

**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting  
 May 2, 2013  
 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
 700 North Alameda Street  
 Los Angeles, California 90017

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Maria Mehranian at 9:17 am.

1. Roll Call.

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

Board Members Absent: Maria Camacho

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Ronji Moffett, Alex Carlos, Renee Purdy, Dr. L.B. Nye, David Hung, Hugh Marley, Russ Colby, Ejigu Solomon, Cassandra Owens, Michael Lyons, Dr. Ginachi Amah, Dr. Arthur Heath, Dr. Yue Rong, Dr. Eric Wu, Dixon Oriola, Alex Alimohammadi, Harumi Goya, Sean Lee, Ivar Ridgeway, Tracy Woods, Thanhloan Nguyen, Luz Vargas, Shana Rapoport

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

Ms. Ann Heil, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	Mr. Mark Lombos, L.A. County Flood Control District
Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay	Ms. Tatiana Gaur, L.A. Waterkeeper
Mr. William Terry, Eagle Rock Aggregates	Mr. Joe Gully, L.A. County Sanitation Districts
Ms. Rosalie Hanft, Rep. Steven Scott Hanft	Mr. Nick Buhbe, Great Ecology
Mr. Arne Anselm, Ventura County Watershed Protection Division	Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Ventura County Watershed Protection Division
Ms. Heather Maloney, L.A. Permit Group	Mr. Mark Kenyon, North East Trees
Mr. Rene Juarez, Representing self	Ms. Ashli Desai, Calleguas Creek Watershed
Mr. Joseph Deakin, Stakeholders Implementing TMDLs on the Calleguas Creek Watershed	

2. Order of Agenda.

Item 9, Equilon Enterprises, LLC, was continued. Item 15, Petroleum Tank Emergency Abandoned Recalcitrant Account Resolution was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for March 7, 2013 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the draft Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2013.

First: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board member Lawrence Yee

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 4. Board Member Communications.

*There was no communication that constituted disclosure.*

Item 5. 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 5.a. Enforcement Report.

The report consisted of Enforcement Highlights, and Program Overview. *(During the presentation by Mr. Ejigu Solomon, Unit Chief of Stormwater, and Hugh Marley, Chief of Enforcement and Stormwater Compliance section, the following points were made, but not limited to during their presentation):*

- *There was a recent Settlement Agreement for City of Santa Clarita*
- *There was a recent 13267 Order for Sepulveda Basin Vegetation Removal Project*
- *Stormwater uses an integrated approach to regulate storm*
- *The industrial Permit has been in place since 1997*
- *Discussed the Construction Stormwater General Permit*
- *In moving forward, plan to target more industrial sectors, and plan to continually train and expand staff*

Item 6. Update from State Board. *(There was no update for this meeting.)*

Uncontested items calendar:

The Executive Officer, Sam Unger asked that the Board consider approval of the Uncontested Items calendar as: Items 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

MOTION: To approve the Uncontested Items calendar as Items 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Fran Diamond

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 7. Public Forum

- Mr. Mark Kenyon, North East Trees
- Ms. Heather Maloney, L.A. Permit Group
- Mr. Mark Lombos, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
- Ms. Rosalie Hanft, Representing Steven Scott Hanft
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Tatiana Gaur, LA Waterkeeper

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Closed Session break at 12:30 pm. Reconvened at 1:35 pm

*Board member Irma Munoz left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.*

Item 15. Consideration of tentative Resolution adopting the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant (EAR) Account Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Priority List for the Los Angeles Region.

Staff Report. Mr. Yue Rong, Program Manager for the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section (*Mr. Rong made, but was not limited to the following points during his presentation*):

- All of the sites nominated are coming from the USEPA I-710 Corridor Project
- The differences between a Cleanup fund, and EAR is the Cleanup fund is a reimbursement fund, and the EAR collects funds back through a lien on property
- Staff did not receive any public comments for this matter
- Gave background information for the Juarez Carwash which is a nominated site for the EAR funds
- Over the past year, staff has been trying to find eligible funding for the site
- Staff is currently researching on the previous responsible parties for this site

*(Regional Board staff's, Ms. Veronica Cuevas translated the testimony of Mr. Juarez)*

*Mr. Juarez indicated that he is happy with the way things are developing and moving forward towards the cleanup of his car wash, but that he is sad because if things proceed as planned, he is going to have a lien put on his property and he does not earn enough money, and does not know how to remove the lien from the property.*

*Mr. Juarez indicated that he was previously awarded \$75,000 but has not used the monies for the site yet. Mr. Juarez expressed concerns that his livelihood will not allow him to hold on to his car wash, and that his only other source of income is from social security, and he practically breaks even with the income from the car wash. He expressed that his biggest fear is that he will be forced to sell his land.*

Board questions and concerns.

- The Board express concern for Mr. Juarez's situation and want to support if possible
- The Board was concerned that Mr. Juarez has a clear understanding of the EAR Process, and that there will be no enforced lien is in place on his property,
- The Board expressed that the property owner has shown a good-faith effort in this process
- The Board asked to be updated on the process, this situation, and how it is going, and expressed interest

Counsel Jennifer Fordyce clarified how the Ear Account process works, and that the Board can certainly express that it believes that this site is a high priority of the six sites, and why. She explained that the site would likely still result in a lien on the property.

MOTION: To adopt the tentative Resolution for the EAR list, and expressing to State Board that the Regional Board does not want an enforced lien for this property.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

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Item 16. Consideration of tentative Resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) to administratively update “Chapter 3: Water Quality Objectives” by incorporating previously adopted amendments and updated tables”.

Staff Report. Dr. Ginachi Amah gave the staff report. (*During Dr. Amah’s presentation, she made, but was not limited to the following points*):

- *Discussed components of the Administrative Update*
- *Discussed Bacteria Objectives*
- *Stakeholders requested certain overlays depicting certain ground water sub-basins*
- *Received comments on Supplementary Overlays 1 and 2*
- *Made changes to clarify that this amendment will include the maps. On page 16-6 and page 16-8, number 1, in appendix 2, to include Supplemental Overlay Maps and to read” and Supplemental Overlay Maps”.*
- *The proposed amendment to Chapter 3 incorporates the language from 17 previously adopted amendments to the water quality objectives for the Los Angeles Region as well as updates to the maximum contaminant levels for certain chemicals and radioactive pollutants, as provided in title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, which the Basin Plan incorporates by reference*
- *This update to Chapter 3 of the Basin Plan is non-regulatory*

Public Comment.

- Ms. Ashli Desai, Calleguas Creek Watershed
- Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District did not speak, but expressed on a card that she is in support of this item.

MOTION: To approve the Basin Plan Amendment with changes as proposed to clarify and include the4 Supplemental Overlay Maps, and change Sheet.

First: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board member Lawrence Yee

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 18. Update on Implementation Status of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program.

Staff Report. Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Unit Chief Stormwater Permitting gave the presentation. During Mr. Ridgeway’s presentation, he made, but was not limited to the following points:

- Discussed permittee activities, and major highlights
- Discussed the development and construction program
- Discussed Illicit Connections, and Illicit Discharges Program
- Twelve TMDLs assign wasteload allocations
- Cleanup day in 2011, over six tons of trash were removed
- There are twelve permittees covered under the Ventura MS4 Permit, with the Ventura County Watershed Protection district serving as the Principal permittee
- The Public Input and Participation Program focuses on making the public and businesses aware of the potential negative impacts that their daily activities can have on stormwater runoff

Board questions:

- What are your greatest concerns going forward, and are these concerns being addressed, and how are they being addressed?
- What do you have to say about the LID component of the permit?

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Presentation by Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Deputy Director of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, and Mr. Arne Anselm, Ventura County Watershed Protection District gave a presentation, making, but was not limited to the following points:

- Overview of Program description, accomplishments and data analysis
- Outfall pollutant prioritization for constituents
- Alternative compliance offsite mitigation
- Have a new Public Outreach website
- New Data Visualization website
- Discussed initiatives that are underway
- Discussed the monitoring and land development programs
- Discussed potential future Special Studies and Strategic Planning effort

Item 19. Update on Implementation of the Calleguas Creek Watershed Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

Staff Report. Introductory remarks were made by Ms. Renee Purdy, Chief of remedial Programs section. Ms. Thanhloan Nguyen gave the staff report, and made, but was not limited to the following points during her presentation:

- This is one of six TMDLs addressing water quality impairments
- There have been 50 TMDLs adopted by this Board over the past 13 years, and we're well into the implementation phase for these TMDLs
- Discussed TMDL history for Metals and Selenium
- Discussed Implementation Plans and Actions
- Discussed compliance status
- For POTWs, compliance with the metals and selenium WLAs is implemented through the NPDES permit and is expected to be achieved through the implementation of the Salts TMDL requirements
- Ongoing exceedances of selenium target in Revolon Slough
- The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Program has been working closely with the Regional Board staff during the implementation of the TMDL and Monitoring and Reporting Program, and have submitted an annual monitoring report to the Regional Board since 2010 summarizing progress of TMDL associated implementation activities of all six TMDLs in the Calleguas Creek Watershed

Public Comment.

- Mr. Joseph Deakin, Representing Stakeholders Implementing TMDLs on the Calleguas Creek Watershed

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or [rmoffett@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmoffett@waterboards.ca.gov) and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or audio.)

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