



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting
April 10, 2014

City of Glendale
(Council Chambers)
613 E. Broadway
Glendale, California

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:06 am.

Roll Call.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Nicole Kuenzi, Ronji Moffett, Geraldo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, David Hung, Rebecca Chou, Michael Lyons, Russ Colby, Cris Morris, Yue Rong, Dixon Oriola, Ejigu Solomon, Ann Lin, Dr. Arthur Heath, Raul Medina

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

Table with 2 columns listing individuals and their affiliations: Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District; Mr. Taewon Kim, Port of Los Angeles; Ms. Sharon Green, L.A. County Sanitation District; Mr. Ted Johnson, Water Replenishment District; Mr. Craig Cline, L. A. County Public Works; Mr. John Hunter, John Hunter & Associates; Ms. Lindsay Maire, SA Recycling; Mr. Shellenbarger, Heal the Bay; Ms. Liz Crosson, L.A Waterkeeper; Mr. Neil Barnsdale, Jensen Design & Survey, Limoneira Company

2. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer, Samuel Unger stated no changes to Order of Agenda.

3. Approval of draft meeting minutes for March 6, 2014 Board meeting.

(Board member Lawrence Yee mentioned some modifications that need to be taken care of, and other changes. The Board agreed to continue the draft minutes to a future meeting with further clarification, and changes on discussion that took place on one of the informational items during the meeting.)

MOTION: To approve the February 6, 2014 draft Meeting Minutes.

First: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board member Irma Muñoz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 4. Board Member Communications.

*There was no communication that constituted disclosure.*

Uncontested Items calendar:

The Executive Officer stated the Uncontested items as: Items 5, 6, 7 and 8.

- \*5. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Academy Middle School, Los Angeles (File No. 13-141)
- \*6. Port of Los Angeles, Berth 24/36 Maintenance Dredging, San Pedro; (File No. 13-113)
- \*7. Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements for Limoneira Company-Limoneira Wastewater Treatment Plant (File No. 66-066)
- \*8. Consideration of tentative Resolution adopting the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant (EAR) Account Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Priority Site List for the Los Angeles Region.

MOTION: To approve Items 5, 6, 7, and 8.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Maria Camacho

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

9. Public Forum. (*Speakers were as follows*):

- Mr. John Hunter, Lower Los Angeles/San Gabriel Watersheds
- Mr. Roy Cruz, L.A. County Department of Public Works

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>

Item 12. Consideration of amendment to the Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements for the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds project for Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and Water Replenishment District of Southern California (Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant, Pomona WRP, San Jose WRP)

Staff Report presented by Ms. Cris Morris (*During Ms. Morris' presentation, she made, but was not limited to the following points*):

- Purpose of amendment is to increase the amount of water
- Water Replenishment District purchases the water
- Recharge is accomplished by percolated water
- The proposed amended order will increase water from 35% to 45% contribution limit
- The increase will save 3.8 million gallons per year of imported water (or 15 acres).

*Mr. Robb Whitaker, Water Replenishment District (in support), indicated that adoption of the amendment will help the district to not have to cut-back in recycled water use.*

*Ms. Ann Heil, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (in support) indicated that this is important considering the current drought conditions in Southern California.*

Board member concerns/comment:

- Believe the project is important given Governor Brown's declaring the drought
- Would like consideration on how we deal with the salt management?
- Asked the Water Replenishment District to meet with the Executive Officer and
- Regional Board staff

MOTION: To adopt the Amended Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements as proposed by Regional Board staff.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Maria Camacho

Vote: Approved unanimously

Item 13. Update on status of the Cleanup and Redevelopment activities at the former Boeing C-1 Facility, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

*\*Chair Charles Stringer excused himself the room during this Informational update.*

Opening remarks were made by Regional Board staff, Ana Townsend. She discussed the history of the site, and gave background, and a remediation overview. Ms. Townsend indicated that there has been public participation, and community outreach to residents and businesses. The Regional Board has worked with Boeing on this project as a collaborative effort.

Boeing project presentation was made by Mr. Steve Shestag, The Boeing Company. Mr. Shestag made, but was not limited to the following points:

- Cleanup has been a great success
- Douglas Aircraft developed the site in 1941
- Investigation and cleanup began in the early 1990s
- Decision to close this plant was made in early 2000s
- The redevelopment will promote economic growth

Mr. Bob Scott, The Boeing Company jointly presented with Mr. Shestag, and made, but was not limited to the following points during his presentation:

- Comprehensive Assessment program was developed
- There were over 700 ground water sample locations
- There were over 3200 sample locations taken

- In 2013 began the process of development of a large scale treatment system
- Douglas Park Development is a state of the art development with a hotel and many other businesses

## Board statements/questions:

- Inquired about success with hexavalent chromium cleanup
- Expressed being pleased with the presentation
- What are the elements of long-term ground water remediation

Item 14. Update on status of efforts by Los Angeles Waterkeeper to ensure unpermitted industrial facilities are in compliance with the General Industrial Stormwater Permit and the Clean Water Act, and suggestions for moving forward in collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Water Board and its staff.

Mr. Ejigu Solomon, Unit Chief Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement gave introductory remarks.

Ms. Liz Crosson, L.A. Waterkeeper discussed the following:

- L.A. Waterkeeper programs
- Activities of the Stormwater Assessment Team (SWAT)
- Current state of LA waterbodies that are impaired
- There are almost 3,000 industrial site in Region 4
- Objective of LA Waterkeeper is to find the facilities that are operating without a permit, and inform Regional Board staff
- Talked about Citizen Enforcement, under the Clean Water Act (CWA) which indicates that if a violator does not comply with the Clean Water Act, or with any regulatory agency's enforcement actions, then any person or entity that is either is or might be adversely affected by any violation has the right to file a citizen suit against the violator
- Most of the cases settle
- The goal of the LA Waterkeeper is to be transparent
- Believe keys to success include collaborative process

Board entered closed session at 12:40;

*The meeting adjourned at 1:29 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.)*

Written and submitted by:  then finalized on 05/09/14.

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