



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting
December 8, 2011
City of Glendale
Council Chambers
613 E. Broadway
Glendale, California

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Fran Diamond at 9:13 am.

Chair Fran Diamond swore in and rendered and had repeated an Oath to two newly appointed Board members, Maria Luisa Camacho, and Irma Muñoz. Board member Maria Mehranian was reaffirmed, and also was rendered and repeated an Oath.

Item 2. Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Maria Camacho, Fran Diamond, Madelyn Glickfeld, Mary Ann Lutz, Maria Mehranian, Irma Muñoz, and Charles Stringer.

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sam Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Ronji Moffett, Jennifer Fordyce, Alex Carlos, Sarah Olinger, Frances McChesney, David Hung, Renee Purdy, Jenny Newman, Stephanie Hada, Cassandra Owens, Hugh Marley, Dr. Don Tsai, Raul Medina, Rosario Aston, Brandi Outwin-Beals

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

Ms. Jemelle Cruz, L.A. County DPW	Mr. Hassan Rad, City of Los Angeles BOS
Ms. Alma Rivas, Mujeres De La Tierra	Ms. Robyn Stuber, USEPA Region 9
Mr. Todd Rother, LA DWP	Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District
Mr. Hiddo D. Nuto, CLA	Ms. Jennifer Pinkerton, LA DWP
Mr. Peter Peurom, Forest Lawn	Ms. Uzi Daniel, West Basin MWD
Ms. Elizabeth Sab, West Basin	Ms. Katherine Rubin, LADWP
Mr. Brian Mastin, CEMEX	Mr. Joe Walters, West Basin
Ms. Tatiana Gaur, Santa Monica BayKeeper	Mr. Daniel Rynn, City of Burbank

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Item 3. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer stated that Item 20 is being continued, and asked that Items 16, and 21 be placed on the Consent calendar.

A member asked that Item 21 remain off the Consent calendar.

Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the October 6, 2011 Board meeting.

MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for the October 6, 2011 meeting. (*Board member Maria Mehranian abstained because she was not in attendance at this meeting.*)

First: Board vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz
Second: Board Member Charles Stringer
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the November 10, 2011 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for the November 10, 2011 meeting.

First: Board member Maria Mehranian
Second: Board member Charles Stringer
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

(Board member Mary Ann Lutz abstained because she left the November 10, 2011 meeting due to conflict of interest; Board members Maria Camacho, and Irma Munoz abstained because they were not on the Board during these two meetings.)

Item 5. Board Member Communications.

There were no communications that constituted disclosure.

Item 6. Executive Officer's Report

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 7. Enforcement Report. (Paula Rasmussen)

Ms. Rasmussen gave an oral report during this meeting. In her report she indicated the following:

- Discussed Enforcement Summary totals by Program for October 2011
- Summarized the Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) Initiative backlog
- T & T Family Trust has filed a petition with State Board that is now pending State Board action
- County Sanitation District #2 and Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District have agreed to pay their fines for their violation. A sum of the monies will go to the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) fund
- Discussed the SEP list project status
- Discussed the Expedited Payment Letter Progress

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- Issued a proposed Consent Judgment against City of South Pasadena for failure to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements.

Item 7. Nominating Committee. *Chair Fran Diamond asked for volunteers for the nominating committee for the 2012 Chair and Vice Chair. Board Members Irma Muñoz, and Charles Stringer volunteered to be on the committee.*

Item 8. Update from State Board.

There was no report from State Board during this meeting.

Approval of Uncontested Calendar.

Executive Officer Sam Unger announced the Consent items as follows: Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Item(s): Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz
Second: Board Member Maria Mehranian
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 7. Public Forum Speakers:

- Ms. Jemellee Cruz, L.A. County Flood Control District
- Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Tatiana Gaur, Santa Monica BayKeeper
- Ms. Susie Santilena, Heal the Bay

Item 17. Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Los Angeles (Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant), Los Angeles, and Item 18, City of Los Angeles (Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant) were presented jointly.

Staff Report by Ms. Brandi Outwin-Beals, Unit Chief Permitting (*Ms. Beals made, but was not limited to the following points in her presentation.*)

- Updated requirements include constituents of emerging concern (CEC) Special Study
- Metals limits recaptured and modified
- Cadmium and wet weather are consistent with the L.A. Metals TMDL
- The City expressed challenges meeting ammonia limits in TMDL
- Tillman showed no exceedances, except in October 2011 showed an exceedance of 1.5
- Delisting may be considered for next cycle
- Time Schedule Order (TSO) was not anticipated when this permit was being issued
- Heal the Bay proposed that the City be required to maximize water recycling, and believe the City should develop a work plan to determine the flows necessary to protect the L.A. River
- Discussed water quality based effluent limits
- Permit has a chronic toxicity reporting requirement

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Mr. Hassan Rad, P.E., City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (*Discussed the future of the City's Water Recycling Program*)

Public Comment:

- Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay

Board Comments:

- Asked clarification as to why we have a higher limit for Los Angeles (Tillman) than for Glendale
- Directed staff to not separate Time Schedule Orders (TSOs) from the permits in the future
- There were questions regarding the TMDL standards
- Concerns about what the Board's authority is over recycled water

MOTION: To adopt the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for Item 17, the City of Los Angeles' (Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant), and the Change sheet.

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz
Second: Board Member Maria Mehranian
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

MOTION: To adopt the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for Item 18, the City of Los Angeles' (Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant), and the Change sheet.

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz
Second: Board Member Maria Mehranian
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 19. Consideration of tentative NPDES permit for the West Basin Municipal Water District's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Plant

Staff Report. Ms. Brandi Outwin-Beals (*Ms. Beals made, but was not limited to the following points, during her presentation.*)

- Will bring for adoption consideration in February 2012
- Discussed updated requirements
- New limits added for ammonia
- Increased discharge from 4.5 to 5.2 mgd
- Regional Board met and discussed comments with Heal the Bay
- Regional Board and USEPA staff met with representatives of West Basin MWD on November 22, 2011
- Will be including comments in the draft
- Today is the last day of the comment period

Public comment/Interested Parties

- Ms. Uzi Daniel, Representing West Basin

Board comments:

- Commended West Basin on their operations

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- What are the new limits for Ammonia, and why are they changed?

Item 21. Berth 156 Dredging (Los Angeles Harbor), San Pedro.

Staff Report. Mr. Michael Lyons, Staff Biologist.

- The goal of this project is to redevelop Berth 156 within the Los Angeles Harbor
- The proposed project includes moving removing the existing structures, some timber piles, timber bulkhead in the Berth 156 area
- There would be construction of the new steel and sheet pile bulkhead wall and construction of four new mooring dolphins at the berth
- Only two details have changed since the adoption of the Order
- Discussed disposal and reuse of sediment

Board questions and concerns:

- Concerns about the ability to have 100 percent reuse for the ports dredging waste
- Concerns with providing a permanent site for the waste
- Believe the ports should be trying to find a site for the dredge from the other smaller places can be stored until use for them can be found

There was much discussion on this matter. MOTION: To adopt the tentative requirements.

First: Board member Maria Mehranian

Second: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz

Vote: Approved

Opposed: Board Member Madelyn Glickfeld voted in opposition for this permit.

Item 22. Information Item: County Sanitation District provided an update on the "Clearwater Project". Presentation was given by Mr. Steve Neiter, L.A. County Sanitation District. (*During Mr. Neiter's presentation, he made, but was not limited to the following points*)

- Discussed the Clean Water Program
- Service area extends Joint Outfall System (JOS)
- 400 million gallons of water treated
- Clearwater Program objectives
- System capacity
- Recycled Water
- Address aging infrastructure
- Water Quality Requirements

(For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or rmoffett@waterboards.ca.gov and she may provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio.)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

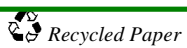
Written and submitted by: _____, then finalized on
Ronji R. Moffett

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