

State of California
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Minutes of the June 14, 2019 Board Meeting
City of Huntington Beach, Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

1. Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

Board Members Present:

William Ruh, Chair
Linda Ackerman, Vice-Chair
Tom Rivera
William P. von Blasingame
Lana Peterson
Daniel P. Selmi
Kris Murray

Staff Members Present:

Hope A. Smythe, Executive Officer
Jayne Joy, Assistant Executive Officer
Teresita Sablan, Regional Board Counsel
Ann Sturdivant, Division Chief
Lauma Willis, Division Chief
Mark E. Smythe, Division Chief
Michelle Beckwith, Chief of Storm Water - Coastal
Terri Reeder, Chief of Coastal Planning – Coastal Waters
Dave G. Woelfel, Chief of Regional Programs
Keith Person, Water Resources Control Engineer
Claudia Tenorio, Environmental Scientist
Daniel Mefford, Information Technology Associate
Felipa Montes, Executive Assistant

Public in Attendance:

Darren Meeka, County of San Bernardino; Cynthia Gabaldon, County of San Bernardino,
Garry Brown, Coastkeeper; Michael Sampson, Contech;
Michelle Diamond, Tetra Tech; Amanda Carr, County of Orange;
Todd Parton, City of Beaumont; Judi & Ron Arnold, Quail Valley;
Todd Parton, City of Beaumont; Judi & Ron Arnold, Quail Valley;
Rocket Rios, Kiwanis Club Inland Center (SB); Chris Crompton, County of Orange;
Alexandra Dubrock, Contech; Tom Luster, California Coastal Commission;
Scott maloni, Poseidon Water; Cathy Green, OCWD;
Brett Barbre, MWDOC & MET; W. B. Chesney, NOAA NMFS;
Martin Wisckol, Orange County Register; Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coastkeeper;
Robert Hunter, MWDOC; Karl Seckel, MWDOC;
John Earl, Surf City Voice; Richard Armendariz, Huntington Beach;

Jill Cagle, OCWISE; Joe Geever, Residents for Responsible Desalination;
Andrea Leon-Grossmann, Azul; Conner Everts, Desal Response Group;
Kelly Rowe, OCWD; John Kennedy, OCWD

2. Public Forum

Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper commented on Item 9 of the Agenda; Judi Arnold for septic tank update and Amanda Carr, County of Orange, Fecal Coliform TMDL.

3. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Liaison Report

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the regular Board Meeting of May 3, 2019

Chair Ruh asked for a motion of the Minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Peterson and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the May 3, 2019 Board Meeting, as presented.

Note: Chair Ruh recused himself from this vote, as he was not present on May 3, 2019.

5. Consideration of the Consent Calendar Items:

*6. Waste Discharge Requirements for Trumark Homes, Cucamonga Avenue Improvement Project, City of Chino, San Bernardino County - Order Number R8-2019-0047

*7. Delegation Resolution Order Number R8-2019-0056

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ackerman, seconded by Board Member Murray and was unanimously carried to adopt Order Numbers R8-2019-0047 and R8-2019-0056 as presented.

8. Public Hearing for the Triennial Review Priority List, Order Number R8-2019-0055

This item was presented by Claudia Tenorio, Environmental Scientist, staff with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Regional Planning Section.

Regional Board staff presented the Fiscal Years (FYs) 2019-2022 Triennial Review Priority List, Work Plan, and an overview of what the Basin Plan is and its purpose. Staff's presentation included the Federal and State Requirements.

Regional Board staff explained the purpose of the Triennial Review and the process used to create the list. A list of TMDL issues, as well as non-TMDL issues were spoken about. Upon conclusion, staff recommended the adoption of Resolution Number R8-2019-0055 that approves the draft FYs 2019-2022 Basin Plan Triennial Review Priority List and Work Plan, making it clear that the current Basin Plan remains in effect until subsequent amendments are adopted.

There were several questions from the Board, as well as a request that staff provide an annual progress report of what is being accomplished on the priority list. Answers were provided by staff, accordingly.

Speakers: Darren Meeka, Chris Crompton, and Garry Brown.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Murray, Seconded by Board Member Selmi, and unanimously carried to adopt Order Numbers R8-2019-0055, as presented.

Roll Call was taken for this motion:

Board Member Rivera - Aye
Board Member Murray - Aye
Board Member Peterson - Aye
Board Member Selmi - Aye
Board Member von Blasingame - Aye
Vice-Chair Ackerman - Aye
Chair Ruh - Aye
Nay: None
Motion passed

It was noted that Item 9 had been canceled.

9. Time Schedule Order (TSO) for the County of Orange, and the Cities of Tustin, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Costa Mesa, Santa Ana, Orange, Lake Forest and Newport Beach to Comply with the Requirements Prescribed in Order No. R8-2009-0030 as Amended by Order Number R8-2010-0062 (NPDES Permit Number CAS618030) - TSO Number R8-2019-0050 - CANCELED

The next items were taken out of order:

13. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Smythe, mentioned some of the highlights of the report; the Copper TMDL, and the public workshops that have been successful and very well attended with several comments. The Executive Officer expects to bring it back for the Board's consideration in the next few months.

The report also provides an update on the City of Beaumont on how they are doing in meeting their commitments to expand their waste treatment plant and implement their salinity management plan.

Ms. Smythe noted that the next Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) meeting is scheduled for late October and invited the Board Members to attend. Ms. Smythe also mentioned that State Board staff is looking for recommended agenda items for this meeting.

14. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

Board Member Rivera said that the Water Education Program in Orange County mentioned in the Executive Officer's report is a great education program for school kids. He wanted to know if this program is available in the Inland Empire.

Regional Board staff said this program is not available in the Inland Empire, but would look to see if there are any sponsors.

11. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans
Report on file.

12. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report
Report on file.

15. Closed Session and Lunch: 10:25 – 12:00 P.M.

The Board Meeting resumed at 12:00 P.M. to begin with Item 10.

10. Poseidon Status Update: Identified Need (information item)
(Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript of the proceedings).

This item was presented by Jayne Joy, Assistant Executive Officer for the Regional Board.

Ms. Joy talked about the Poseidon project; focusing on the identified need for the desalinated water in accordance with the desalination amendment. The presentation covered a brief overview of the project itself. Staff also talked about the desalinated amendment, the identified need for that water, what the next steps were and the schedule.

Ms. Joy stated that the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), is a regional water wholesaler and resource planning agency that manages all of Orange County's imported water supply apart from the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana. The Urban Water Management Plans prepared by MWDOC and the cities were the documents that indicate the need for the water.

Ms. Joy said that Orange County Water District (OCWD) has identified the Huntington Beach Desalination Project as a priority project and it would be the single largest source of new local drinking water available in the region; saying that the water will offset imported water demands and augment supplies in the Talbert Seawater Barrier to prevent seawater intrusion.

Ms. Joy reviewed the remaining items needed in order to complete the renewal of the Huntington Beach Desalination Plant NPDES permit and Water Code Section 13142.5(b) determination. Regional Board staff will be working with Poseidon to complete these last items.

Finally, Ms. Joy indicated that a draft tentative order could be presented to the Board for consideration at the end of this year, following a public workshop planned for the Fall.

Speakers: John Earl, Cathy Green, Karl Seckel, Bett Barbre, Scott Maloni, Richard Armendariz, Jill Cagle, Joe Geever, Ray Hiemstra, Andrea Leon-Grossman, Connor Everts, Kelly Rowe, John Kennedy and Karl Seckel.

Board Member Selmi said he appreciated Mr. Seckel's testimony. A copy of Mr. Armendariz' report was requested by Board Member Rivera.

Adjournment

The Regional Board meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m. to the regular Board meeting of August 2, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the City of Cypress, 5275 Orange Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630.

Respectfully submitted:



HOPE A. SMYTHE
Executive Officer

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