

**State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region**

**Minutes of January 30, 2015 Board Meeting
City of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354**

1. Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

William Ruh, Chair
Tom Rivera
William P. von Blasingame
James Famiglietti

Linda Ackerman, Vice-Chair

Staff Members Present

Kurt V. Berchtold, Executive Officer
David Rice, Regional Board Counsel
Michael J. Adackapara, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer
Michelle Beckwith, Chief of Basin Planning – Coastal
Adam Fisher, Environmental Scientist
Michael Perez, Water Resource Control Engineer
Barbara Barry, Environmental Scientist
Daniel Mefford, Assistant Information Systems Analyst
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

Public In Attendance

Marsha Westropp, OCWD
Bobby Gustafson, EVMWD
Michael Yang, City of Irvine
Ryan Friesen, Blinkig Owl Distillery
Marik Baker, Contech
Richard Boon, County of Orange
Mark Grey, BIA/SC - CICWQ
A.J. Holmon III, City of Garden Grove
Jason Uhley, RCF&WCA
Mary Ann Skorpanich, County of Orange
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley WD
John Kemmerer, USEPA

David Garcia, Riverside Co F&WC
Amanda Carr, City of Irvine
Bryan Chol, City of Irvine
Don Lee, Tetra Tech
Terri Elliott, City of Huntington Beach
Colin Kelly, Orange County Coastkeeper
Julianna Gonzalez, Riverside Co F&WC
G. Roman Ramos, City of Huntington Beach
Socorro Pantaleon, Assemblyman Steinorth
Chris Crompton, County of Orange
Robert Righetti, ERSC, Inc./City of Garden Grove

2. Public Forum

Former Board Member Susan Longville was in attendance to say goodbye. Ms. Longville said that she enjoyed her time with the Board, and hopes that the discussions they had about looking at where the Regional Board would like to be in the next 10 years, are really kept in mind as a mission. Chair Ruh presented Ms. Longville a resolution of appreciation on behalf of the Board.

3. Election of Regional Board Officers for 2015

The nominating committee met to discuss the election of Board Officers for 2015. Board Member von Blasingame and Board Member Famiglietti recommended to re-elect Board Member Ruh as Chair and re-elect Board Member Ackerman as Vice-Chair for 2015.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member von Blasingame, seconded by Board Member Famiglietti, and unanimously approved that the Board re-elect Board Member Ruh as Chair and Board Member Ackerman as Vice-Chair for 2015.

4. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Liaison Report
None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Board Member von Blasingame, seconded by Board Member Famiglietti, and unanimously carried to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2014 as presented.

6. Consent Calendar Items

*7. Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirement – Rose Rios

*8. Approving Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's Pretreatment Program and Amending Order No. R8-2013-0017, NPDES NO. CA8000027, Waste Discharge and Producer / User Reclamation Requirements for Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Regional Water Reclamation Facility, Riverside County – R8-2015-0005

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member von Blasingame, and unanimously carried to adopt Order No. R8-2015-0005, and approve the appeal for the exemption from the minimum lot size requirements requested by Rose Rios.

9. Public Workshop, Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, Orange County Flood Control District, County of Orange and Incorporated Cities of Orange County, Area-wide Urban Storm Water Runoff Management Program (NPDES Permit No. CAS618030) – R8-2015-0001 (previously R8-2014-0002)

Adam Fischer, Environmental Scientist, presented the Regional Board with a second draft of this permit. He reviewed the timeline for the adoption of a tentative order, including the issuance of an Administrative Draft, the First Draft, and the most recent Second Draft. He noted that the comment period for the Second Draft was scheduled to close on February 13, 2015 and that a Tentative Order was expected to come before the Regional Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Fischer reviewed the areas of the First Draft which had received the most attention during its comment period. He discussed generally how the issues raised had been addressed as part of the revisions in the Second Draft.

Closing comments were made by Mr. Berchtold. He noted that additional changes might be made in response to comments on the Second Draft permit and that the proposed adoption date was tentative.

10. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communication

Executive Officer Kurt Berchtold said that during the last WQCC meeting, State Board Member Steve Moore and Chair Abarbanel from San Diego had lead a session on wetlands restoration. Mr. Berchtold said that each of the regions prepared a presentation on the subject. They are trying to develop a state-wide strategy on wetlands restoration, so the intent is to bring back some follow-up action, and he suspects this to be a topic of conversation at the next WQCC meeting in October, 12-13, 2015.

Mr. Berchtold said he attended an initial meeting held earlier this month in Costa Mesa with SCCWRP and representatives from the San Diego, Los Angeles and Colorado River Regional Boards. He said Chair Abarbanel from the San Diego Region asked that Member von Blasingame attend the next meeting in April. Mr. Berchtold also said they were still in the early stages of this process and that more information would be discussed with them in the months ahead.

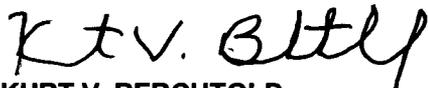
Board Member Rivera suggested that Board meetings held in the Orange County area begin at a later time due to traffic conditions.

Board Member Famiglietti said he would be traveling to Sacramento to discuss with State Board staff the role of satellite monitoring that helps measure groundwater depletion from space.

11. Closed Session
None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M. to the regular Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



KURT V. BERCHTOLD
Executive Officer

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