



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting
October 9, 2014

City of Glendale
(Hearing Room)
613 E. Broadway
Glendale, California

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:05 am.

Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Fran Diamond, Madelyn Glickfeld, Irma Muñoz, Charles Stringer, and Lawrence Yee.

Board Members Absent: Maria Camacho and Maria Mehranian

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Nicole Kuenzi, Ronji Moffett, Geraldo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, David Hung, Renee Purdy, Cris Morris, Dr. Ginachi Amah, Michael Lyons, Thomas Siebels, Cassandra Owens, Rosario Aston, Elizabeth Erickson, Eric Wu, Mercedes Merino, Hugh Marley, Russ Colby, Chris Lopez, Jenny Newman, Jau Ren Chen, Raul Medina, Dr. CP Lai, Dr. Rebecca Chou, Dr. Arthur Heath, Shana Rapoport, Dr. L.B. Nye, Kristie Kao, Theresa Rodgers, Rebecca Christmann, Ivar Ridgeway, Steven Webb

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet and/or Speaker Cards

Table with 2 columns listing individuals and their affiliations, such as Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay and Ms. Esther Feldman, Community Conservation Solution.

CHARLES STRINGER, CHAIR | SAMUEL UNGER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms. Claudia Arellano, City of Vernon	Ms. Linda Lee Miller, L.A. County DPW
Ms. Evelina Mutkowski, County of Ventura	Mr. Arne Anselm, Ventura Watershed Protection
Mr. Richard Watson, Richard, Watson & Associates	Mr. Ed Suher, CASC Engineering, Representing El Monte
Ms. Catherine Tyrrell, RMC Water & Environment	Ms. Lisa Rapp, City of Lakewood
Ms. Konga Vivanti, City of Lakewood	Mr. Anthony Arevalo, City of Long Beach
Ms. Marta Brown, Building Industry Association	Ms. Terri Crain, SCV Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Sandonne Goad, San Gabrielino/Tonqua Nation	Mr. Christopher Blatter, Vopak Terminals
Mr. Rob Roy, VCAWQC	Mr. Mike Solomon, United Water Conservation District
Mr. Tony Morgan, United Water Conservation District	Mr. Martin Hernandez, County of Ventura Bureau of Sanitation
Ms. Gina N. Ha, City of Commerce	Mr. Gerald Greene, CWE Corporation
Mr. Rick Valte, City of Santa Monica	Mr. Hamid Tadayon, City of Los Angeles
Mr. B.J. Atkins, Atkins Environmental	Mr. Joe Hannah, self
Ms. Cynthia Gabeldon, CGRME	Mr. Bronwyn Kelly, self
Mr. Glenn Micko, L.A. DWP	Ms. Latoya Cyrus, City of San Dimas
Ms. Kimberly Colbert, Colbert Group	Ms. Samantha Marquez, Rep. Assemblyman Ian Calderon
Mr. Mark Palamountain, Limoneira	Ms. Alicia Thompson, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
Ms. Grace Hyde, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District	Mr. Phil Freiss, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
Ms. Sharon Green, LA County Sanitation District	Ms. Alyssa Curran, Community Conservation Solutions
Ms. Elizabeth Rodriguez, City of Irwindale	Mr. Jason Wen, self
Ms. Zora Baharians, City of Los Angeles	Ms. Ara Morsessian, Cordoba Corporation
Mr. Bernardo Iniguez, City of Bellflower	Ms. Meg Mowadi, City of Pomona
Ms. Julie Carver, City of Pomona	Mr. Mark Stanley, San Gabriel Discovery Center
Mr. Fernando Avcieneiga, Wilson High School Environmental Academy	Mr. Hubert Romero, San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps.
Ms. Erika DeHollan, L.A. County San. Districts	Mr. Raul Macias, Anahuac Socces Assoc.
Ms. Klarissa Palacias, L.A. Unified School District	Mr. Richard Shoja, Youth Seima
Mr. Damon Nagami, NRDC	Ms. Julia Bogany, Gabriden Tongr/San Gabriel Mission
Ms. Elva Yanez, Colibri Strategies	Ms. Kimberly Henry, San Gabriel River Discovery Center
Mr. Miguel Luna, Urban Semillas	Ms. Belinda Faustinos, San Gabriel Discovery Center Foundation
Ms. Joyce Dillard, Self	Mr. Ray Tahir, Rep. Various Cities
Ms. Cam Noltameyer, Rep. self	Mr. Noah Garrison, NRDC
Mr. Carl Kanowsky, Valley Industrial Assoc.	Mr. Frank Ferry, Rep. self
Ms. Holly Schroeder, SCVEDC	Ms. Jean Duarte, SCV One Water
Mr. Chris Fall, Rep. self	Mayor Laurene Weste, SCV Sanitation Districts
Ms. Ouise Rishoff, Rep. Senator Fran Pavley	Mr. Steve Cole, NCWD

Ms. Alyssa Curran, Rep. Assemblymember. Scott Wilk
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Council Member Boe Kellar, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
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2. Order of Agenda.

Executive Officer requested changed to the order of agenda, moving some items, and requested two items be moved to the consent calendar.

3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the September 11, 2014 Board meeting.

MOTION to approve the September 11, 2014 draft Board meeting Minutes.

First: Board member Fran Diamond

Second: Board member Lawrence

Vote: Approved unanimously

4. Board Member Communications.

*There was no communication that constituted disclosure.*

The EO announced the Uncontested items calendar as follows: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 15.

MOTION to approve the Uncontested Items calendar.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Vice Chair Irma Muñoz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

*Following the approval of the Uncontested items calendar, three Los Angeles Water board staff were presented with Superior, and Sustained Superior Accomplishment Awards:*

*Ms. Mercedes Merino, Superior Accomplishment*

*Mr. Raul Medina, Sustained Superior Accomplishment*

*Dr. C.P. Lai, Sustained Superior Accomplishment*

Item 10. Approval of proposed 2015 Board meeting schedule.

MOTION to approve the proposed 2015 Board meeting Schedule

First: Vice Chair Irma Muñoz

Second: Board member Lawrence Yee

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

*\*There was no update from State Board during this meeting.*

Item 10. Executive Officer's Report. *(Presented by Executive Officer, Samuel Unger)*

Report and Addendum Report was given to the Board. The Report was posted on the Board's website:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles>

12. Public Forum \*There were no speakers during the Public forum for this meeting.

**Informational Item.**

16. Update on the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Project.

Opening remarks were made by Mr. Russ Colby, Unit Chief in Enforcement Unit. (During Mr. Colby's presentation, the following points were made):

- Discussed the Administrative Civil Liability, that brought forth the Settlement Agreement
- There is \$2.2 million in Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) contribution, that will be released only when the San Gabriel River Project has \$13 million in funding. To date, \$9.8 million has been funded
- In order to have money released, proposing a revision to the Settlement Agreement (SEP Revision)
- Discussed current status

Mr. Mark Stanley, Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Discovery Center (Mr. Stanley made, but was not limited to the following points during his presentation.):

- Historic background
- Originally built by the Audubon Society
- The Center will provide opportunity for environmental education
- Program Element is water-based
- This is a three-part project
- The center serves over 5,000 kids
- The project construction will consolidate the buildings into one building
- The facility will be open to the public, and free of charge
- There will be Native American participation

Speaker cards.

- Mr. Hubert Romero (in support)
- Ms. Sandonne Goad (in support)
- Mr. David Downing, L.A. Unified School District (in support)
- Ms. Elva Ynez, Colibri Strategies (in support)
- Ms. Samantha Marquez, Rep. Assemblyman Ian Calderon (in support)
- Mr. Raul Macias, Anahuac Soccer Association (in support)
- Ms. Sharon Green, Sanitation Districts (in support)
- Mr. Peter Shallenberger, Heal the Bay (in support)
- Ms. Klarissa Palacias, LAUSD Rep. Board Member Monica Garcia (in support)
- Mr. Hugo Garcia (in support)
- Mr. Fernando Arcenega (in support)
- Mr. Ken Manning, Rep. San Gabriel River Discovery Center (in support)
- Mr. Damon Nagami, National Resource Defense Council (in support)
- Mr. Richard Shoja, Youth Service Center (in support)
- Ms. Julia Bogany, Gabrielen Tongr/San Gabriel Mission (in support)
- Ms. Kimberly Henry, San Gabriel River Discovery Center (in support)
- Mr. Miguel Luna, Urban Semillas (in support)
- Ms. Belinda Faustinos, San Gabriel River Discovery Center Foundation (in support)

## Board Questions:

- Applauded the project, asked how the remaining monies will be raised?
- Indicated that the project is needed for our youth and families. Believe it is needed in the San Gabriel Valley
- Encouraged Mr. Stanley to move forward with the remaining fund raising

Item 15. Consideration of proposed Basin Plan Amendment to revise the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River.

Staff Report by Ms. Jenny Newman, Unit Chief. TMDL 3. *(During Ms. Newman's presentation, she made, but was not limited to the following points.):*

- Amendments to the Basin Plan are to Revise the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL, and include incorporating an Averaging Period for Chloride Water Quality Objectives in Reaches 4b, 5, and 6, and to incorporate New Conditional site Specific Objectives in Reaches 5, and 6
- Discussed the History of the TMDL
- The original adoption of the TMDL was in 2002
- In 2003, State Board remanded the TMDL; the Regional Board re-adopted in 2003
- Regional Board revised the TMDL in 2006, and 2008
- In 2008, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District rejects the rate increase to fund AWRM
- In 2011 the District approved the rate increase to fund the AWRM
- The deadline to comply is 2015
- The District has requested an extension to July 2019 for the TMDL Implementation schedule
- Ms. Newman summarized the significant comments that were received
- The AWRM Program no longer exists

Ms. Grace Hyde, and Mr. Phil Freiss, Representing Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) Sanitation District presented jointly. *(During their presentation, the following points were made):*

- *The goal is to implement the Project in the shortest time possible*
- *Will continue to work closely with Regional Board staff*
- *The Project will remove all of the salts*
- *Los time when they were unable to fund the Project*
- *Short wave ultra violet light will affect pathogen DNA preventing reproduction*
- *The duration of the extension is less than the duration for similar projects*

## Speaker cards:

- Mayor Lawrence Weste, Rep. Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
- Council member Timben Boydston (opposed)
- Council member Bob Kellar (in support)
- Ms. Alyssa Curian, Rep. Assemblymember Scott Wilk
- Mr. Mark Hernandez, Rep. Supervisor Kathy Long, Ventura County
- Ms. Louise Rishoff, Rep. Senator Fran Pavley (in support)
- Mr. Alan Cameron, Rep. Affordable Clean Water Alliance (expressed some support and some opposition)
- Mr. Steve Cole, Newhall Valley Water District
- Mr. Rob Roy, Ventura County Ag Water Quality Coalition (in support)
- Mr. Tony Morgan, United Water Conservation District

- Ms. Cam Noltameyer, Representing self
- Ms. Marta Brown, Building Industry Association (in support)
- Mr. Michael Solomon, United Water Conservation District – Ventura County
- Ms. Terri Crain, SCV Chamber of Commerce (in support)
- Mr. Frank Ferry, Representing self (in support)
- Mr. Dan Masnada, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Ms. Holly Schroeder, Santa Clarita Valley EDC (in support)
- Ms. Jeanne Duarte, SCV1Water (in support)
- Mr. Carl Kanowsky, Valley Industrial Association (in support)
- Mr. Mark Palamountain, Limoneira
- Mr. Chris fall, Representing self (in support)
- Mr. B.J. Atkins, Newhall County Water District

#### Board Concerns:

- Asked Mr. Solomon whether or not there have been any impacts to your agriculture?
- Asked Mr. Solomon how will he make it through the next four years?
- Asked staff if we have complied with CEQA?
- What happens if schedules are not met?
- How soon will schedules be incorporated into the current plans?
- Were there any penalties and fees imposed in 2008 for non-compliance?
- Asked San Districts to elaborate about the interim injection
- Would like to see significant “teeth” built into this permit

MOTION: To approve the proposed Basin Plan amendment,

First: Board member Fran Diamond  
Second: Board member Lawrence Yee  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

#### BOARD WORKSHOP

Item 17. Workshop on the draft Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) submitted pursuant to Part VI.C of the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit. (Order No. R4-2012-0175)

Staff Report intro was made by Ms. Renee Purdy, Chief of Regional Programs section. *(During Ms. Purdy's remarks, she made, but was not limited to the following points):*

- Summarized Key Strengths
- Discussed General Areas of Improvement
- Indicated that this is a modeling exercise
- Guidelines were met and followed
- Probably going to need more detail, some drafts fall short in terms of the details
- Some Permittees are looking at Catch Basin retrofits
- Received four Comment letters on the draft Watershed Management Plans (WMPs)
- Category 1 and 2 pollutants have been addressed pretty well; Category 3 and 4 need more specificity
- Gave overview of Review to date
- Discussed Next Steps

## Permittees Presentations:

- Mr. Ed Suher, City of South El Monte
- Mr. Roby Howard, City of Walnut
- Mr. Ray Tahir, Gardena, Carson, Irwindale, West Covina, South El Monte, Lawndale
- Mr. Shahram Kharaghani, Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictional Grp. 7 area within City of L.A.
- Mr. Richard Watson, Ms. Adriana Figueroa, Mr. Steve Meyer, Mr. Anthony Arevalo, and Mr. John Hunter, Rep. L.A. River, Los Cerritos Channel, and Lower San Gabriel Watershed Committee
- Mr. Bill Johnson, Alamitos Bay, The County Island
- Dr. Gerald Greene, Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2
- Ms. Nicole Kelly, East San Gabriel Valley

## Environmental Groups' Presentation:

- Mr. Noah Garrison, National resource defense Counsel
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Laura Meeker, L.A. WaterKeeper
- Ms. Tatiana Gaur, L.A. WaterKeeper

## Interested Persons:

- Ms. Joyce Dillard

*The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm. (For more detailed information on any matter at our Meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or [ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov), and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or Audio, if available.)*

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11/06/14.