

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

Minutes of January 18, 2008 Board Meeting
City of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda

1. Acting Chair, Vice-Chair Neev called the meeting to order at 09:35 a.m.

Board Members Present

Deborah Neev, Vice-Chair
William Ruh
Seymour Van Gundy
Mary Cramer
John Withers
Maurice Gallarda

Board Members Absent

Carole Beswick, Chair
Fred Ameri

Staff Members Present

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
Erik Spiess, Regional Board Counsel
Jun Martirez, Chief of Permitting
Kevin Heinemann, Staff Information Systems Analyst
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant

State Board Representative

None present

Public Attendance

Tim Moore, Risk Sciences, Inc.
Edward Filadelfia, SARDA and EMWD
Mark Bulot, SBVMWD
Jennifer Bell, SBVMWD
Marsha Westropp, OCWD
David Aladjem, SBVMWD
Sam Fuller, SBVMWD
Jim Burror, OCSD

Dave Kachelski, Veolia Water/City of Rialto
Chandra Johanneson, City of Riverside
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley WD
Max Rasouli, City of Riverside
Jack Safely, WMWD
Paeter Garcia, Best, Best & Krieger
Celeste Cantú, SAWPA

Public Forum

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Action: It was moved by Member Van Gundy and seconded by Member Gallarda and unanimously approved that the Minutes of November 30, 2007 be approved as presented.

3. **Consent Calendar**

It was noted that Item Nos. 10 and 11 had been postponed.

*6. **Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirement of Alejandro Quevedo**

*7. **Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirement of Richard Martin**

*8. **Revised Waste Discharge Requirements and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES No. CA0106283) for Disneyland Resort, Orange County Order No. R8-2008-0001**

*9. **Rescission - Order No. R8-2008-0017 for the City of Tustin's 17th Street Desalter**

Action: It was moved by Member Cramer and seconded by Member Withers, and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Orders No. R8-2008-0001 and R8-2008-0017, and approve the exemption from minimum lot size requirements requested by Alejandro Quevedo and Richard Martin.

It was noted that Item No. 12a had been postponed.

11a. **One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Planning**

This item was presented by Celeste Cantú, General Manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA). She reported that the Colorado River is in its eighth year of drought. She explained how explosive land development has increased water demand, and how is expected to affect the Santa Ana Watershed through 2050. She added that climate change, reduced water from the Delta, Colorado River drought and our own population growth, will have a profound impact on the watershed. She explained that the Santa Ana Watershed is the backbone of California's economic recovery and this would be threatened without adequate water availability. The presentation included ten "Planning Pillars" being implemented to address water supply concerns.

12. **Resolution of Appreciation for Stakeholder Participation in Basin Planning and Regulatory Activities**

Member Withers provided a background and history of participation by stakeholders in water quality planning and regulatory efforts within the Santa Ana Region. He mentioned a number of the projects successfully completed by regional task forces. He stated his opinion that the collaborative task force approach used in the Santa Ana Region to address complex water quality problems was an important factor in the small number of petitions to the State Board regarding Santa Ana Region Board decisions.

Executive Officer Thibeault reported that SAWPA staff member and Planning Director Mark Norton deserved particular recognition for his role in managing many of the successful task force activities.

Action: It was moved by Member Ruh and seconded by Member Van Gundy, that the Board adopt Resolution No. R8-2008-0018 with errata, to thank all task force participants and their agencies and organizations for the efforts of the individual task force members within the Santa Ana Watershed; and congratulate all of the participants in task force activities related to projects within the Santa Ana Region for jobs well-done; and direct the Executive

Officer to send letters of appreciation on behalf of the Regional Board to the individuals and organizations that have participated in task force activities within the Santa Ana Region.

13. **Recharge Cooperative Agreement**

Tim Moore of Risk Sciences made a presentation concerning the background and development process of the Recharge Cooperative Agreement proposed for Regional Board consideration. He pointed out that the Agreement was developed as an alternative to the draft Recharge General Permit proposed in 2006. Mr. Moore described the Agreement and the commitment of the signatories to model the water quality effects related to groundwater recharge projects and all other identified salt inputs into groundwater basins within the region. He also described the monitoring proposals related to imported water recharge, including routine parameters, monitoring commitments and programs related to emerging contaminants, a commitment to develop region-specific monitoring for emerging contaminants, and the important role of the Santa Ana River Dischargers Association (SARDA) in making the commitments necessary to move the cooperative to the Board for consideration.

Action: It was moved by Member Gallarda, seconded by Member Ruh, and unanimously approved that the Board adopt Order No. R8-2008-0019, authorizing the Executive Officer to sign the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the Board.

14. **Nomination and Election of Regional Board Officers for 2008**

The nominating committee of Member Withers, Member Ruh and Member Van Gundy recommended the nomination of Carole Beswick to serve as Chair, and Deborah Neev to serve as Vice-Chair for 2008.

Action: It was moved by Member Withers, seconded by Member Gallarda, and unanimously approved that Chair Beswick and Vice-Chair Neev be re-elected to serve in those positions for 2008.

15. **General Permits**

Receive and filed.

16. **Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications**

None.

17. **Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

18. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned to the regular Board Meeting of February 29, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., in the City of Loma Linda, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA.

Respectfully submitted:



GERARD J. THIBEAULT
Executive Officer