

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

Minutes of March 18, 2010 Board Meeting  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92618

1. Chair Beswick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

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

Fred Ameri

Staff Members Present

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer  
David Rice, Regional Board Counsel  
Gary Stewart, Chief of Permitting and Compliance  
Stephen Mayville, Chief of Enforcement  
Milasol Gaslan, Chief of Storm Water (Inland Waters)  
Mark E. Smythe, Chief of Storm Water (Coastal Waters)  
Hope Smythe, Chief of Basin Planning (Inland Waters)  
Michael Roth, Environmental Scientist  
Kevin Heinemann, Staff Information Systems Analyst  
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

2. Public Forum

There were no speakers.

3. State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Report

None.

Public Attendance

Faiza Ahmad, PBS&J  
Richard Boon, County of Orange  
Todd Brodrick, Culligan International  
Chris Crompton, County of Orange  
Martha Davis, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Bonita Fan, IEUA  
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley MWD  
Mark Grey, CICWQ  
Greg Hudson, Rain Soft  
Jerry Johnson, Pacific Water Quality Assoc.  
Chris Layton  
Don Lee, Tetra Tech  
Jackie McCaleb, Culligan International  
Larry McKenney, RBF Consulting

Renzo Marin, El Toro Water District  
Mike Mecca, Pacific Water Quality Assoc.  
Tim Moore, Risk Sciences  
Dana Nichol, Pacific Water Quality Assoc.  
Joe Parco, City of Santa Ana  
Kristi Phil, PWQA  
Bart Richey, B&D Quality Water  
Ron Ruel, Pacific Water Quality Assoc.  
Paul Sanchez, Pacific Water Quality Assoc.  
Don Schroeder, CDM  
Mary Ann Skorpanich, County of Orange  
Eric Strecker, Geosyntec  
Joyce Takeda, Pacific Water Quality Assoc.  
Jennifer Weiland, County of Orange

1. Approval of the Minutes

Action: It was moved by Member Freschi, seconded by Member Ruh, and unanimously approved that the Minutes of January 29, 2010 Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

5. Consent Calendar

It was noted that Item No. 7 had errata, and that Item No. 6 would be removed from the consent calendar for an opportunity for comment.

\*7. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, United States Air Force, March Air Reserve Base Storm Water Runoff (NPDES No. CA00111007) Order No. R8-2010-0005  
*(This item was postponed from the January 29, 2010 meeting)*

\*8. Rescissions – Order No. R8-2010-0010

\*9. Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, Order No. R8-2010-0009, Solomon Colors, Inc., San Bernardino County - Order No. R8-2010-0009

Action: It was moved by Member Ruh, seconded by Member Freschi, and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Orders No. R8-2010-0005 with errata, R8-2010-0010 and R8-2010-0009.

\*6. Amendment of Waste Discharge and Producer/User Reclamation Requirements for Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Regional Water Recycling Facilities - Order No. R8-2010-0008

Jerry Johnson, President of the Pacific Water Quality Association (PWQA), addressed the Board in referenced to a letter given to them as backup material for item 6. He supports item 6, and hopes for an opportunity to work with them from the technical standpoint to help reach conclusions with salinity issues.

Member PonTell asked for clarification of Item 1. b. of the amending order. He also asked if the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) would be working with the water softening community to determine the best way to regulate existing and new consumer water softening devices.

Mr. Thibeault explained that this was an extension of what this Board had already adopted as part of the salt management plan, and that IEUA is already doing this as part as the 2004 Basin Plan Amendment, which included a maximum benefit set of objectives for the Chino basin. He said this order allows IEUA to begin a process to come up with the regulations and the programs necessary to address this issue. He said this is a public process and everything would be available on the website.

Action: It was moved by Member Ruh, seconded by Member Freschi, and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Order No. R8-2010-0008 as presented.

10. Declaration of Conformance with the State Recycled Water Policy - Resolution No R8-2010-0012

Tim Moore from Risk Sciences, began his introduction to the Board with a little bit of history. He said it all began in their first meeting held in 1994, then the first task force meeting in 1996, and then the adoption of the 2004-0001 Basin Plan Amendment. In 2009, the State Board adopted the state-wide recycled water policy, requiring all regions to develop a salt and nutrient management plan, a monitoring program to implement that plan, and a program for streamlining the permitting process to accelerate the use of reclaimed water throughout the state.

When all this began, reclaimed water was a waste to be rid of, but it is now viewed as a resource to be recovered. The Declaration of Conformance describes all the work that has been done with respect to the salt management plan and the use of recycled water in the Region, and how this meets the requirements for the state recycled water policy.

On behalf of the task force agencies and the watershed, Tim Moore asked that the Board endorse this resolution with a few minor errata changes that needed to be addressed and made part of the record. He asked Mr. Thibeault to address those changes.

Mr. Thibeault said that in a couple of places they referenced the recycled water policy as, "2009-1", and it should be "2009-11." The other change was in Appendix A, item number 8, last line, where it says, "...by meeting the approved wasteload allocation," changing it to read, "...by meeting the relevant water quality objectives, often through an approved wasteload allocation."

Action: It was moved by Member PonTell, seconded by Member Freschi and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Resolution No. R8-2010-0012 with errata, with a special emphasis in the discussion of the word "indeed" in the last sentence.

Chair Beswick, on behalf of the rest of the Board Members, expressed her appreciation to Tim Moore, and to all the participants in the task force, as well as to Board staff, for all their effort and hard work.

11. Update on Development of New Construction/Redevelopment LID Requirements, Orange County Municipal Storm Water Permit (information item)

Mark Smythe, Chief of Storm Water (Coastal Waters), provided a brief update for the Board Members. He said that about a year ago, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) was adopted. He said the permit controls the discharge of pollutants from the storm sewer systems, and that the Orange County MS4 permit requires the permittees to submit the new model Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) by May 22, 2010 for consideration by the Regional Board.

Chris Crompton, Manager of the Environmental Resources for the County of Orange Public Works Department, provided an update on the progress of development of the new WQMP. He said they welcome any of the Board's thoughts and feedback to help shape the product. In his introduction, he covered the permit requirements very briefly. He talked about their progress to date.

He introduced two consultants, who are providing support for this effort

Speakers:

1. Eric Strecker, GeoSyntec. Mr. Strecker talked about the issues of LID feasibility.
2. Don Schroeder, CDM. He talked about alternatives in terms of shaping offsite in-lieu programs and their challengers, and gave the Board a summary of their status.

12. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communication

The Board went into a closed session to discuss personnel items.

13. Hazardous Waste Incident Report

Information item.

14. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans

Information item.

15. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report

Information item.

16. Closed Session

The Board went into a closed session to discuss some personnel items.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to the regular Board meeting of Friday, April 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the City of Loma Linda, 25541 Barton Rd., Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard J. Thibault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

GERARD J. THIBEAULT  
Executive Officer

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