

State of California
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Board Meeting Minutes of
March 11, 2016

City of Loma Linda
 Council Chambers
 25541 Barton Road
 Loma Linda, CA 92354

1. Board Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>
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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
 Hope A. Smythe, Division Chief
 Wanda Cross, Chief of Regional Planning Programs
 Mark E. Smythe, Chief of Basin Planning – Inland Waters
 Chuck Griffin, Enforcement Coordinator
 Milasol Gaslan, Chief of Permitting and Compliance
 David Woelfel, Environmental Scientist
 Mary Bartholomew, Environmental Scientist
 Jason Bill, Environmental Scientist
 Jason Freshwater, Environmental Scientist
 Kevin Heinemann, Senior Information Systems Analyst
 Daniel Mefford, Assistant Information Systems Analyst
 Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

Public in Attendance

Tom Friend, C.B. Nichols Matt Liesemeyer, City of Menifee M/M Spence Scarcello, Quail Valley Rachael Edwards, Quail Valley James Ansell, Citizen Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District Marc Rodabaugh, San Bernardino Co FCD Carole Masson, Quail Valley Tiffany Lin, CDM Smith	Jim Silva, Citizen Janet Anderson, Quail Valley Richard & Sandy Melrose, Quail Valley Enrique Gomez, Citizen John Watkins, Riverside County Jayne Joy, EMWD Brian A. Dickinson, Elsinore Valley MWD Michelle Diamond, Tetra Tech, Inc.
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2. Election of Regional Board Officers for 2016

Board Member vonBlasingame said that the Nominating Committee met and recommended to re-nominate the current Chair and Vice-Chair for Regional Board Officers for 2016.

Motion: The motion was seconded by Board Member Rivera and was unanimously carried to elect Board Member Ruh to continue serving as Board Chair, and Board Member Ackerman to continue serving as Vice-Chair.

3. Public Forum
None

4. State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Report

Ms. DeeDee D'Adamo, from State Water Resources Control Board, congratulated both Chair and Vice-Chair for their reappointment and also congratulated Board Member Rivera for his recent reappointment to the Board.

Ms. D'Adamo provided a presentation on the ongoing drought in California. She indicated we are in the fifth year of the drought. Even though El Niño has caused some significant increase in precipitation this year, the drought still remains.

Ms. D'Adamo also discussed the State Board's emergency regulations requiring water conservation. The regulations have been effective in achieving significant water savings statewide, and have been recently revised. The State Board will be holding a workshop on April 20th to discuss the future of those regulations, and she invited the Board members to attend.

Ms. D'Adamo said that the WQCC meeting dates had been announced for October 24 and 25.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ackerman, seconded by Board Member Rivera, and unanimously carried to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2015 as presented.

6. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items

*7. Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirement - Eloisa Gonzalez in San Bernardino County

*8. Waste Discharge Requirements for Regent Ramona Creek, LLC, Ramona Creek Development Project (TM 36510), City of Hemet, Riverside County - Order No. R8-2016-0014

*9. Amendment of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Terracina Residential Development, City of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County - Order No. R8-2016-0015

*10. Santa Ana River Watershed Bacterial Monitoring Program - Order No. R8-2016-0022

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ackerman, seconded by Board Member Von Blasingame, and unanimously carried to adopt Order Nos. R8-2016-0014, R8-2016-0015, R8-2016-0022, and approve the Appeal by Eloisa Gonzalez as presented.

Board Chair Ruh announced that Items 11 and 13 had been postponed to a later date.

12. Quail Valley Septic System Prohibition: Status Report

Mr. Chuck Griffin, Enforcement Coordinator, provided a presentation with an update on the Quail Valley Septic System Prohibition that had been adopted in 2006. Mr. Griffin stated that it had been over two years since the last update on the status of the conditions in Quail Valley.

Mr. Griffin said that since adoption of the Basin Plan Amendment that imposed a Prohibition on waste discharges for new septic systems in Quail Valley in 2006, there have been inquiries from land owners wanting to develop their lots; therefore, staff thought it was appropriate to review the septic system Prohibition and remind the Regional Board of the reasons for the Prohibition.

Mr. Griffin reviewed the conditions in Quail Valley that led to adoption of the Prohibition. In 2005, after a wet winter, Riverside County conducted a survey that found that 37% of the septic systems in Quail Valley were failing. Failing septic systems in the area were creating a threat to public health in Quail Valley and were contributing to bacterial contamination of Canyon Lake. In 2006, the Board adopted the Prohibition, which requires existing septic systems to connect to sewer when it becomes available and prohibits new septic systems. The Prohibition allows new systems to be installed outside of Subareas 4 and 9 (the portions of Quail Valley with the most failures) once a sewer system design is completed for Subareas 4 and 9.

Mr. Griffin also reviewed the efforts by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) to provide sewer service to Quail Valley. EMWD has obtained some grant funding and is seeking additional grant funding. A sewer system design has been completed for a portion of Subarea 9, but no work has been done on sewer system design for the balance of Subarea 9 or for Subarea 4.

Mr. Griffin discussed the increasing interest by owners of undeveloped parcels in Quail Valley in building on those parcels. The Prohibition does not currently provide for exemptions to allow septic systems to be installed on those parcels. Adding an exemption process would require a Basin Plan amendment to revise the Prohibition.

Mr. Berchtold concluded the staff presentation by noting that this update had been scheduled to seek input from the Board regarding possible future actions related to the Prohibition. Staff answered questions from the Board

Comments were provided by:

Matt Liesemeyer, Menifee City Councilman
Tim Sheradon
Jim Silva
Janet Anderson
Gregg Berge

In response to questions from the Board, Jayne Joy of EMWD provided additional information regarding EMWD's efforts to provide sewer service to Quail Valley.

After discussion by the Board, the Board directed staff to schedule this matter for further discussion at the April 22nd Board meeting, and to present additional information to address questions asked by the Board and to identify potential options for amending the Quail Valley Prohibition.

14. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

Mr. Berchtold reminded the Board that in 2012, the Board had adopted a permit for Poseidon's proposed desalination facility located in Huntington Beach, and that the permit would be expiring next

year. Mr. Berchtold said that Poseidon would also be submitting an application for a new permit sometime this year. Mr. Berchtold informed the Board that State Board recently adopted an amendment to the ocean plan to put in place new policy criteria for desalination facilities and staff are in the process of working with State Board staff and Coastal Commission staff because Poseidon has an application pending before the Coastal Commission. Mr. Berchtold indicated that they are working with these other agencies to ensure Poseidon's proposal meets State Board's new criteria.

Mr. Berchtold also reported that State Board staff is developing a draft resolution regarding climate change, with specific recommendations for individual Regional Boards. He said he would provide more details in the near future.

- 14A. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans
Information item.
- 14B. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report
Information item.
- 15. Closed Session
Mr. Berchtold requested a closed session related to Items 15 a. and c.

Adjournment

Upon returning from Closed Session, Board Chair Ruh adjourned the meeting at 12:05 P.M. to the regular Board meeting of April 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

KURT V. BERCHTOLD
Executive Officer

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