

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting
September 12, 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 9:20 am.

Roll Call.

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

Board Members Absent: Charles Stringer

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Nicole Kuenzi, Ronji Moffett, Cynthia Miller, Alex Carlos, Renee Purdy, David Hung, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Eric Wu, Rebecca Chou, Cassandra Owens, Michael Lyons, Dr. Arthur Heath, Hugh Marley, Russ Colby, Veronica Cuevas, Ivar Ridgeway, Rebecca Christmann, Mazhar Ali, Rosario Aston, Yue Rong

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

Mr. Peter Shellewberger, Heal the Bay	Mr. Richard Parsons, City of Ventura
Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay	Ms. Penny Wirsing, Exxon Mobil
Mr. Steve Myrter, Lower Los Angeles River Watershed	Ms. Jolene Guerrero, L.A. County Department of Public Works
Ms. Christina Walsh, Bell Canyon Homeowners Association	Mr. Voltaire Llang, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Ms. Liz Crosson, L.A. Waterkeeper	Ms. Judy Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Glendora
Mr. Ray Tahir, TEC Environmental Consultants	Mr. Opanyi Nasiali, City of Claremont
Ms. Debbie Wood, City of Glendora	

2. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer, Samuel Unger asked that Item 17 follow Item 7.

Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the July 11, 2013 meeting.

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MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for July 11, 2013.

First: Board member Fran Diamond
Second: Board member Irma Muñoz
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 6. Update from State Board.

Ms. Fran Spivy -Weber gave an update/report to the Board. During her presentation Ms. Weber made, but was not limited to the following points:

- *WQCC meeting will be held in Sacramento October 24-25, 2013, and on October 23rd, there will be a field trip*
- *At the WQCC, there will be discussion on Climate and Environmental Justice from a Regional Board perspective*
- *State Board meeting on September 24, 2013, will discuss proposed fee, and the costs of compliance for stakeholders*
- *State Board will host a Nitrate Treatment Workshop, with vendors about technologies used, brought in urban communities to the discussion*
- *Performance Report will be coming out on September 24, 2013*
- *State Board will be coming out with a Workplan on groundwater i.e. Water Supply*

Public Forum.

- Ms. Christina Walsh, Cleanup Rocketdyne.Org
- Mr. Steve Myrter, Representing Lower Los Angeles River Watershed
- Mr. John Hunter, Rep. Lower Los Angeles River Watershed
- Ms. Jolene Guerrero, L.A. County Dept. of Public Works
- M. Debra Wood, City of Claremont
- Mayor Opani Nasiali, City of Claremont
- Mr. Ray Tahir, TEC Environmental
- Mayor Pro Tem Judy Nelson, City of Glendora
- Mr. Voltaire Llang, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Item 17. Update on Status of Community Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu gave this report. During his presentation, Mr. Thorsen made, but was not limited to the following points:

- Mr. Thorsen invited the Board members to visit Legacy Park
- Tasks include studies model, and offshore/onshore geographical surveys
- Will be finishing up an 18-week Injection Program
- Moving forward with EIR progress

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- Currently working on a land purchase for the wastewater treatment facility
- An Assessment Engineer was hired
- About 9 months behind schedule, due to a lack of funding

Speaker card.

- Ms. Liz Crosson, LA WaterKeeper (*Commended Malibu, and urged the City to look at re-use options*)

Uncontested Items calendar:

The Executive Officer stated the Uncontested items as: 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

MOTION: To approve Items, 8, 10, 11, and 12.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Fran Diamond

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

MOTION: To approve Item 9. Kinder Morgan Energy Partners Slough Surface Impoundment

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Irma Muñoz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

(Board member Madelyn Glickfeld recused herself from voting on Item 9.)

Item 13. Exxon Mobil Oil Corporation (Torrance Refinery)

Staff Report. Ms. Cassandra Owens Gave the staff presentation. In Ms. Owens' presentation, she made, but was not limited to the following points:

- Remaining issues are TMDL-based compliance schedules
- Non-applicability of limits based on Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) for TSS and TPH
- The refinery processes approximately 150,000 barrels per day of crude oil to produce gasoline, diesel fuel
- The facility discharges from Outfall 001 to Torrance Lateral
- Exxon Mobil requested remove monthly average limitations, and was accommodated since the discharge only occurs infrequently, and composed almost entirely of stormwater, and less than 24 hours
- Exxon Mobil also objected to BPJ based limitations for total petroleum hydrocarbons, settle able solids, turbidity, and for total suspended solids
- USEPA wrote a letter expressing their support of the permit as proposed by staff, and indicated that the permit has been carefully and critically developed to address episodic discharges from the large complex industrial site.

Ms. Penny Worsing, Representing Exxon Mobil Refinery expressed support for the permit, but has concerns about Water Quality Based Effluent Limits (WQBELS)

- Expressed ExxonMobil's participation throughout the TMDL process
- Expressed ExxonMobil's objections to some of the technology-based water quality, and water quality based effluent limits in the proposed permit

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Board concerns:

- Asked how the water is treated at the site

MOTION: To approve the permit

First: Board member Fran Diamond

Second: Board member Lawrence Yee

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

(Items 14 and 15 were heard as a Joint-presentation, but voted on separately)

Item 14. Consideration of tentative Amendment to Time Schedule Order No. R4-2011-0126 for Camarillo Sanitary District and City of Camarillo (Camarillo Water Reclamation Plant)

Item 15.1 and 15.2 Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements and concurrent Time Schedule Order (TSO) for Camarillo Sanitary District and City of Camarillo (Camarillo Water Reclamation Plant).

Staff Report. Ms. Brandi Outwin-Beals gave the staff report, and made, but was not limited to the following points during her presentation:

- The permit includes interim and final Wasteload Allocations (WLAs)
- Discussed the permittees compliance history
- Permittee requested one year extension to address CEQA
- Comments were received by Heal the Bay, and California Department of Public Health
- Heal the Bay supports the WDR's and WRR renewal, but cautioned use of TSOs. Heal the Bay does not believe the NPDES permit renewal should wait on proposed State Board Policy

Board questions:

- How much is Camarillo recycling right now?
- Asked clarification as to the reason for using a TSO?

MOTION: To approved Item 15.1 (Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements)

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

MOTION: To approve Item 15.2 (Time Schedule Order)

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 16. City of San Buenaventura, Ventura Keys (Maintenance Dredging)

Staff Report. Mr. Michael Lyons gave the staff presentation. Mr. Lyons made, but was not limited to the following points during his presentation:

- Discussed the dredging history
- The same disposal option was approved by the Board last year
- Fine-grained material discharged at the mouth of Santa Clara River

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- Comments were received on the WDRs from Heal the Bay and Ventura CoastKeeper requesting more frequent receiving water monitoring
- Heal the Bay objects to increasing max dredging volume to 250,000 cubic yards over five years; staff reviewed history and decreased volume to 200,000 cubic yards
- Heal the Bay requested more frequent receiving water monitoring

Board questions.

- How many locations are selected when sampling is performed?
- In terms of the dredging for the size of the area, is the dredging volume considered excessive?
- Asked clarification on toxicity studies
- Would like to see bio-accumulation studies
- Asked about the impact on steel-head fish in the ocean?

Public comment.

- Mr. Peter Shellenbarger, Heal the Bay (opposed as written)
 - Asked Board to consider bio-accumulation studies and monitoring, with regular testing
 - Asked to include Provision 3 of the permit
 - Asked staff to increase water volume
- Mr. Richard Parson, Rep. City of Ventura
 - Made clarification that nothing goes into the river. It goes offshore of the river mouth, when the river is flowing.

MOTION: To adopt the permit with the following changes incorporated:

- On page 16-008, first paragraph begins with word “none”, five lines following “shall conduct a sediment toxicity test”, add “and bioaccumulation tests (according to dredging bioaccumulation protocols)”
- Next paragraph after the sentence “A sediment characterization,” at the end of send line add “shall include sediment chemistry analyses, remove the word “and”, then add “toxicity testing”, and add “and bioaccumulation testing.”
- Add another sentence at the end of that sentence to read, “The Executive Officer will review the results of the bioaccumulation test to determine the need for continued testing during subsequent dredging events.”

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Board member Fran Diamond

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 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 and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or audio.)

Written and submitted by:


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