

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

March 10, 2005  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

**1. Board Member Roll Call**

Present: Marie Barrett, Jeffrey Hays, Gary Johnson, Leon Lesicka, Maurice Martinez, Gregory Pettis, Ellen Way, and Nancy Wright

**2. Staff Present**

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Liann Chavez, Jose Cortez, Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso, Ron Falkowski, Kristie Garcia, Chris Igbinedion, Cecilia Irwin, Wendy Ortiz, Robert Perdue, Logan Raub, Ivory Reyburn, Jonathan Rokke, Joan Stormo, Hilda Vasquez, David Virginia, Soni Wells, and Doug Wylie

**3. Others Present**

Bill Bayne, City of Cathedral City  
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Jaime Blois, Griffith Company  
Felix De Leon, City of El Centro  
David Garcia, City of El Centro  
Catherine George, State Water Resources Control Board – OCC  
Brent Gray, Mission Springs Water District  
Terri Herson, CH2M Hill  
Bob Lucas, Pacific Gas and Electric  
Marilyn McKay, Mission Springs Water District  
Yvonne Meeks, Pacific Gas and Electric  
Mitch Nieman, Mission Springs Water District  
Micah Stark, Private Citizen  
Juan Zarate, Private Citizen

**4. Minutes**

Meeting of January 19, 2005

**MOTION:** Mr. Martinez moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

**5. Public Forum**

Mr. Juan Zarate of Imperial, California, reported that due to the operation of Kuhn Dairy Farm & Cheese Processing Plant, his property is inundated with mosquitoes, flies, and foul odors. He requested the Board take action to remedy this problem.

**6. Resolution No. R7-2005-0080, Adoption of the FY 2004-2005 Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account Site List**

**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2005-0080 be approved as submitted.

**7. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements**

R7-2005-0024 U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Owner/Lessor, The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Department, Operator/Lessee, Twentynine Palms Sanitary Landfill, Class III Landfill – Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County (Updated Order)

R7-2005-0058 Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements

JC 93-017 United States Gypsum Company

**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2005-0024 and R7-2005-0058, including the errata, be adopted.

**8. Report on PG&E Topock Project Activities**

Terri Herson, CH2M Hill, provided an update on the progress of remediation efforts at PG&E's Topock facility.

**9. Staff Report on Basin Planning and Amendment Process**

Ivory Reyburn, Regional Board staff, gave an overview on the Basin Plan development process.

**10. Informational Update Regarding Basin Plan Amendment to Prohibit the Discharge of Waste from New and Existing Individual Disposal Systems on Parcels Less than One-Half Acre that Overlie the Mission Creek Aquifer or Desert Hot Springs Aquifer in Riverside County if a Sewer System is Available**

Joan Stormo, Regional Board staff, gave a brief history of this amendment and an update on current basin planning tasks.

**11. Report on Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Program**

Doug Wylie, Regional Board staff, provided an update on grant-funded projects.

Bill Bayne, City of Cathedral City, gave an update on the City's septic tank elimination project.

Mitch Nieman, Mission Springs Water District, discussed implementation of the District's ground water protection project.

**12. Informational Update on Border Pollution**

Sue Cox, USEPA, was unable to attend the meeting to provide an overview, as scheduled. Regional Board staff will extend an invitation for Ms. Cox to address the Board at a future meeting.

**13. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report**

Robert Perdue, Executive Officer, announced that Jose Angel is the Regional Board's new Assistant Executive Officer.

Mr. Perdue reported that he is in the process of attending various task force meetings.

Mr. Perdue stated he planned to meet with the Secretary for Environmental Protection and officials from Mexico, to discuss border issues.

**14. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report**

Gary Johnson stated he planned to attend the upcoming Salton Sea Authority Committee Meeting.

**15. Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session, then reconvened in open session.

**16. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.