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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Meeting Minutes

Video and Teleconference Meeting Only

No Physical Location

*Authorized by and in Furtherance of Executive Order  
N-29-20 and N-33-20*

July 2, 2020

Chair Muñoz called the special board meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

#### ***Item 1 – Roll Call***

Board Members Present: Cynthia Guzmán, Irma Muñoz, James Stahl, Charles Stringer and Lawrence Yee

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Jenny Newman, Hugh Marley, Helen Rowe, Gerardo Rabelo, Khalid Abdullah, Tamarin Austin, Sophie Froelich, Adriana Nuñez, Milasol Gaslan, LB Nye, Ivar Ridgeway, Erum Razzak, Rebecca Christmann, Susana Vargas, Megan Kung, Alex Carlos, Angineh Shahnazarian and Alireza Rahmani

***Item 2 - The Los Angeles Water Board will discuss the timing of the Board's issuance of the Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, considering, in particular, the COVID-19 emergency and upcoming TMDL implementation deadlines. Permittees and other stakeholders are invited to comment on the timing of permit issuance. The Board will provide input to staff on the timing of permit issuance.***

Board members provided opening remarks concerning the timing of the issuance of the Regional MS4 Permit, and then opened the floor to the public to address Item 2. Speakers included:

- Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles
- Matt Frary, LA County Flood Control District
- Waqas Rehman, First District, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
- Arne Anselm, Ventura County Stormwater Quality Management Program (on behalf of Ventura County MS4 Permittees)

IRMA MUÑOZ, CHAIR | RENEE PURDY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Jennifer Vasquez, City of Maywood
- Konya Vivanti, City of Lakewood
- Gina Nila, City of Commerce
- Glen Kau, City of Norwalk
- Kelli Tunncliff, City of Signal Hill
- Margaret Clark, City of Rosemead
- Nicole Heil, LAANE
- Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles
- Melissa You, City of Long Beach
- Badaoui Mouderes, City of Oxnard Stormwater Program
- Adam Smith, City of Oxnard City Manager's office
- Gloria Crudgington, City of Monrovia
- Caitlin Sims, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- Sharon Gallant, City of Covina
- Alison Sweet, City of Glendora
- Joshua Nelson, City of Industry
- Bruce Lindsay, Santa Fe Springs Counsel of Record
- Travis Van Ligten, Counsel for City of Duarte
- Gerald Greene, CWE (on behalf of cities in the LA River Upper Reach 2 WMP Group, Gardena, and Rosemead)
- Kathleen McGowan, McGowan Consulting (on behalf of cities in the Beach Cities EWMP Group)
- John Hunter, JLH Associates (on behalf of cities in the Lower LA and San Gabriel River WMPs)
- Richard Watson, Richard Watson & Associates, Inc. (on behalf of cities in the Los Cerritos Channel WMP Group)
- Felipe Escobar, Pacoima Beautiful
- Mac Shorty, St John's United Methodist Church
- Bruce Reznik, LA Waterkeeper
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
- Chuck Carter, Channel Islands Neighborhood Council
- Vaikko Allen, Contech Engineering Solutions
- Michael Omary, APD Clean Water Technologies Group
- David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Heather Curtis, Heal the Bay

Renee Purdy, Executive Officer, and Jenny Newman, Assistant Executive Officer of the Surface Water Division, then provided a presentation addressing key issues affecting the timing of the adoption the Regional MS4 Permit and a recommendation regarding the timing of the Board's consideration of the Regional MS4 Permit.

Legal counsel Sophie Froelich announced the Board was going into closed session to discuss Items 3.b, 3.c, 3.d, 3.j, 3.l, 3.m, 3.n, 3.o, 3.p, and 3.q on the agenda.

*(The Board went into closed session at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.)*

Executive Officer Renee Purdy asked the Board to direct Staff to:

- finalize and distribute the Tentative Regional MS4 Permit, including the fact sheet and the economic considerations, within the next 4-6 weeks;
- provide a 60-day comment period on the Tentative Regional MS4 Permit;
- continue engagement with stakeholders through workshops during the comment period; and
- revisit the timing of permit adoption after the conclusion of the comment period.

Chair Muñoz suggested that the Board consider waiting until the July 9, 2020 Board meeting to make a recommendation to Staff. Chair Muñoz and Board members Yee, Stringer, Stahl, and Guzmán discussed whether waiting a week was necessary. After discussion, the Board gave direction to staff to proceed with the Executive Officer's recommendation.

*The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: [Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov), and she may provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)*

*Written and submitted by Helen Rowe, then finalized on September 11, 2020*

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