discussion, Mr. Singer will remain in his position as the Board's Executive Officer and the Board will be looking for a new Assistant Executive Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. on September 9, 2009.

Prepared by:  Adopted: October 14, 2009
Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant