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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Los Angeles Water Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015**

**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
(Board Room)
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California**

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:09 a.m.

1. Roll Call.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Jennifer Fordyce, David Coupe, Ronji Moffett, Gerardo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, Ivar Ridgeway, Chris Lopez, Dr. C.P. Lai, Dr. Rebecca Chou, Renee Purdy, Theresa Rodgers, Dr. Yue Rong, Dr. Arthur Heath, Cassandra Owens, Rosario Aston, Elizabeth Erickson, Hugh Marley, Cris Morris, Steven Webb, Michael Lyons, David Hung, Thomas Siebels, Ching To

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

Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Egoscue Law Group	Ms. Uzi Daniel, West Basin MWD
Ms. Angela George, L.A. County Flood Control	Ms. Lisa Kay, Alta
Ms. Katherine Rubin, L.A. Department of Water & Power	Mr. Chris Sanders, Ellison, Schneider & Harris/AES Alamitos
Ms. Rita Kampalath, Heal the Bay	Ms. Jacqueline McMillan, Alta
Mr. Richard Watson, Richard Watson Associates	Ms. Linda Lee Miller, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Ms. Elaine Jeng, City of El Monte	Mr. James Alamillo, Heal the Bay
Mr. Richard Nagel, West Basin Municipal Water District	Mr. Anthony Arevalo, Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group
Mr. Ryan Thiha, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Frank Wu, L.A. County Public Works
Ms. Becky Hyat, National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	Mr. Daniel Cooper, Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Mr. Steve Carter, Consultant	Ms. Joyce Dillard, Representing self

2. Order of Agenda.

Executive Officer (EO) requested item 18 to be heard before item 16.

3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the July 9, 2015 Board meeting.

MOTION: Board member Fran Diamond to approve the July 9, 2015 draft Board meeting minutes.

Seconded by: Board vice Chair Irma Muñoz
Motion Carried: Approved by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Abstained (due to absence at July 9 meeting.)
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Absent at time of vote
Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Abstained (due to absence at July 9 meeting.)
Lawrence Yee – Yea

4. Board Member Communications.

Board member Fran Diamond reported on her and Board member Maria Camacho's meeting of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit subcommittee.

Uncontested Items Calendar.

EO stated the Uncontested Calendar as: Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee moved to approve the Uncontested items calendar as items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Seconded by: Board vice Chair Irma Muñoz.
Motion Carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Yea
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Absent at time of vote
Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

11. 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>

*Board member Madelyn Glickfeld arrived at the meeting at 9:19 am.

During this meeting, a Sustained Superior Accomplishment award was presented to staff member Angelica Castenada by Dr. Arthur Heath, Chief of the Remediation section.

12. Update from State Board was presented by Ms. Fran Spivy-Weber, State Board member and liaison.
13. Public Forum.

There were no speakers during the Public Forum for this meeting.

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

14. Consideration of tentative Resolution approving the City of Los Angeles Hyperion Treatment Plant's temporary 6-week bypass of disinfected secondary treated wastewater to the 1-mile outfall from the 5-mile outfall with conditions; NPDES No. CA0109991.
15. Consideration of tentative Resolution approving West Basin Municipal Water District's (MWD) temporary 6-week bypass of brine to the Hyperion Treatment Plant 1-mile outfall from the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Plant with conditions; NPDES No. CA0063401.

Staff report was made by Ms. Cris Morris, Municipal Permitting Unit Chief.

Speakers:

- Mr. Moss Dojiri, City of Los Angeles representing Hyperion (in support)
- Mr. James Alamillo, Heal the Bay (in support)
- Mr. Richard Nagel, West Basin Municipal; Water District (in support)

MOTION: Board member Fran Diamond moved to approve item 14 tentative Resolution approving City of Los Angeles Hyperion 6-week bypass with changes as proposed in discussion.

Seconded by: Board member Maria Mehranian

Motion Carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Yea
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Yea
Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee moved to approve item 15 tentative Resolution approving West Basin MWD 6-week bypass of brine to Hyperion Treatment Plant.

Seconded by: Board member Irma Muñoz

Motion Carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Yea
Francine Diamond – Yea

Madelyn Glickfeld – Yea
Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

17. Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for NRG California South LP, Ormond Beach Generating Station, Oxnard.

Executive Officer, Samuel Unger stated that there were no speaker requests for this matter, and that the discharger was not opposed to the conditions of the permit and asked the Board to adopt this item on consent.

MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee moved to approve item 17, tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for NRG California South LP, Ormond Beach.

Seconded by: Board member Maria Mehranian
Motion Carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Yea
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Yea
Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

18. Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule Order for AES Alamitos, LLC.

Introductory remarks were made by Mr. David Hung, Watershed Regulatory Section Chief. Staff presentation was made by Ms. Cassandra Owens, Industrial Permitting unit Chief.

Speakers:

- Mr. Chris Sanders, AES Alamitos, LLC (opposed)
- Ms. Rita Kampalath, Heal the Bay (opposed)

(The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 12:50 pm. Counsel announced that the Board would discuss items 19.4 and 19.15(c). The Board reconvened at 1:49 pm and resumed item 18.)

MOTION: Board member Fran Diamond moved to approve items 18.1 (tentative WDRs) and 18.2 (Times Schedule Order), with a change sheet for items 18.1 and 18.2, and changes as proposed during discussion for item 18.2 only.

Seconded by: Board member Lawrence Yee
Motion Carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Absent at time of vote
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Yea

Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

16. Consideration of Petition for Review of the Executive Officer's Action to Approve, with Conditions, Nine Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) Pursuant to the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, Order No. R4-2012-0175.

Ms. Jennifer Fordyce, Board attorney, introduced the item to provide the Board with background and context of the item, summarize the contentions that were raised in the petition, and explain what the Board's options are in its consideration.

The Petitioners made a joint presentation on the petition. Speakers included:

- Ms. Becky Hayat, National Resources Defense Council
- Mr. Derek Booth, Ph.D., University of California at Santa Barbara
- Ms. Rita Kampalath, Heal the Bay
- Mr. Daniel Cooper, L.A. Waterkeeper

Board staff provided responses to the petition:

- Ms. Jennifer Fordyce responded to the legal contentions in the petition (contentions #1 and #2) that were raised concerning the Executive Officer's authority.
- Mr. Sam Unger, Executive Officer, made introductory remarks and gave an overview to responses to contention #3.
- Ms. Renee Purdy, Regional Programs Section Chief, provided an overview of the WMP review and approval process and responses to the technical contentions concerning the WMPs in contention #3.

Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees responded to the petition. Speakers included:

- Ms. Angela George and Mr. Steve Carter, Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County Flood Control District (opposed to petition)
- Ms. Gina Nila (City of Commerce) and Dr. Gerald Greene, representing the Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Management Group (WMG) (opposed to petition)
- Mr. Norman Dupont and Mr. John Hunter, representing the Lower Los Angeles River WMG and Lower San Gabriel River WMG (joint presentation) (opposed to petition)
- Mr. Anthony Arevalo (City of Long Beach) and Mr. Richard Watson, representing the Los Cerritos Channel WMG (opposed to petition)
- Mr. Andre Monette, representing the City of Claremont (opposed to petition)
- Mr. Ryan Thiha, City of Los Angeles (opposed to petition)
- Ms. Elaine Jeng, City of El Monte (opposed to petition)

Other speakers:

- Ms. Joyce Dillard, Representing self (expressed no position with regards to the petition)

Mr. Derek Booth spoke for the Petitioners' rebuttal.

Board members asked questions, made statements, and deliberated on the information presented concerning both the legal contentions and the technical contentions raised in the petition.

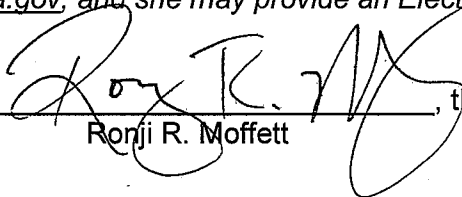
MOTION: Board member Lawrence Yee moved to ratify the Executive Officer's approvals, with conditions, of all nine WMPs.

Seconded by: Board member Maria Camacho
Motion Carried: Approved by roll call vote

Maria Camacho – Yea
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Abstained
Maria Mehranian – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or email at: ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov, and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)

Written and submitted by:



Ronji R. Moffett

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10/08/15,