

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

**Minutes of June 19, 2015 Board Meeting
City of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354**

1. Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

William Ruh, Chair
Linda Ackerman, Vice-Chair
Tom Rivera
William P. von Blasingame
James Famiglietti

Staff Members Present

Kurt V. Berchtold, Executive Officer
David Rice, Regional Board Counsel
Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Michael J. Adackapara, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer
Hope A. Smythe, Environmental Program Manager
Mark E. Smythe, Chief of Basin Planning – Inland
Wanda Cross, Chief of Regional Planning – Costal
Ken R. Williams, Senior Engineering Geologist
Xinyu (Cindy) Li, Chief of Land Disposal
Jason Bill, Environmental Scientist
Kalyan, Imtiaz-Ali, Environmental Scientist
Keith D. Person, Water Resources Control Engineer
Kevin Heinemann, Southern IT Services Supervisor
Daniel Mefford, Assistant ISA
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

Public In Attendance

Patrick Sheilds, IRWD	Lyndy Lewis, IRWD
Don Lee, Tetra Tech	Pat Boldt, WRCAC
Bruce Scott, WRCAC	Nanette Scott, WRCAC
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley WD	Mark Baker, Contech
Allison Mackenzie, Babcock Labs	Sudhiz Mohley, EVMWD
Stuart McKibbin, RCFC&WC	Steve Pastor, Riverside County Farm Bureau

1. Public Forum
None
2. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Liaison Report
None
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 1, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Ackerman, and unanimously carried to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2015 as presented.

Chair Ruh announced that Item 7 has been requested to be pulled from the consent calendar.

4. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items (Item 7 was removed from the consent calendar items)

- *6. Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirement by Minnie Cuning
- *7. (See below)
- *8. Renewal of Waste Discharge/Master Reclamation Permit and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES No. CA80003260) for Irvine Ranch Water District - Order No. R8-2015-0024
- *9. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and Master Reclamation Permit for El Toro Water District - Order No. R8-2015-0023
- *10. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and Master Reclamation Permit for Idyllwild Water District - Order No. R8-2015-0028
- *11. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division for the Yucaipa Sanitary Landfill - Order No. R8-2015-0029

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member von Blasingame, and unanimously carried to adopt Orders No. R8-2015-0024, R8-2015-0023, R8-2015-0028, and R8-2015-0029, and approve the appeal for the exemption from the minimum lot size requirements requested by Minnie Cuning.

Mr. Stuart McKibbin, RCFC&WC, expressed his concern that some of the de minimis discharges could have an impact on the overall efforts to implement bacteria TMDLs and there could be other pollutants; he requested Board staff to be cognizant of these problems when approving discharges under the proposed Order. But he said he is in support of approving Item 7 as presented.

- *7. Renewal of General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES No. CAG998001) for Discharges to Surface Waters that Pose an Insignificant (De Minimis) Threat to Water Quality - Order No. R8-2015-0004

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ackerman, seconded by Board Member Famiglietti, and unanimously carried to adopt Order No. R8-2015-0004.

12. Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Operations in the Watersheds of the San Jacinto River and its Tributaries, Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore and their Tributaries, Collectively, "The San Jacinto River Watershed", Riverside County (Order No. R8-2015-0019) and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration - Order No. R8-2015-0019

Joanne Schneider, Environmental Program Manager for the Regional Board, presented this item. She began by indicating that Board staff had initially proposed to recommend that the Board approve both the proposed Order and the accompanying draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. However, in light of comments received, she stated that Board staff now recommended postponement of consideration of approval of these documents, pending additional review and comments. Ms. Schneider proceeded to provide an overview of agricultural activities in the San Jacinto River Watershed, the regulatory basis for the proposed Order, and the requirements included in the proposed Order. She also briefly described the CEQA analysis shown in the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and the basis for the preliminary finding that adoption and

implementation of the Order, which was revised to address potential adverse environmental impacts identified in the MND, would not have a significant adverse environmental impact.

Comments were received from Steve Pastor, Bruce Scott and Pat Boldt. The comments indicated support for the draft MND and for staff's recommendation to postpone consideration of the draft Order.

Questions by Board Members were answered.

Chair Ruh reiterated that item 12 would be postponed for consideration of adoption at a later date.

13. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communication

Kurt Berchtold, Executive Officer, said he expects the next Board meeting on July 24, 2015, at Irvine Ranch Water District, to be a long meeting due to the enforcement item that's expected to be on the agenda. He indicated that it would be better not to change the meeting start time for the July 2015 Board meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., that was previously proposed, to accommodate an expected lengthy hearing for the enforcement action. It was agreed to keep the Board meeting start time at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Berchtold also said that the two Board Member vacancies in Region 8 has been a challenge to fill for the Governor's office and is one of its priorities.

14. Closed Session
None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 A.M. to the regular Board meeting of July 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618.

Respectfully submitted:



KURT V. BERCHTOLD
Executive Officer

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