



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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## MINUTES March 9-10, 2005

### Regular Meeting

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
City Council Chambers  
1900 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, California 96150

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Chapman, Susanville  
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond  
Bishop Henry W. Hearn, Lancaster  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Eric Sandel, Truckee  
Susan J. Van Dam, Barstow

#### BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

John Brissenden, Hope Valley

#### LEGAL COUNSEL

Steven H. Blum, State Water Resources Control Board

#### STAFF PRESENT

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer	Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant
Robert S. Dodds, Assistant Executive Officer	Robert Erlich, Environmental Scientist
Chuck Curtis, Supervising WRCE	Mary Fiore-Wagner, Environmental Scientist
Scott Ferguson, Senior WRCE	Robert Larsen, Environmental Scientist
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE	Carolyn Robbins, Office Assistant
Doug Smith, Senior Engineering Geologist	Blake Taylor, Student Assistant
	Pam Walker, Regional Administrative Officer

#### ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Jody Jones and Mike Rogers, Caltrans, District 3  
Mike Livak, Squaw Valley Ski Corporation  
Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D.  
Raymond Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District  
Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Singer discussed the following items from the March 2005 written report:

Item No. 1 – Meyers Beacon Gas Station, El Dorado County

Item No. 2 – Semiannual Report on Status of Basin Plan Amendments

Item No. 3 – North Tahoe Public Utility District Administrative Civil Liability Complaint Settlement

Item No. 4 – Update on the Lake Tahoe Shorezone Amendments

Item No. 6 – Upper Truckee River Cattle Grazing, Cleanup and Abatement Order for Violations of Fecal Coliform Water Quality Standards in the Tahoe Basin, South Lake Tahoe

Item No. 7 – Revegetation and Erosion Control Guiding Principles

Item No. 8 – Mojave Watershed Group of Small Communities Enrolled Under Statewide Phase II Municipal Storm Water NPDES General Permit

Item No. 10 – Molycorp Inc. Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 6-98-19

Item No. 11 – Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 – Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant, Compliance Status

Item No. 12 – Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 and City of Los Angeles World Airports, Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant, Compliance Status

The March 2005 Report of Unauthorized Waste Discharges was discussed.

Mr. Singer handed out and discussed Assembly Bill No. 1727 (Aghazarian). He also handed out a Governor's press release announcing the appointments of two new State Board Members: Tam Doduc and Gerald Secundy.

Mr. Singer asked Board members to update their biographies for posting on the Board's website.

Mr. Singer gave an update regarding Pathway 2007.

The afternoon session of the Board meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**7:15 p.m., March 9, 2005**

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Board members present: Jim Chapman, Keith Dyas, Bishop Henry Hearn, Amy Horne, Ph.D., Eric Sandel and Susan Van Dam. Absent: John Brissenden.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC), read into the record a letter dated March 8, 2005 from the TRWC staff, directors and Coordinating Committee. The letter acknowledged the role of Jill Wilson, former Regional Board staff member, in founding the Truckee River Aquatic Monitors and commended Ms. Wilson for her commitment to water quality monitoring in the Truckee River Basin.
- Ray Tremblay, Supervising Engineer, Los Angeles County Sanitation District, responded to items discussed by Mr. Singer during the Executive Officer's Report and to statements made by Dr. Eugene B. Nebeker at the February 2005 Regional Board meeting. Mr. Tremblay handed out copies of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Fourteenth Annual Status Report on Reclaimed Water Use and offered to sponsor a workshop for the Board regarding groundwater recharge and reuse. Mr. Tremblay answered questions from the Board.
- Dr. Eugene B. Nebeker, handed out copies of a map delineating a nitrate plume in the upper 50 feet of aquifer of the Palmdale Wastewater Reclamation Plant facilities and discussed environmental damage caused by the plume. Dr. Nebeker stressed the importance of groundwater recharge and protecting water quality in the Antelope Valley. Dr. Nebeker answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Chapman asked staff to provide information regarding the history of the plume. Bishop Hearn asked for information regarding the various sources of nitrate and the amount of nitrate per source.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**3. Minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 13-14, 2004 in Lancaster, and February 9-10, 2005 in Victorville**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Dr. Horne and **unanimously carried** to adopt the February 9-10, 2005 minutes as proposed.
- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Sandel, to adopt the October 13-14, 2004 minutes as proposed. Voting yes: Mr. Sandel, Mr. Clarke, and Dr. Horn. Abstaining: Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dyas, Bishop Hearn and Ms. Van Dam. **Motion carried.**



### **ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Item 5, Lake Tahoe Construction NPDES Permit Renewal, was removed from the uncontested calendar to be considered by the Board on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

The following Rescissions of Waste Discharge Requirements were considered on the uncontested calendar:

6. **Albertsons, (Order No. 6-95-010), Rite-Aid (Order No. 6-95-014), Investment Development Corp., (Order No. 6-95-011), US Postal Service (Order No. 6-95-012), Johnson-Chamberlain Co. (Order No. 6-95-013), US Bank of California, (Order No. 6-95-015), El Dorado County – R6T-2005-0004**
7. **Susanville Recycling Center (Order No. 76-86-90), Glenn Roberts, Lassen County – R6T-2005-0005**
  - **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Bishop Hearn and **unanimously carried** to adopt the uncontested calendar with the removal of Item 5.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

8. **Terrence and Brendan Finn; Finn Bridge Project, Exemption to a Waste Discharge Prohibition Contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, Nevada County – R6T-2005-0006**

Scott Ferguson presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Ferguson asked the Board to adopt the Resolution with late revisions.

- **Motion:** Moved by Bishop Hearn, seconded by Mr. Dyas and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Resolution with late revisions proposed by Mr. Ferguson.
9. **Strategy to Address 303(d)-listed Waters (Pursuant to New SWRCB Policies)**

Chuck Curtis presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. No action was taken by the Board.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

Board members met in closed session on March 9, 2005 from 9:25 p.m. to 10:40 p.m. to discuss items e, h, i, and j. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)(e).

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:41 p.m.

The evening session adjourned at 10:41 p.m.



**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**8:30 a.m., March 10, 2005**

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Board members present: Jim Chapman, Keith Dyas, Bishop Henry Hearn, Amy Horne, Ph.D., Eric Sandel, and Susan Van Dam. Board member absent: John Brissenden.

**10. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mike Livak, Vice President-Director, Squaw Valley Ski Corporation, introduced himself to the new Regional Board members and discussed ongoing efforts at Squaw Valley. He noted settlement discussions between the Regional Board and Squaw Valley are continuing and expressed optimism regarding a positive outcome. Mr. Livak answered questions from the Board.

**NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL**

**5. Lake Tahoe Construction NPDES Permit Renewal (El Dorado and Placer Counties)  
– R6T-2005-0007**

Note: This item was removed from the uncontested calendar on March 9, 2005, for consideration by the Board on March 10, 2005.

Robert Larsen gave the staff presentation. He outlined Caltrans' concerns with the permit and Regional Board staff's response. Mr. Larsen and Mr. Smith answered questions from the Board. Mr. Larsen asked the Board to adopt the permit with the amendments suggested by Regional Board staff.

Mike Rogers, Caltrans, noted his concerns had been addressed by Regional Board staff.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Bishop Hearn and **unanimously carried** to adopt the permit with the amendments recommended by Mr. Larsen.

**STATUS REPORT**

**13. Status Report – Caltrans' Lake Tahoe Water Quality Improvement Program**

Jim Chapman disclosed that he had previously heard part of the presentation in his capacity with Lassen County.

Robert Erlich gave the status report and answered questions from the Board.

Jody Jones, Director, Caltrans, District 3, discussed Caltrans' funding issues and staff reductions, presented a status report on the Environmental Improvement Program Delivery Plan and discussed Caltrans' maintenance activities and pollutant loading issues. Ms. Jones answered questions from the Board.



**OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. Reports by Chair and Board Members**

Board members commended staff on their presentations.

Mr. Chapman thanked Dr. Nebeker and the Caltrans' representatives for their presentations to the Board.

Mr. Sandel noted he and Mr. Singer would be attending the Artificial Recharge workshop in Sacramento on March 16-17, 2005.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ s/s \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted: April 13, 2005  
Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant

