



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes

In-person/Hybrid Meeting

Council Chambers

City of Santa Clarita City Hall

23920 Valencia Blvd.

Valencia, CA 91355

August 11, 2022

Acting Chair Stahl called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Acting Chair Stahl welcomed everyone in attendance and via Zoom and explained the process for participation in the virtual meeting, noting that for those who only want to listen or watch the meeting, the Board's customary webcast was available, and that the Board has Spanish translation services available through the Zoom platform for those who want to listen or participate in the meeting in Spanish. He provided instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting for those wishing to provide comments on an agenda item, and he announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Language Translation Instructions: One of the Spanish translators provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting in Spanish.

Item 1 – Roll Call

Board Members Present: Norma Camacho, Marissa Christiansen, Michael Méndez, David Nahai, and James Stahl

Board Member Absent: Irma Muñoz

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Jenny Newman, Hugh Marley, Amber Bolanos, Gerardo Rabelo, Khalid Abdullah, Alfred Duran, Jennifer Fordyce, Sophie Froelich, Tamarin Austin, Susana Lagudis, Russ Colby, Arthur Heath, Bronwyn Kelly, Jeong-Hee Lim, Duong Trinh, Jillian Ly, Joshua Cwikla

Item 2 – Consideration of Tentative Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Boeing Company Establishing the Processes, Methodologies, and Standards for Assessing Stormwater Discharges and Applicable Requirements

JAMES STAHL, ACTING CHAIR | RENEE PURDY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Following the Boeing Company's Soil Cleanup at the Former Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Sign the MOU on Behalf of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Acting Chair Stahl introduced the item.

Staff Presentation:

Executive Officer (EO) Renee Purdy gave the staff presentation. After a brief introduction, she introduced CalEPA Secretary for Environmental Protection, Jared Blumenfeld, who addressed the Board. He described the comprehensive framework for Boeing's cleanup at SSFL comprised of the proposed MOU and the DTSC-Boeing Settlement Agreement and the need for it and responded to some of the criticisms that had been voiced about the DTSC-Boeing Settlement Agreement.

EO Purdy then continued with the staff presentation. She first made clear that Board Member Muñoz has recused herself from decisions related to Boeing since 2015, including the renewal of the NPDES permit and enforcement matters, has not participated in this item, and is not present for the meeting.

EO Purdy described in detail the elements of the proposed MOU and addressed key concerns that had been expressed by some stakeholders and community members regarding the proposed MOU.

Acting Chair Stahl asked the Board Members if they had any questions.

Board Members Christiansen, Nahai, Méndez and Stahl asked questions. EO Purdy responded.

Acting Chair Stahl introduced Steve Shestag, the Director of Environment for Boeing, to address the board and answer any questions they may have.

Board Member Christiansen asked several questions. Mr. Shestag responded.

Public Comments

Acting Chair Stahl opened the floor for public comment.

The following elected officials spoke:

- Linda Parks - Ventura County Supervisor District 2
- Ruth Luevanos - Simi Valley City Council Member
- Carmen Ramirez - Ventura County Supervisor District 5
- Daniela Aguirre - Field Representative, Assemblymember Steve Bennett's office

Break 11:34 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comments -continued-

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Group Presentation:

Presenters - Parents Against SSFL, Committee to Bridge the Gap, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles, and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, represented by Melissa Bumstead, Denise Duffield, Robert Dodge, Jeff Ruch, Daniel Hirsch, and Marissa Lopez

Acting Chair Stahl opened the floor for questions from the Board.

Board Members Camacho and Christiansen asked several questions of Board staff. EO Purdy responded.

Board Members Nahai and Méndez indicated they would defer asking their questions until after the remaining public comments.

Lunch 1:22 p.m. – 1:56 p.m.**Public Comments -continued-**

Acting Board Clerk Amber Bolanos called on all registered people for public comment in groups of 5.

Break 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**Public Comments -continued-**

Acting Board Clerk Amber Bolanos continued to call on all registered people for public comment in groups of 5.

Break 5:00 p.m. – 5:19 p.m.

Acting Chair Stahl asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Hirsch related to the earlier group presentation. There were no questions from Board members.

EO Purdy and Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) Jenny Newman addressed comments, questions and allegations that arose during the group presentation and individual public comments.

Board Members Stahl, Nahai and Méndez also responded to some of the concerns and allegations made by commenters. Additionally, Board Members Nahai and Stahl asked several questions of staff to help clear up misconceptions about the proposed MOU. EO Purdy responded.

DTSC Director, Dr. Meredith Williams, addressed the Board and provided responses to some of the specific questions and concerns that had been voiced about the DTSC-Boeing Settlement Agreement.

Acting Chair Stahl opened the floor for questions from the Board.

Board Members Camacho, Christiansen, Nahai, Méndez and Stahl asked a number of questions of Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams responded.

Secretary Blumenfeld provided some final remarks and addressed allegations made by former Board Member Larry Yee.

Acting Chair Stahl recapped events leading up to this meeting, including local elected officials' requests for the Board to delay its vote on the proposed MOU for another six weeks. The Board previously granted similar requests prior to the originally scheduled June 9, 2022, board meeting.

Motion to not delay Board action on MOU

MOTION: Board member Nahai moved to not delay the Board's vote on the proposed MOU by another six weeks.

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

James Stahl – Yea

Board Members Camacho and Christiansen indicated that they wanted to discuss and consider some of Heal the Bay's recommendations.

All Board members made comments, ask questions, and discussed recommendations by Heal the Bay and others. EO Purdy and Legal Counsel Sophie Froelich responded. Based on the Board's deliberations, EO Purdy suggested several changes to the resolution and MOU.

EO Purdy and Legal Counsel Sophie Froelich suggested a break to draft language for the proposed changes prior to a motion being made.

Break 7:16 p.m. – 7:36 p.m.

EO Purdy recommended proposed changes to the resolution, which included proposed modifications to the MOU, in response to Board member comments and displayed the proposed language for each change on the video screen.

Motion to approve staff recommendation with the changes to resolution.

MOTION: Board Member Nahai made a motion to approve the staff recommendation with changes to the resolution as displayed on screen.

Seconded by: Acting Chair Stahl

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Yea
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea
James Stahl – Yea

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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, and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)

Written and submitted by Amber Bolanos, Acting Board Clerk on: 10/14/2022

Signature on File: Amber Bolanos