

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

Item: 4

**Minutes of May 1, 2015 Board Meeting  
City of Loma Linda  
25541 Barton Road  
Loma Linda, CA 92354**

1. Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:04 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  
Michael J. Adackapara, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer  
Hope A. Smythe, Environmental Program Manager  
Mark E. Smythe, Chief of Basin Planning - Inland  
Michelle Beckwith, Chief of Coastal Storm Water Section  
Michael Perez, Water Resource Control Engineer  
Barbara Barry, Environmental Scientist  
Daniel Mefford, Assistant Information Systems Analyst  
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

Public In Attendance

Don Lee, Tetra Tech	Marsha Westropp, Orange County Water District
Mark Baker, Contech	Andrew M. Kanzler, Garden Grove Citizen
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water Dist.	Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coastkeeper
Jason Uhley, RCF&WCD	Panoa Workman, Riverside CWMD
Bill Carney, E & R Construction Inc.	Ryan Frieson, Blinking Owl Distillery
David Prieto, California Storm Water.org	Julianna Gonzalez, Riverside Co. Flood Control
Stuart McKibbin, Riverside Co. Flood Control	Judi Bingham, City of Beaumont resident
Celeste Cantu, SAWPA	Libi Uremovic, City of Beaumont resident

2. Public Forum

Two City of Beaumont residents, Ms. Judi Bingham and Ms. Libi Uremovic, expressed their concerns regarding the serious sewer problems and other issues in the City of Beaumont and asked the Board to step up and take an active role in getting those problems resolved.

Executive Officer, Kurt Berchtold, informed the Regional Board that staff is proposing to bring the City of Beaumont's NPDES permit renewal before the Board for consideration in the near future and he indicated that the issues raised by the speakers can be discussed in more detail at that time.

Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, said they are having a drought workshop and invited the Board and staff to participate.

3. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Liaison Report

Dorene "DeeDee" D'Adamo, SWRCB Liaison, indicated to the two speakers during the Public Forum that the State Board is also following up on this issue.

Ms. D'Adamo presented a general update regarding the amendments to the Trash Control Policy; the desalination policy; and the proposed Compost General Order. She said Governor Brown has an interest on healthy soils, and said that Cal Recycle is closely working with State Board staff on the Compost General Order. She added that State Board is dealing with problems with contaminated groundwater and the drought issues and trying to provide drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies.

Ms. D'Adamo said she would talk more about the emergency drought regulations during the discussions on that item. She said there was a workshop coming up on May 20 regarding groundwater monitoring in oil and gas production areas.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 30, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Board Member von Blasingame, seconded by Board Member Ackerman, and unanimously carried to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2015 as presented.

5. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items

\*6. Modification of Resolution No. R8-2014-0079, Regional Monitoring Program for the Newport Bay Watershed Nutrient TMDL Resolution - No. R8-2015-0016

\*7. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES No. CA8000015) for the City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department, Geothermal Heating Project - Order No. R8-2015-0007

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Famiglietti, seconded by Board Member Ackerman, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. R8-2015-0016, and Order No. R8-2015-0007

*Chair Ruh announced that Item 9 was being moved ahead of Item 8 due to Board Member van Blasingame having to leave early due to a prior commitment.*

9. Emergency Water Conservation Regulations

Kurt Berchtold, Executive Officer, provided introductory remarks. Dorene "DeeDee" D'Adamo, SWRCB Liaison, provided an update on the State Board's progress toward developing and adopting new regulations for Emergency Water Conservation. Ms. D'Adamo said that on January 17, 2014, Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency and had called for a 20% conservation of water. Since then, several Resolutions from State Board and Executive Orders from the Governor have been signed to adopt new regulations due to the serious drought California is facing. The new regulations included additional measures intended to achieve the 20% voluntary reduction in water consumption.

Ms. D'Adamo said that on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued another Executive Order that requires the State Board to impose restrictions in order to achieve a statewide 25% reduction. Ms. D'Adamo stated that State Board is scheduled to have a meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss a mandatory conservation regulatory framework that contains new regulations and different tiers to help achieve the 25% mandated potable urban water use reduction.

Several questions from the Board Members were raised about educating public school kids on water conservation. There were also questions about turf removal, and comments about the need to address agricultural water use and the groundwater regulations. One Board Member said he was impressed with the progress the State Water Board was making in such a short time, but also believed that the conservation standard for tier 9 should be raised.

Ms. D'Adamo said that they are receiving a large amount of reports from entities about their water usage and expects to see compliance. She also said that Sacramento is discussing a way to expedite the groundwater regulation for agriculture which use most of the groundwater.

Speakers: Celeste Cantu from SAWPA, talked about the ornamental grass that is already being replaced in the Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange Counties. Ms. Cantu said SAWPA is already looking into removing grass and replacing it with other drought-tolerant plants. She also mentioned the need of assisting disadvantaged communities, and assisting water districts. She said there are two workshops scheduled in May. She stated that we should all cut back on water use in the shower and on our lawns which is a significant way to meet the water conservation goal.

8. Scrap Metal Recycling Facilities- Storm Water Treatment System Evaluation

Michael Perez, Water Resources Control Engineer, presented an overview of the Region 8 Sector Specific Scrap Metal Permit and briefly talked about the goal for the study that was conducted by the Orange County Coastkeeper. Mr. Perez explained that the scrap metal permit was the first Sector Specific Scrap Metal permit in the Nation. The Permit was designed with two different options for the permittees to come into compliance with the Permit; the first option is the Phased Approach – a three-phase approach, with Numeric Action Levels where the Permittee is to compare their stormwater sample results and determine if and where improvements to their respective Best Management Practices are warranted. The second option is to comply with numeric effluent limits specified in the Permit. This option contains Numeric Effluent Limits and the Permittee is required to meet these limits from the start. He further said that Orange County Coastkeeper had volunteered to conduct this study with funding from a Supplemental Environmental Project.

Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coastkeeper, presented an overview of their mission to protect and promote water resources that are swimmable, drinkable, fishable and sustainable. Mr. Hiemstra talked about the evaluation of control measures at scrap metal facilities, and the funding of the project through a Supplemental Environmental Project. He also named the scrap metal facilities that participated in the project. Mr. Hiemstra explained that the objective was to collect data on the reductions in concentrations and loads of target pollutants obtained through BMPs, and said they use four commercially available stormwater treatment systems at typical scrap metal recycling facilities. His presentation included an overall analysis of the preliminary data and conclusions from the study. Mr. Hiemstra stated that even though the results are promising, more data needs to be collected to do a statistical analysis, and that Regional Board staff should begin work on permit renewal.

10. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans  
Information item.

11. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report  
Information item.

12. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communication  
None

13. Closed Session

The Board entered into closed session at 11:15 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 A.M. to the regular Board meeting of June 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the City of Loma Linda, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Respectfully submitted:

**KURT V. BERCHTOLD**  
Executive Officer

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