



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
April 1, 2010 Board Meeting
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Ann Lutz at 9:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chair Mary Ann Lutz, Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld, Steve Blois, Fran Diamond, and Jeanette Lombardo

Board Members Absent: Maria Mehranian.

Staff Present: Tracy Egoscue, Deborah Smith, Sam Unger, Ronji Harris, Jennifer Fordyce, Jeff Ogata, Jack Price, Paula Rasmussen, David Hung, Rebecca Christmann, Renee Purdy, Ginachi Amah, Don Tsai, Veronica Cuevas, Don Tsai, Wen Yang, Rod Nelson, Cassandra Owens, Raul Medina, Arthur Heath, Noori Alavi, and Adnan Siddiqui

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet

Mr. Kerjon Lee, L.A. County Flood Control Dist.	Ms. Jennifer Voccola, City of Malibu
Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay	Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District
Mr. Brian Louie, L.A. County Sanitation District	Mr. Chuck Dowdell, L.A. County Sanitation Dist.
Ms. Alicia Ng, L.A. County Sanitation District	Mr. Michael Milhisu, City of La Mirada
Ms. Susan Paulsen, Flow Science	Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu
Ms. Gina Nila, City of Commerce	Ms. Melissa Thorme, Downey Brand
Mr. Daniel Ryan, City of Burbank	Mr. Geremen Arnemi, L.A. County DPW
Mr. Gus Dembegiotes, City of Los Angeles BOS	Mr. Alvin Cruz, City of Burbank
Ms. Michelle Mehta, NRDC	Ms. Susie Santilena, Heal the Bay
Ms. Jacqy Gamble, Las Virgenes MWD	Mr. Kevin Coyne, LA
Mr. Gene Lucero, Latham & Watkins	Mr. Rodney Andersen, City of Burbank

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

Item 2. Order of Agenda.

There were no changes to the Order of agenda.

Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for November 5, 2010

MOTION: To approve the draft November 5, 2009 draft Meeting Minutes.

First: Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld
Second: Board Member Fran Diamond
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

MOTION: To approve the March 4, 2010 draft Meeting Minutes with edits proposed by Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld.

First: Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld
Second: Board Member Jeanette Lombardo
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 4. Board Member Communications.

There were no communications reported by the Board that constitute disclosure for this item.

Item 5. Executive Officers Report

Report and Addendum Report was given to the Board. No verbal report was given at this meeting. The Report was posted on the Board's website:

www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo_reports/eo_reports.html

Item 5.a. Board Checklist.

There was no discussion or questions regarding the Board Checklist.

Item 5.b. Update from State Board.

Ms. Fran Spivy-Weber indicated that the Toxicity Policy goal is May 1, 2010, and that the Policy was delayed due to revisions. She indicated that the Once through Cooling is slated to be on the State Board's agenda for the May 4, 2010 for consideration by State Board.

Item 6. Public Forum.

- Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu
- Mr. Gene Lucero, Latham &n Watkins, Rep. Malibu Lumber
- Mr. Kerjon Lee, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
- Mr. Richard Gomez, L.A. County Flood Control District



Approval of Uncontested Calendar.

Executive Officer Tracy Egoscue announced the Consent items as follows: 7, 8, 9, and 10.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Item(s): 7, 8, 9, and 10.

First: Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board Member Jeanette Lombardo

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 11. Consideration of proposed Resolution to adopt Basin Planning Priorities for the 2008-2010 Triennial Review period.

Staff Report. Ms. Renee Purdy, and Ginachi Amah. *(In their joint presentation, the following points were made.)*

- Gave an Overview
- Summary of recommended List of projects
- Objective to formerly identify projects
- Based on current science
- Required to review water quality standards once every three years
- The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface waters and ground waters
- Developed based on EPA guidelines and recommendations
- Talked about the general Triennial Review process
- Discussed the recommended projects
- Discussed available Basin Planning resources
- Will modify implementation provisions based on new federal regulation
- Since 1995, there have been 59 amendments the Basin Plan
- Commenter contend that the Regional Board should have included more information
- Recommend the Board adopt tentative addressing 7 priority issues

Public Comment:

- Mr. Richard Montevideo (opposed)
- Dr. Susan Paulsen, Flow Science (opposed)
- Ms. Jennifer Voccola, City of Malibu (in support)
- Mr. Ray Tahir, Rep. Cities of Irwindale, S. El Monte, and Inglewood (opposed)
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Michelle Mehta, NRDC and Santa Monica Baykeeper
- Ms. Jacqy Gamble, Las Virgenes MWD (read a statement into the record from Dr. Randal Orton, LVMWD) (in support)

Closed Session Break taken at 11:30 am

Reconvened at 1:35 pm

Board questions, concerns and comments:

- Want to make sure we are achieving the highest quality water for recreation and to make sure the water has improved with the bacterial TMDLs.
- Can we look at and factor the cost of not keeping the beaches clean?
- Why isn't the atmospheric deposition included as a priority?
- How many items are incomplete from the last triennial review?
- How long have we been working on the hydromodification process?
- How far along are we percentage-wise for the design storm?

MOTION: To approve the 2008-2010 Basin Planning Priorities list as proposed by staff, with changes as noted:

- On Page 11-11 of tentative Resolution, Unger G, sub-bullet adds Salt Nutrient Plan for #7; add "including assistance in the development of Salt and Nutrient Management Plans per the State Water Board Recycled Water Policy."

First: Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board Member Jeanette Lombardo

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 12, City of Burbank (Burbank Water Reclamation Plant), Burbank

Item 13, City of Los Angeles (Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant), Los Angeles

Item 14, City of Los Angeles (Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant), Los Angeles

(Regional Board staff presented these items as a joint presentation.)

Staff presentation. Ms. Rebecca Christmann. *(During her presentation, Ms. Christmann made, but was not limited to the following points.)*

- Talked about the Settlement Agreement
- Reasonable Potential Analysis (RPA)
- Monitoring frequency
- Proposed changes to permits include updated TMDL and 303(d) list findings
- Cities would like effective date of permit to be the date of adoption, rather than 50 days after adoption
- The effective date is not part of the Settlement Agreement

Public comment:

- Mr. Daniel Rynn, City of Burbank (in support)
- Mr. Gus Dembegiotes, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (in support)
- Ms. Susie Santilena, Heal the Bay (strongly oppose the WER provision by discharger)

Board questions, concerns and comments:

- Asked if there are other solutions besides making the permit effective immediately?

- When does this permit come up for renewal?
- Does the Settlement Agreement include the RPA?
- Does the Settlement Agreement include the WERs?
- Asked clarification about the liability issues on page 12-158?

MOTION: To adopt the permit as recommended by staff with edit as proposed by staff.

First: Board Member Fran Diamond

Second: Board Member Steve Blois

Vote: Approved unanimously

Item 15. Overview of the Environmental Issues Associated with Playa Vista.

Staff presentation was presented by Dr. Noori Alavi, Site Cleanup III Unit. (*Mr. Alavi made but was not limited to the following points in his presentation*).

- Gave a Site Use Chronology
- Discussed the key areas of environmental concern
- Discussed significant remediation progress to date, and clean-up accomplishments
- Other agencies involved include City of Los Angeles, CA DTSC, CA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm. The Draft Minutes may be approved, rescinded or modified at the May 6, 2010 Board meeting.

Written and submitted by: _____, then finalized on
Ronji R. Harris

