

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

Minutes of December 10, 2009 Board Meeting  
City of Corona  
400 S. Vicentia Avenue  
Corona, CA 92882

1. Chair Beswick called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

Carole Beswick, Chair  
Seymour Van Gundy, Vice-Chair  
Fred Ameri  
William Ruh  
Steven PonTell  
Richard Freschi

Staff Members Present

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer  
Kurt V. Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer  
David Rice, Regional Board Counsel  
Joanne Schneider, Environmental Program Manager  
Robert L. Holub, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer  
Gary Stewart, Chief of Permitting and Compliance  
Hope Smythe, Chief of Basin Planning (Inland Waters)  
Wanda Cross, Chief of Basin Planning (Coastal Waters)  
Terri Reeder, Engineering Geologist  
Kevin Heinemann, Staff Information Systems Analyst  
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

Public Attendance

Rod Cruze  
Bob Jordan, Golden State Water  
Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange  
Colin Kelly, Orange County Coastkeeper  
Mark Bulot, SBVMWD

Allison Mackenzie, E.S. Babcock & Sons, Inc.  
Greg Woodside, OCWD  
Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood Control  
Tim Moore, Risk Sciences  
Mark Norton, SAWPA

2. Public Forum  
None.

3. State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Report

Chair Beswick commented that, at their Regional Board/State Board Chairs' meeting, Member Ruh was selected to participate in the steering committee for the next WQCC. The committee will work along with the Chairs to plan the next WQCC. She thanked Member Ruh for doing this.

Chair Beswick introduced Walt Pettit as the newest member of the State Board, He has replaced Tam Doduc, who had been the R8 liaison.

Mr. Pettit stated that after 10 years of absence from the State Board organization, there are still a lot of pending items that needed to be resolved. One, is the Once-Through Cooling Policy that applies to the nineteen coastal generating plants that use once-through cooling water. The Policy revision is in the final stages of development. A workshop was held recently and he hopes the policy will be adopted by the State Board soon.

Mr. Pettit mentioned that the legislature adopted a package of bills to set a new water policy. Quite a number of items affect the State Board, some of the Regional Boards and other agencies. The legislature and the governor have instructed the State Board to develop new flow criteria for the Delta by August 2010. Informational hearings will be held. New flow criteria to protect the public trust will be developed. The criteria will be used with the new Delta Stewardship Council and the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, to come up with a project plan for the Delta. This entire process will lead to a new State Board regulatory process. A notice will go out soon, laying out the process the State Board will follow. State Board expects to hold a pre-hearing conference in order to design a process that will be used for the next eight to nine months.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Action: It was moved by Member Ruh, seconded by Member Freschi, and unanimously approved that the Minutes of the October 23, 2009 Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

5. Consent Calendar

It was noted that Items 6A and 7 had been postponed.

- \*6. Rescissions – Order No. R8-2009-0067
- \*8. Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for MHC NAC, Inc. Wilderness Lakes RV Park Wastewater Treatment Facility - R8-2009-0046
- \*9. Time Schedule Order No. R8-2009-0069 (for Dischargers enrolled in Order No. R8-2007-0041, NPDES No. CAG918002)
- \*10. Time Schedule Order R8-2009-0070 (for the City of Irvine, Order No. R8-2005-0079, NPDES No. CA8000406)

Action: It was moved by Member Van Gundy, seconded by Member Ruh, and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Orders No. R8-2009-0067, R8-2009-0046 with Errata, Time Schedule Orders No. R8-2009-0069, and R8-2009-0070 with Errata.

It was noted that Items 12 and 13 had been postponed.

11. Consideration of Emerging Contaminants Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Santa Ana River Watershed - Resolution No. R8-2009-0071

Mark Norton (SAWPA) presented a brief background on the formerly-proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for the recharge of state project water and Colorado River water. As part of a process to substitute for the General Waste Discharge Requirements, he said SAWPA

was asked to serve as the administrator in bringing together a number of agencies, including imported water agencies, as well as publicly-owned wastewater treatment agencies, to address emerging constituents. He said that after coordinating for about two years, they were able to reach some consensus on the constituents to be monitored.

Tim Moore from Risk Sciences summarized the Phase II Work Plan for the Emerging Constituents Workgroup for 2010-2011. This Work Plan provides the Regional Board with a proposed monitoring and reporting program for emerging constituents and the rationale for why the specific constituents listed in the Work Plan were chosen.

He said the group that forms the task force is the largest of the task forces formed in the Region, and it consists of many of the scientific leaders and experts in the field of emerging constituents monitoring, reporting, and analysis. A number of relevant presentations have been made to the Work Group that provided the basis for the selection of specific constituents to serve as surrogates for the very large number of emerging constituents.

Speakers:

Mark Bulot, SBVMWD  
Gerard Thibeault, EO

Action: It was moved by Member PonTell, seconded by Member Freschi, and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Resolution No. R8-2009-0071

12. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, County of Riverside, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Incorporated Cities of Riverside County, Urban Storm Water Runoff Management Program (NPDES No. CAS618033) - Order No. R8-2009-0033  
**This item is Postponed.**
13. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, the San Bernardino County Flood Control District, the County of San Bernardino, and the Incorporated Cities of San Bernardino County within the Santa Ana Region, Area-wide Urban Storm Water Runoff Management Program (NPDES No. CAS618036) - Order No. R8-2009-0036  
**This item is postponed.**
14. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

Mr. Thibeault mentioned it was extraordinarily important that some of the items on the consent calendar remained as consent items. He commended Joanne Schneider, David Rice, Terri Reeder and Wanda Cross, for their tremendous work on the items. He also said that Tim Moore had done an extraordinary job in bringing together national experts to educate the group and by providing background and rationale that makes sense for the merging constituents item.

Mr. Thibeault indicated that our Board Meeting of March 11, 2010 was not going to work for some, and asked Board Members if March 18 would work as an alternate date. He expects both inland county stormwater permits to be presented at the January 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting; therefore, asking we have a full quorum. Another critical item on the horizon is the Selenium TMDL, which may be ready for the April 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Mr. Ruh said he appreciates staff for their hard work.

Chair Beswick encouraged people to consider submitting an application to serve as Board Members. Board Member Ameri said that, considering the restrictions, it is getting harder to get qualified candidates to serve as Board Members.

15. Election of Regional Board Officers for 2010

Nomination Committee Member Van Gundy, on behalf of he and the other Nomination Committee Member William Ruh, recommended that Chair Beswick continue as Chair and that Member Ruh serve as Vice-Chair for 2010.

Action: It was moved by Member Van Gundy, seconded by Member Ruh, and unanimously approved that the Board re-elect Member Beswick as Chair of the Regional Board and Member Ruh as Vice-Chair of the Regional Board for the year 2010.

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. Closed Session  
There was no closed session.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. to the regular Board meeting of January 29, 2010 a.m., at the City of Loma Linda City Council Chambers, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA.

Respectfully submitted:

GERARD J. THIBEAULT  
Executive Officer

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