California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

Minutes of December 6, 2013
City of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

1. Vice-Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Board Members Present | Board Members Absent

William Ruh, Vice-Chair
Linda Ackerman
Susan Longville
Tom Rivera
William von Blasingame

Staff Members Present

Kurt V. Berchtold, Executive Officer
David Rice, Regional Board Counsel
Joanne Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Michael J. Adackapara, Division Chief
Wanda Cross, Chief of Basin Planning - Coastal Waters
Ann E. Sturdivant, Chief of Site Cleanup
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant
Kevin Heinemann, Staff Information Systems Analyst

Public In Attendance

Ray Hiemstra, OC Coastkeeper
Steve Horn, County of Riverside
Amanda Carr, City of Irvine
Don Lee, Tetra Tech
Colin Kelly, OC Coastkeeper
Karen Cowen, Larry Walker Assoc.
Jian Pens, County of Orange
Joe Kirkpatrick, City of Irvine
Marsha Westropp, OCWD
Eric Tolles, City of Irvine
Daniel Moss, OC Coastkeeper
Alex Waite, City of Tustin
Chris Crompton, County of Orange
Lucas Quass, BB&K

2. Public Forum
None.

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2013.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Longville, seconded by Board Member Rivera, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2013 Board Meeting, as presented.

5. Consent Calendar

Vice-Chair Ruh, announced that Item *8 had been postponed to the January meeting.

*6. Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirement - Jose Uribe

*7. Rescissions - Order No. R8-2013-0053
(*This item was postponed from the November 1, 2013 meeting).*

Order No.	Discharger & Facility Location	Reason for Rescission
55-5	San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division, Crestmore Landfill, Bloomington	This is an inactive landfill and is now regulated under Order No. R8-2013-0010
89-65	San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division, Verdemont/Cajon Landfill, Devore	US EPA is the lead for this facility. The facility will also be regulated under Order No. R8-2013-0010
55-14	Riverside County Waste Management Department, Belltown Landfill, Riverside	This is an inactive landfill and is now regulated under Order No. R8-2013-0010
90-145	Techalloy Company, Inc., 2500 South A Street, Perris	CA Dept. of Toxic Substances Control is the lead for this facility. WDR is no longer necessary.

***8. Postponed:** Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES No. CA0105295) for City of Rialto Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant – Order No. R8-2013-0034

*9. Renewal of General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES No. CAG648001) for Discharges to Surface Waters of Processed Wastewater Associated with Certain Wellhead Treatment Systems - Order No. R8-2013-0031

*10. Proposed Cleanup and Abatement Order - Order No. R8-2013-0048

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ackerman, seconded by Board Member Longville, and unanimously carried to adopt the Rescissions in Order No. R8-2013-0053, Orders No. R8-2013-0031, R8-2013-0048, and approve the exemption from the minimum lot size requirements requested by Jose Uribe, as presented.

(Items 11 and 12 were considered together.)

11. Amendment of Time Schedule Order No. R8-2009-0069 for Dischargers Enrolled in Order No. R8-2007-0041, NPDES No. CAG918002, General Permit for Discharges to Surface Waters of Groundwater Resulting from Groundwater Dewatering Operations and/or Groundwater Cleanup Activities at Sites within the San Diego Creek/Newport Bay Watershed Polluted by Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Solvents, Metals and/or Salts. Order No. R8-2013-0060

12. Amendment of Time Schedule Order No. R8-2009-0070, as Amended on October 4, 2013, for the City of Irvine, Groundwater Dewatering Facilities, Order No. R8-2005-0079, NPDES No. CA8000406, Irvine, Orange County - Order No. R8-2013-0061

Joanne Schneider, Regional Board staff presented these items jointly. She briefly reviewed the nature of selenium and its potential adverse effects on wildlife, and the challenges posed by its largely diffuse origin (rising groundwater) and the lack of a practicable, conventional treatment technology. She described the history of the Regional Board's regulation of selenium, Board staff and stakeholder efforts (largely through the Nitrogen and Selenium Management Program, or NSMP) to develop revised Total Maximum Daily Loads and site-specific objectives for selenium, and actions that have been and will be taken by the stakeholders to accomplish selenium reductions. She recommended that the Time Schedule Orders be extended to as soon as possible but no later than December 2019. She noted that the phrase "as soon as possible" reflected the intent to achieve selenium limitations in the shortest practicable time, while the proposed ultimate compliance date (December 2019) would allow flexibility for likely challenges and resultant delays in completing selenium TMDLs and site-specific objectives (SSOs) and, in turn, reissuing permits to implement those TMDLs/SSOs.

Ray Heimstra and Colin Kelly of Orange County Coastkeeper identified their concerns with the proposed schedule extension. Mr. Kelly acknowledged the need for an extension but indicated that the length of the extension should be based on careful consideration of the time needed to implement requisite compliance steps.

Chris Crompton of the Orange County Public Works Department reviewed the actions that have been taken and will be taken by the NSMP members to address the selenium problem and to achieve selenium reductions.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Longville, seconded by Board Member Rivera and carried by Board Members von Blasingame and Ruh, to adopt Orders No. R8-2013-0060 and R8-2013-0061 with a revised compliance date of December 2016.

Opposed: Linda Ackerman

13. Priorities for Inclusion in the Water Boards 2013 Accomplishments Report

Executive Officer Kurt Berchtold provided some information in regards to the Accomplishment Report that the State Water Board prepares on behalf of all the Water Boards. Mr. Berchtold said that this report is done on a calendar-year basis and identifies a number of specific accomplishments that the Waterboards have achieved over the prior year. Mr. Berchtold said he just wants to make the Board aware that Region 8 has already submitted a report of accomplishments that were completed in 2013 for inclusion in that report, and that the report also includes expected priority projects for the year ahead, like the Selenium TMDLs and a few other projects. These are items that staff would anticipate bringing in front of the Board at future Board meetings in 2014.

Member Longville said that she would like to see environmental justice issues and adaptation to climate change issues added to the priority projects.

Mr. Berchtold said that environmental justice and climate change are issues that State Board executive management and all the regional board executive officers will be talking about on a regular basis.

14. Appointment of a Committee to Nominate Regional Board Officers for 2014

Vice-Chair Ruh presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, which were Members Ackerman and von Blasingame. They both agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee to Nominate Regional Board Officers for 2014 and bring back a recommendation.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Longville, seconded by Board Member Rivera and unanimously carried to appoint Members Ackerman and von Blasingame to the Nominating Committee for 2014.

15. Board Meeting Dates and Locations for 2014

Colin Kelly, OC Coastkeeper, suggested that a few of those meetings be held in the Orange County area. Executive Officer Kurt Berchtold agreed with Mr. Kelly and suggested finalizing the calendar as is and said that if any problems arose along the way in maintaining a quorum for any of the meetings, changes could be made.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member von Blasingame and unanimously carried to finalize the Board Meeting Dates for 2014 as presented.

16. Hazardous Waste Incident Report
Information item.

17. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans
Information item.

18. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report
Information item.

19. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

Vice-Chair Ruh said he participated in the Chairs call. Member Longville said she participated in the CASQA meeting with the executive officer and found it to be very informative.

20. Closed Session
Not required.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 A.M. to the regular Board meeting of January 31, 2014, 9:00 A.M., at the City of Loma Linda, Council Chambers, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Respectfully submitted:

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KURT V. BERCHTOLD
Executive Officer

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