



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Draft Minutes of March 3, 2005 Regular Board Meeting held at  
City of Simi Valley Council Chambers  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA.

### INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Cloke at 9:17 a.m.

#### Board Members Present

Julie Buckner-Levy, Susan Cloke, Fran Diamond, Bonny Herman, Mary Ann Lutz, H. David Nahai, Timothy Shaheen

#### Board Members Absent

Brad Mindlin

#### Staff Present

Deborah Smith, David Bacharowski, Ronji Harris, Michael Lauffer, Nancy Sutley, Robert Sams, Stephen Cain, Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski, Paula Rasmussen, Melinda Becker, Renee DeShazo, Samuel Unger, Elizabeth Erickson, Deborah Neiter, Cassandra Owens, Mazhar Ali

#### Others Present

Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay	Mr. Mike Shay, City of Redondo Beach
Mr. Gregory Kind, City of Redondo Beach	Mr. Richard Montevideo, Rutan & Tucker
Ms. Sharon Green, L.A. County Sanitation District	Ms. Anita Kuhlman, City of Camarillo
Mr. Todd Priest, Building Industry Association	Mr. Hank Giclas, Western Growers
Mr. Richard Nali, Tenby, Incorporated	Mr. E.J. Remson, The Nature Conservancy
Mr. Ken Borngrebe, Southern California Edison	Ms. Shirley Pak, CALTRANS
Mr. Carlos Santos, TECS Environmental	Mr. Rex Laird, Farm Bureau
Ms. Tess Dunham, Larry Walker & Associates	Mr. Cris Pete, Newhall Land & Farming
Mr. Mark Pumford, City of Oxnard	Ms. Susana Turney, City of Arcadia
Mr. Guy Witney, California Avocado Commission	Mr. Jim Marchese, City of Los Angeles
Mr. Alan Nelsen, Water Resource Engineering Association	Mr. Brian Holly, Water Resource Engineering Association
Mr. Lou Hagy, Water Resource Engineering Association	Ms. Elizabeth Crawford, Representing Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks
Mr. Richard Hajas, Camrosa Water District	Mr. Sam McIntyre, Somas Pacific Agriculture

### *California Environmental Protection Agency*



*Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.*

Mr. Dan Detmer, United Water Conservation District	Ms. Katherine Domeny, State Water Resources Control Board
Ms. Isabel Birrueta, Demetrious, Del Guercio, Springer & Francis, et al	Mr. Rob Roy, Ventura County Agricultural Association
Mr. Andrew Casana, California Restaurant Association	Mr. Richard Watson, Representing Coalition for Practical Regulation

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Roll Call.
2. Order of Agenda.

*The Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Deborah Smith recommended the following changes to the agenda:*

- *Item 10, Chevron Products Company, to be continued to a future meeting.*
- *Item 13, City of Los Angeles Hyperion Treatment Plant, to be continued to a future meeting.*
- *Item 14, Ormond Beach Covenant Not To Sue, to be continued to a future meeting.*

**MOTION:** By Board Member David Nahai, seconded by Board Member Mary Ann Lutz, and approved on a voice vote.

3. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the January 27, 2005 Board Meeting.

**MOTION:** *Board Member David Nahai made a motion to approve the draft meeting Minutes for the January 27, 2005 Board Meeting.*

Seconded by Board Member Mary Ann Lutz, and approved on a voice vote.

4. Board Member Communications.

*Board Member Mary Ann Lutz participated in a Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Water Policy Task Force meeting.*

*Board Member Fran Diamond participated in a meeting with Tree People regarding Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs).*

*Chair Susan Cloke participated in a meeting with Deputies for Supervisor Don Knabe, and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky on water quality related issues.*



#### 4.1. Recognition.

*Chair Susan Cloke presented a plaque to State Water Resources Control Board Member Nancy Sutley in appreciation for her service as the liaison between the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.*

#### 5. Executive Officers Report.

*Deborah Smith, Deputy Chief Executive Officer gave an update on the Proposition 50 Grants. Ms. Smith briefed the Board on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Regional Boards, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Toxic Substances Control and California Environmental Protection Agency for oversight of investigation and cleanup activities at Brownfield sites, and informed the Board that this agreement was recently signed by the Executive Officer.*

#### 6. Public Forum.

*Mr. William Eick, Representing the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association asked the Board to issue fines to the Angeles National Golf Course for its numerous violations of Federal and State law to the Tujunga Wash in particular for these violations.*

*Chair Susan Cloke asked Michael Lauffer, Staff Attorney if he had remarks pertaining to this matter.*

*Mr. Michael Lauffer, Staff Counsel indicated that staff has been gathering information pertaining to this site, and as more information develops, staff will continue exploring options to move forward with enforcement actions.*

*Mr. Rob Roy, Representing the Ventura County Agricultural Water Quality Coalition expressed his concerns regarding the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's two waste water treatment plants that discharge over 20 million gallons of effluent daily into the Santa Clara River. Mr. Roy indicated that the chloride concentrations have increased and are currently above the level allowed by their discharge permit. Mr. Roy stated that the water quality of the watershed is being degraded and requested the Board's assistance in resolving this issue.*

#### 7. Uncontested Items Calendar.

*The uncontested calendar was noted as: 8, 9, 11 and 12 by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer. There was a motion to approve the uncontested items calendar.*

**MOTION:** By Board Member Mary Ann Lutz, seconded by Board Member Julie Buckner-Levy and approved on a voice vote.

8. (Item 15), Basin Planning Priorities for 2005-2007 (Triennial Review).

*Ms. Renee DeShazo, Board staff, gave the presentation. She clarified the purpose of the Triennial Review and discussed resources available for Basin Planning activities over the next three years. In addition, Ms. DeShazo summarized the eleven high priority issues to be addressed over the next three years, and responded to the concerns expressed in the various comment letters that were received.*

Public Speakers:

Mr. Andrew Casana, California Restaurant Association  
Mr. Clayton Miller, Construction Industry Coalition of Water Quality  
Mr. Todd Priest, Building Industry Association of California  
Council Member Larry Forester, City of Signal Hill  
Mr. Richard Montevideo, Representing Coalition for Practical Regulation  
Mr. Richard Watson, Representing Coalition for Practical Regulation  
Ms. Sharon Green, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Ms. Carrie Inciong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay  
Dr. Gerry Greene, City of Downey, Representing the Executive Advisory Committee  
Mr. Mark Pumford, City of Oxnard

MOTION: *Board Member Fran Diamond made a motion to adopt the proposed Resolution with the modifications to address the eleven high priority issues*

*The Resolution was modified as a logical outgrowth of public comments and Board deliberation to add an additional item, R-39, to the list of priorities to be addressed over the next three years. The purpose of the item, as described in the final resolution, is to “Convene a wet-weather task force, initially led by the Regional Board and comprised of representative stakeholders in the Region, to identify a menu of project concepts addressing wet-weather concerns as they relate to water-Quality standards. Bring the menu of project concepts before the Regional Board for its consideration and prioritization” A resource allocation of 0.1 PY is assigned to this task.*

*Seconded by Board Member David Nahai, and approved on a voice vote.  
Board Member Bonny Herman voted in opposition on this matter.*

Lunch Break: *Taken at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20*

10. (Item 16) Public Workshop to consider an Order to waive Waste Discharge Requirements from Irrigated Lands.

*Mr. Sam Unger gave the staff presentation, and summarized the regulatory background, outreach efforts, and components of the conditional waiver. Mr. Unger also presented other key issues which included costs of compliance, the frequency and extent of monitoring that will be required for the waiver, and the status of agricultural waivers in other regions of the State.*



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Mr. Cris Perez, Newhall Land and Farming Company

Mr. Richard Hajas, Camrosa Water District

Mr. Dan Detmer, United Water Conservation District

Mr. Ken Borngrebe, Southern California Edison

Ms. Isabel Birrueta, Demetriou, Del Guerio, Springer & Francis

Mr. John Matthews, Representing Pleasant Valley County Water District

11. Adjournment of Current Meeting.

*The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005 at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA beginning at 9:00 a.m.*

Minutes adopted at the \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Board meeting submitted/amended.

Written and submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_.

