



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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**MINUTES**

**June 8-9, 2011**

**Hampton Inn  
2710 Lenwood Rd.,  
Barstow, CA 92311**

## REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on June 8, 2011.

### Board Members Present

Jack Clarke, Apple Valley  
Mike Dispenza, Palmdale  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Don Jardine, Markleeville  
Peter C. Pumphrey, Bishop  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

### Board Member Absent

None

### Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board  
Ellen Howard, Office of Enforcement, State Water Resources Control Board

### State Water Resources Control Board Staff

Gita Kapahi, Director of Public Participation, State Water Resources Control Board

### Staff Present

Harold Singer, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Lisa Dernbach, Senior Eng. Geologist  
Ann Holden, Engineering Geologist  
Keith Elliott, Senior WRCE  
Mike Coony, WRC Engineer  
Rebecca Phillips, Office Technician

Christina Velasquez, Student Assistant  
Randall Morlan, Student Assistant  
Keith Rivera, Student Assistant

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**Addressing the Board**

Daron Banks  
Bob Conaway  
Joel Valenzuela  
David Gilbert, Director, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)  
Dale Hunter, PG&E  
Kevin Sullivan, PG&E  
Joshua Hamilton, Marine Biological Laboratory  
Norman Diaz, HelpHinkley.org

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Clark introduced the Water Board members. Mr. Singer introduced the Water Board staff and counsel.

**Wednesday, June 8, 2011- 6:03 p.m.**

**WORKSHOP**

1. Mr. Singer gave a short presentation that included background information and the purpose of the workshop.

David Gilbert, Director, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PGE) informed the Water Board that PG&E wanted to give the Board more detailed and additional information on the status of PG&E's progress in response to the information the Water Board received at its March 2011 meeting. He introduced Kevin Sullivan, Project Manager, PG&E who gave a presentation covering the following topics:

- Feasibility Study (Comprehensive Chromium Cleanup Plan)
- Groundwater remediation activities and plume containment
- Actions to address actual and potential effects to domestic water supplies

Presentation by Lisa Dernbach, Senior Engineering Geologist, South Lake Tahoe Water Board Staff covering the following topics:

- Peer Review of Background Study
- Whole House Water Replacement
- Consideration of ACL
- Tech Review of Feasibility Study
- Plume Boundary Investigations and
- Timeline of Board Actions

Gita Kapahi, Director of Public Participation, SWRCB facilitated the question and answer portion of the workshop. She informed the public that her goal is to make sure they are heard and that their questions are responded to and that they understand the presentations that were given. Ms. Kapahi read questions from the public that were submitted. Water Board staff and PG&E staff responded to questions.

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After the question and answer period was complete, the Water Board Members had questions for staff and PGE.

Note: The meeting recessed at 9:49 p.m.

2. **CLOSED SESSION** (Note: see Item 2 after Item 6)

**Regular Meeting, continued**  
**Thursday, June 9, 2011- 8:33 a.m.**

Chairman Clarke called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Jack Clarke, Mike Dispenza, Keith Dyas, Amy Horne, Don Jardine, Peter C. Pumphrey, and Eric Sandel. Board Members absent: None.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Clark introduced the Board members.

Mr. Singer introduced the Water Board staff and legal counsel.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Norman Diaz, HelpHinkley.org – Green Valley Foods in Hinkley is still discharging into the desert and Mr. Diaz feels his wells are at risk. He is concerned that this is not going to get cleaned up.

4. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2011 in Victorville. (Rebecca Phillips)

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to adopt the May 11, 2011 minutes as written. Note: Mr. Jardine and Mr. Sandel abstained from voting because they were not at the May Board Meeting.

5. **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

**Public Hearing – Consideration of Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0039 and Amended Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0039-A01 for Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 - Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant, Los Angeles County**

Chairman Clarke read an opening statement.

Chairman Clarke opened the public hearing and asked if there were any agencies or anyone from the public who wanted to testify during the hearing. There being none, Chairman Clarke closed the public hearing.

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Sandel, and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0039 and Amended Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0039-A01 for Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 - Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant.

Note: Mr. Dispenza recused himself from Item 5 because of a potential conflict.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6. Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Singer discussed items from the April 16, 2011 – May 15, 2011 written report and answered questions from the Water Board.

Mr. Singer went over the schedule of Water Board meetings for the rest of the year.

### **Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members**

Dr. Horne commented on the workshop from the night before and was pleased with the way Ms. Kapahi ran the public participation.

Dr. Horne suggested that at future meetings, every presentation regarding PG&E should start with a timeline: what was expected, what was completed, what we are doing now and what is expected to be completed in the future.

Dr. Horne also suggested that Water Board staff should be physically separated from PG&E staff during meetings and clearly identify themselves as Water Board staff when speaking during Water Board meetings.

Chairman Clarke commented that Ms. Kapahi did a fantastic job and the meeting was very positive.

Board members commented on how much they liked the meeting room at the Hampton Inn.

### **2. CLOSED SESSION\***

The Board met in closed session from 9:32 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to consider Items d, e, g, and h - Discussion of Litigation **Authority:** Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e) and k - Discussion of Personnel Matters **Authority:** Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:00 a.m.



7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on June 9, 2011.

Prepared by:   
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