

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
City of La Quinta
City Council Chambers
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by the Chair Ellen Way at 10:06 a.m. on September 16, 2010 at La Quinta, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Board Members Present:

Tom Davis, Jeff Hays, Red Martinez, Edward Muzik, Ellen Way. The Board Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Jose Angel, Terry Barnes, John Carmona, Mary Castañeda, Theresa Kimsey, Robert Perdue, Jonathan Rokke, Jennie Snyder, Joan Stormo, Doug Wylie, Nadim Zeywar.

Others Present:

Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
Vince Brooke, Imperial Irrigation District
Grant Chaffin, Riverside Co. Farm Bureau & Chaffin Farms
Brian Ching, City of La Quinta
Steve Charlton, Imperial Irrigation District
Ron Derma, Bard Water District
Johnny Gonzales, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality
Ilima Hawkins, USDA NRCS
Roger Henning, Palo Verde Irrigation District
Mark L. Johnson, Coachella Valley Water District
Al Kalin, Imperial County Farm Bureau
Ray Kolisz, Twentynine Palms Water District
Sherry Lai, MWD
Pete Nelson, Coachella Valley Water District

Steve Pastor, RCFB
Silvia Paz, Assemblyman V. Manuel Perez
Mike Pollack, Golden State Water Company
John Powell, Peter Rabbit Farms
Les Ramirez, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
David Saunders, Palo Verde Irrigation District
Jack Seiler, Palo Verde Irrigation District
Ed Smith, Palo Verde Irrigation District
Sara Toyoda, Indio Water Authority
Charles Van Dyke, Palo Verde Irrigation District
Tom Vandenberg, State Water Board, Office of the Chief Counsel
Robert Wegis, Grimmway Farms
Mike Wright, Twentynine Palms Water District
Greg Young, Cocopah Nurseries

MINUTES

1. Minutes of June 17, 2010 Board Meeting

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Red Martinez seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted as amended.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments.

UNCONTESTED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. R7-2010-0020 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **City of Imperial, Water Pollution Control Plant**, Imperial – Imperial County

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0020 be adopted.

4. R7-2010-0023 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **Imperial Irrigation District, Grass Carp Hatchery**, El Centro – Imperial County

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0023 be adopted.

5. R7-2010-0032 Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for **Twentynine Palms Water District, Owner/Operator, Fluoride Removal Water Treatment Plant, Class II Surface Impoundments**, Twentynine Palms – San Bernardino County

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0032 be adopted.

6. R7-2010-0045 Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) **Iron Mountain Pumping Plant WMF**, Earp – San Bernardino County, **Viceroy Gold – Castle Mountain**, Ivanpah – San Bernardino County

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0045 be adopted with errata.

UNCONTESTED ENFORCEMENT

7. R7-2010-0042 Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R7-2010-0042 in the Matter of **City of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Brawley – Imperial County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0042 be adopted with errata.

8. R7-2010-0046 Cease and Desist Order No. R7-2010-0046 issued to the **City of Westmorland, Owner/Operator Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP)**, Westmorland – Imperial County

MOTION: Ed Muzik moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0046 be adopted with errata.

RESOLUTION

9. R7-2010-0033 Amendment to the **Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region** to Establish a Conditional Prohibition and Implementation Plan for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges Originating within the Palo Verde Valley and the Palo Verde Mesa.

MOTION: Tom Davis moved, Ed Muzik seconded. The motion carried unanimously that discussion and consideration of adoption of Resolution No. R7-2010-0033 be continued to the January 20, 2011 Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Chair Ellen Way left the Board meeting and Vice-Chair Jeff Hays took her place)

10. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities — TV

The Board members did not have any questions about the informational update on State Water Board activities that Mr. Vandenberg previously provided to them.

11. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report — RP

No Report from Executive Officer.

12. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

No Report from Board Members.

13. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report — EW

No Report from Chair.

CLOSED SESSION

14. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)]; to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)]. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

a. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, November 18, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in La Quinta.

Adjournment: 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: Tom Davis moved, Ed Muzik seconded. The motion carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned.