

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
(Room I-245)
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: Maria Camacho, Fran Diamond, 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, Renee Purdy, Dr. Celine Gallon, Dr. L.B. Nye, Hugh Marley, David Hung, Cassandra Owens, Man Voong, Shana Rapoport, Dr. Arthur Heath, Dr. Yue Rong, Dr. Eric Wu, Michael Lyons, Dr. Rebecca Chou, Dr. Wen Yang, Ching Yin To, Jau Ren Chen, Valerie Carrillo-Zara, Dr. Jun Zhu.

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

Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Egoscue Law	Mr. Shawn Warren, Friends of the L.A. River
Ms. Angela George, L.A. County DPW	Mr. James Alamillo, Heal the Bay
Mr. Dan Sharp, L.A. County Public Works	Ms. Heidi Rous, PCR
Mr. Michael Morrison, Phillips 66	Ms. Elora Arana, Phillips 66
Mr. Spencer Chiff, Phillips 66	Mr. Jonathan Strong, Phillips 66
Ms. Lissa Miller, Resident	Mr. Andy Harrison, NanoH2O
Ms. Jemelise Cruz, L.A. County Department of Public Works	Ms. Katherine Rubin, L.A. Department of Water and Power
Ms. Kim Anderson, Kas Interpreting	Ms. Juliette Hart, USC Sea Grant
Ms. Sree Kumar, L.A. County Department of Public Works	Dr. Alex Hall, UCLA
Ms. Patricia Barnard, USGS	Ms. Juliette Hart, Representing self

2. Order of Agenda.

Executive Officer (EO) stated that item 15 is being continued to a future meeting; requested that Item 17 is heard out of order, prior to Item 16.

3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the December 10, 2015.

MOTION: Board member Fran Diamond to approve the December 10, 2015 draft Board meeting minutes.

Seconded by: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld
Motion Carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Maria Camacho – Abstained (not present for the meeting)
Francine Diamond – Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld – Yea
Maria Mehranian – Abstained (not present for the meeting)
Irma Muñoz – Yea
Charles Stringer – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Abstained (not present for the meeting)

4. Board Member Communications.

None.

Uncontested Items Calendar.

The EO asked that the Uncontested items calendar be approved as: Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

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

Seconded by: Board member Lawrence Yee
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

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>

12. Selection of Chair and vice Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for 2016.

MOTION: *Board member Fran Diamond made a motion to select Irma Muñoz as Chair, and Maria Camacho as vice Chair for 2016.*

Seconded by: Board member Maria Mehranian

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

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

13. Update from State Board by M. Fran Spivy-Weber (liaison).

10. Public Forum.

**There were no speakers during the public forum.*

17. Review of climate change predictions for the Los Angeles Area. Presentations were made by Dr. Alex Hall, UCLA, Dr. Juliette Finzi Hart, USC, and Dr. Patrick Barnard, USGS.

The Board went into closed session at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

16. Consideration of Amendment of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Maintenance Clearing of Engineered Earth-bottom Flood Control Channels.

There was no staff report. Ms. Angela George, Director of L.A. County Flood Control District, Representatives for environmental groups Mr. James Alamillo, Heal the Bay, and Mr. Shawn Warren, Friends of Los Angeles River indicated that there are no issues with this matter being moved to consent with the change sheet as proposed by Regional Board staff.

MOTION: Board member Fran Diamond made a motion to adopt the Waste Discharge Requirements with the Change sheet as proposed by Regional Board Staff.

Seconded by: Board vice Chair Maria Camacho
 Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Maria Camacho – Yea
 Fran Diamond – Yea
 Madelyn Glickfeld – Yea
 Maria Mehranian - Yea
 Irma Muñoz – Yea
 Charles Stringer – (Absent – left meeting following closed session)
 Lawrence Yee – Yea

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. (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.

then finalized on

03/10/16