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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 Orders  
N-29-20 and N-33-20*

October 8, 2020

Chair Muñoz called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Chair Muñoz 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. She provided instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting for those wishing to provide comments during the public forum or on an agenda item.

#### ***Item 1 – Roll Call***

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

**Note:** Board Member Charles Stringer arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Jenny Newman, Hugh Marley, Helen Rowe, Gerardo Rabelo, Khalid Abdullah, Tamarin Austin, Sophie Froelich, Adriana Nuñez, Milasol Gaslan, LB Nye, Cris Morris, Russ Colby, Yue Rong, Arthur Heath, Rebecca Christmann, Alex Carlos, Angineh Shahnazarian, Susana Vargas, Megan Kung, Ivar Ridgeway, Jeong-Hee Lim, Steven Webb, Rosario Aston, Woonhoe Kim, Ali Rahmani, Weixing Tong, Thizar Tintut-Williams, Kevin Lin, Adam Taing, Bizuayehu Ayele, James Kang, James Kang Shervin Milani, Christina Humphreys, Jillian Ly and Adnan Siddiqui

#### ***Item 2 – Order of Agenda***

No changes were made to the order of the agenda. The EO noted Item 12 (Other Business) on the draft tentative Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties would begin following the lunch break.

***Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the September 10, 2020 Board meeting***

MOTION: Board member Stahl made a motion to approve the September 10, 2020 draft meeting minutes

Seconded by: Vice Chair Yee

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Guzmán – Yea  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea  
Charles Stringer – Absent  
Lawrence Yee – Yea

***Item 4 – Board Member Communications***

- a) Ex Parte Disclosure (Board Members will identify any discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.40.)

**Board Member Guzmán** reported on September 16 & 22 she received an email from Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental regarding the MS4 permit and forwarded the emails to Renee Purdy and staff members. She did not respond to the email.

**Board Member Stahl** reported on September 16 & 22 he received an email from Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental and he forwarded the emails to Renee Purdy.

**Vice Chair Yee** reported on September 16 & 22 he also received the emails from Ray Tahir, Environmental and forwarded the emails to Renee Purdy.

**Board Chair Muñoz** reported she was having trouble accessing her Water Board email account, and she probably received the emails from Ray Tahir. The Board members reported they did not respond to the emails from Mr. Ray Tahir.

- b) Board Member Reports (The Board Members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction.)

**Vice Chair Yee** reported on Tuesday, October 6, he attended the State Water Board Workshop on the Second Proposed Order on nine Watershed Management Programs and one Enhanced Watershed Management Program approved under the 2012 Los Angeles County MS4 Permit.

**Board Member Stahl** reported on October 6, he attended the Same State Water Board Workshop. On September 17 Board Member Stahl attended the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission executive meeting.

**Board Chair Muñoz** reported on October 5 she participated in the State Water Board Weekly Chair's call.

### ***Item 5 – Staff Award Presentations***

***Presenters:***

Cris Morris, Section Chief  
Watershed Regulatory Section

Yue Rong, Section Chief  
Underground Storage Tanks and Oil & Gas Programs

Art Heath, Section Chief  
Site Cleanup Program

***Award Recipients:***

Steven Webb

Adam Taing

Jillian Ly  
Guijun Jeffrey Hu  
Christina L. Humphreys  
Shervin H. Milani  
James J. Kang  
Kevin Lin  
Bizuayehu Ayele  
Adnan S. Siddiqui  
Cary S. Wicker  
Thizar Tintut-Williams

### ***Item 6 – Executive Officer's Report***

The EO reported on the following items:

- The EO announced there will be an information agenda item for the November Board meeting on PFAS. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board, State Water Board and stakeholders will provide information on the statewide PFAS investigation.
- Update on United Technologies Corporation or UTC Canoga Avenue Facility site investigation and cleanup. The public comments are extended until October 26, 2020. A community virtual meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020.
- The Industrial Sites Taskforce held a Zoom meeting on September 14, 2020. This meeting was attended by members of municipalities, industry, non-governmental agencies, Board Chair Muñoz, Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff members and State Board member Sean Maguire. Leslie Walters provided an update on SB205 and the planned outreach/engagement with the cities and counties on business licenses.
- On June 30, 2020, the EO issued a stipulated order in the amount of \$262,657.00 dollars to the construction company GKG, LLC for violation of the State's

Construction Stormwater General Permit. The order was paid in full.

- Two facilities regulated by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board are located in the boundary perimeter area of the Bobcat Fire: 1) A flood control facility at the Santa Ana Dam and 2) A camp with a septic system permitted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board. These permittees were not affected by the Bobcat fire.
- The EO reported preliminary statistics on a new requirement of volumetric reporting of recycled water from wastewater treatment facilities statewide.

### ***Item 7 – Update from State Water Board Liaison Sean Maguire***

State Water Board Member Sean Maguire reported on the following items:

- On October 6, 2020 the State Water Board voted to lower the detection limit for reporting purposes (DLR) for perchlorate. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) is 6 parts per billion (ppb). The public health goal (PHG) set by the Office of Environmental Hazard Assessment is 1 ppb. A phased ramp down of the DLR will be implemented. The DLR will automatically reduce the level from 4 ppb to 2 ppb immediately, and then to 1 ppb, matching the PHG, effective January 1, 2024.
- On October 7, 2020 the State Water Board provided a technical update on the investigation of PFAS. Next week, a CDC Panel Workshop will be held for four days, two hours each day.

### ***Item 8 – Public Forum***

Speakers:

- Danielle Furuichi, Heal the Bay
- Andra Janieks, Heal the Bay
- Thomas Mcinally, Channel Islands Neighborhood Council Marine Advisory Committee
- Jesse Rosas, Northeast Business Association

### ***Item 8a – Public Forum***

Speaker:

- Shahram Kharaghani, LA Sanitation & Environment, Dry Weather/First Flush Diversions Program Update

### ***Item 9, 10 and 11 – Uncontested Items***

*The Chair stated the uncontested items calendar as Items 9, 10 and 11.*

MOTION: Board member Stahl made a motion to approve uncontested calendar items 9, 10 and 11.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Yee

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Guzmán – Yea  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea  
Charles Stringer – Absent  
Lawrence Yee – Yea

Legal counsel Sophie Froelich announced the Board was going into closed session to discuss Items 13.b., 13.c., 13.d., 13.m., 13.n., 13.o., 13.p., and 13.q. on the agenda.

*(The Board went into closed session at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.)*

***Item 11 – Public comments from permittees and stakeholders on the draft tentative Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.***

Speakers:

- Gloria Crudgington, City of Monrovia
- Belinda Faustinos, OurWaterLA
- Lauren Ahkiam, LAANE
- Itzel Flores Castillo Wang, Promesa Boyle Heights
- \* Elizabeth Quiroz, Promesa Boyle Heights
- Margaret Clark, City of Rosemead
- \* Susana Castillo, Promesa Boyle Heights
- Caty Wagner, Sierra Club
- Conner Everts, Southern California Watershed Alliance
- Caitlin Sims, San Gabriel Valley COG
- Arne Anselm, Ventura County Public Works
- Richard Watson, Richard Watson & Associates
- Shahram Kharaghani, LA Sanitation & Environment
- Paul Alva, County of LA & LA County Flood Control District
- Peter Shellenbarger, City of Ventura
- Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

\*Comments given in Spanish

*The meeting adjourned at 3:06 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, Board Clerk, then finalized on 11/13/20*

*Signature on File* \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Rowe