

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

Minutes
412th Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
Bakersfield, California
8 August 1997 - 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Schnabel, Chairman; Steve Butler, Vice Chairman; Chuck Ahlem, Karl Longley, Craig Pedersen, Ernie Pfanner, William Porter, Patricia Smith, Clifford Wisdom, Members; John Brown, SWRCB Liaison Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Cliff Wisdom

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Carlton, Tom Pinkos, Loren Harlow, James Pedri, Bert Van Voris, Bill Pfister, Stanley Gilbert, Shelton Gray, Rajeev Dwivedi, Inge Clarke, and Jeff Whittaker; Betsy Jennings and Frances McChesney, Counsels-SWRCB

OTHERS PRESENT

Joan Schraff, Senator Jim Costa's Office, Bakersfield
Patricia Gradek, Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield
David Mitchell, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources, Bakersfield
Joyce Jaszarowski, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources, Bakersfield
Brian Finlayson, Department of Fish and Game, Rancho Cordova
Patrick O'Brien, Department of Fish and Game, Rancho Cordova
William O'Rullian, Kern County Environmental Health Services, Bakersfield
Bill Maze, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Visalia
Fran Roudebush, Plumas County Board of Supervisors, Portola
Thomas C. Haslebacher, Kern County Water Agency, Bakersfield
Ron Boyd-Snee, Jamestown Sanitary District, Jamestown
Paul Oshel, Semitropic Water Storage District, Wasco
Kerry Zemp, Gotland Oil, Inc., Bakersfield
Bruce W. Cravins, Gotland Oil, Inc., Bakersfield
Barbara Bowser-Parker, Gotland Oil, Inc., Bakersfield
Ken Welch, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, NE
Mike Furtney, Union Pacific Railroad, San Francisco

L. J. "Pat" Herrera, Herrera International & Cal Energy Resources, Woodland Hills
Roger M. Uhl, Bennett Petroleum, Bakersfield
Tom Ladd, Petro Resources & Pyramid, Bakersfield
Joe Selgrath, Petrotech, Bakersfield
Larry Bright, Valley Waste Disposal Co., Bakersfield
David B. DelMar, Naftex Holdings, Ltd., Los Angeles
Suzanne Rogers, Morton Recycling, Inc., Taft
Mike Beck, Morton Recycling, Inc., Taft
Bob Morto, Morton Recycling, Inc., Taft
Maureen Rose, Friends of the River, Sacramento
Michael S. Sansing, Independent Oil Producers' Agency, Bakersfield
Linda Blum, Quincy
Harry G. Reeves, Quincy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the 411th Regular Meeting of 19 and 20 June 1997 were approved as written.

MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

2. The Board unanimously adopted and presented a Resolution of Appreciation for Jose Angel, departing staff member of the Fresno office.

UNCONTESTED ITEMS

3. NPDES Permits

97-162 City of Yuba City Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sutter County (amended)

MOTION: By Mr. Pfanner, seconded by Mr. Pedersen, and unanimously approved as amended.

4. Waste Discharge Requirements

97-163 City of Redding, Biosolids Application Project, Redding Municipal Airport Site, Shasta County

97-164 Big Hill Logging and Road Building, Inc., Gridley Log Yard, Butte County

97-165 Closure Waste Discharge Requirements for Royal Mountain King Mine Meridian Gold Company, R. E. and Mamie Lee Grimes, Ruel and Laverne Wilson, and Felix Mining Company, Calaveras County

97-166 Resolution Approving the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for City of Madera, Madera Municipal Airport, Closure of Pesticide Impacted Soils, Madera County

97-167 City of Madera, Madera Municipal Airport, Closure of Pesticide Impacted Soils, Madera County (amended)

97-168 Equinox Resources (California), Inc., and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Zenda Mine, Kern County (amended)

97-169 Lake Almanor Forest Owners Association, Plumas County

97-170 Basic Vegetables Products, L.P., Modesto Facility and Kraft General Foods, Inc., Stanislaus County

MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved as amended.

5. Water Quality Certifications

97-171 V.A. Rodden Ranch Project, Creation of Artificial Wetlands, Stanislaus County - Resolution Approving an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Proposed Creation of Artificial Wetlands

MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Ahlem, to adopt the proposed resolution. Unanimously approved.

6. Waste Discharge Requirements Rescissions

River Estates, Clint and Mary McClure, Tulare County, Order No. 84-110

97-172 MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Porter, and unanimously approved.

ENFORCEMENT

7. Morton Recycling, Inc., Soil Bioremediation Facility, Kern County - Consideration of Special Order Modifying Order No. 94-073, and a Cease and Desist Order

A public hearing was held. No one appeared to contest the adoption of the proposed orders.

97-173 MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adopt the special order modifying Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 94-073. Unanimously approved.

97-174 MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Butler to adopt the Cease and Desist Order. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (Land Disposal)

8. Oil Field Wastewater Sump Discharges in the Tulare Lake Basin, Kern County - the information provided in this item are part of the administrative record for items 10 and 11 below: Gotland Oil, Inc., Bennett Petroleum, Pacific Energy Resources, and Herrera International Oil & Minerals, Pyramid Oil Co., and Petro Resources, Inc., Oil Field Wastewater Disposal Facilities, Edison Oil Field

The staff report was presented by Stanley Gilbert. This item was presented for the Board's information only.

9. Discharge of Oil Field Produced Water to Sumps, Semitropic and Wasco Oil Fields - Consideration of Resolution Approving Initial Study and Negative Declaration, and Waste Discharge Requirements

The staff report was presented by Stanley Gilbert. Additional information was presented by Kerry Zemp,

Barbara Bowser-Parker, and Bruce Cravins, of Gotland Oil Inc.; Roger Uhl, Bennett Petroleum; Tom Haslenbacher, Kern County Water Agency; and Joan Schraff, Senator Costa's office.

MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Porter to table this item to a future date. Motion failed.

97-175 Resolution Approving the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for Bennett Petroleum, Wasco, Mushrush Lease

MOTION: By Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Pfanner to adopt the proposed resolution approving the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for Bennett Petroleum, Wasco, Mushrush Lease, as proposed.
Unanimously approved.

97-176 Bennett Petroleum, Wasco, Mushrush Lease

97-177 Gotland Oil, Inc, and Bennett Petroleum, Semitropic, Bradford Lease

97-178 Pacific Energy Resources, Inc., Semitropic, Elizabeth G. Williams Lease

97-179 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, BBJ-BAMB Lease

97-180 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Bradford B Lease

97-181 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, CD-Walter-Mitchell Lease

97-182 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Chapman-BHM Lease

97-183 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Community-CM Lease

97-184 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Hardesty-Vica Lease

97-185 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Johnson Lease

97-186 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Supreme Lease

97-187 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, USL Lease (amended)

97-188 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Williams-Elliot 15 Lease

97-189 Gotland Oil, Inc., Semitropic, Williams-Elliot 24 Lease

MOTION: By Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Pfanner to adopt the waste discharge requirements as amended.

10. Herrera Oil & Minerals International, Pyramid Oil Co., and Petro Resources, Inc., Oil Field Wastewater Disposal Facilities, Edison Oil Field, Kern County - Consideration of an Exemption from Basin Plan Maximum Salinity Limits for Oil Field Wastewater Discharges in the Edison Oil Field as regulated by General Order 92-110

A public hearing was held. The staff report was presented by Rajeev Dwivedi. Additional information was provided by Pat Herrera, Herrera Petroleum; and Tom Ladd, Petro Resources & Pyramid.

MOTION: By Mr. Pfanner, seconded by Mr. Porter, to deny the exemption from the Basin Plan salinity limitations. Unanimously approved.

(Note: Items 8 through 10 were recorded by a certified court reporter.)

11. Jamestown Sanitary District, Tuolumne County - Consideration of Waiver for Reuse of Exceptional Quality Wastewater Treatment Biosolids as Fertilizer and Soil Amendment

A public hearing was held. No one appeared to contest the adoption of the resolution waiving requirements for the use of exceptional quality wastewater treatment biosolids as fertilizer and soil amendment for the District.

97-190 MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adopt the Resolution waiving waste discharge requirements. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Union Pacific Railroad's Refusal to Construct New Bridge at Cantara Crossing to Prevent Spills

Information on this item was provided by staff member Jim Pedri of the Redding office; Ken Welch, Union Pacific; and Maureen Rose, Friends of the River.

MOTION: By Mr. Longley, seconded by Mr. Porter, that staff expeditiously proceed with a Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Board's consideration. Unanimously approved.

13. Lake Davis Rotenone Treatment, Plumas County - Continuation of Information Item

The staff report was presented by Jim Pedri. Additional information was provided by Bill Maze, Tulare County Supervisor; Harry Reeves; Brian Finlayson, Department of Fish and Game; Linda Blum; and Fran Roudebush, Plumas County Supervisor.

MOTION: By Mr. Pfanner, seconded by Mr. Longley, to hold a hearing to consider issuance of waste discharge requirements to monitor residual water quality impacts of the application of Rotenone in Lake Davis as proposed by the Department of Fish and Game. Unanimously approved.

14. The Board met in closed session to discuss pending litigation on the Petition of the Port of Stockton Seeking Review of Administrative Civil Liability Order, State Water Resources Control Board Order No. A-1080 [authorized under Government Code Section 11126(e)].

15. Board Member Communications

Mr. Ahlem discussed a meeting to be held on 22 August on dairy issues with other interested parties. Mr. Pfanner discussed several items of concern in Yolo County. Mr. Butler described to the Board Mr. Pfanner's and his review of various correspondence and testimony received from Dr. G. Fred Lee. Mr. Longley asked that staff keep the Board updated on Cal Fed's progress on improving water quality in the Delta. Mr. Schnabel noted he had attended meetings on dairy wastes, and the briefing of Congressman Pombo on Monday regarding military sites.

16. The Board received the Executive Officer's Report.

17. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to the 19 September 1997 meeting in Sacramento.

