

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting
September 11, 2014

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
(Board Room)
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90013

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:06 am.

Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Maria Camacho, Fran Diamond, Madelyn Glickfeld, Maria Mehranian, Irma Muñoz, Charles Stringer, and Lawrence Yee.

Board Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Nicole Kuenzi, Ronji Moffett, Geraldo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, David Hung, Renee Purdy, Cris Morris, Dr. Ginachi Amah, Michael Lyons, Thomas Siebels, Cassandra Owens, Rosario Aston, Elizabeth Erickson, Eric Wu, Mercedes Merino, Hugh Marley

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet and/or Speaker Cards

Mr. Nat Cox, CA State Parks	Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
Mr. Mike Sullivan, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Ms. Liz Crosson, LA Waterkeeper	Mr. Keali Bright, Natural Resources Agency
Ms. Shana Epstein, City of Ventura	

2. Order of Agenda.

Executive Officer requests Items 13 and 15 to be moved to the Uncontested items Calendar.

3. Approval of draft meeting minutes for the June 12, 201, and the July 10, 2014 Board meetings.

MOTION to approve the June 12, 2014 draft Board meeting minutes.

First: Board member Fran Diamond
Second: Board member Maria Mehranian
Vote: Approved unanimously

(Board member Lawrence Yee abstained from voting because he was not in attendance at the June 12, 2014 meeting.)

MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for the July 10, 2014 meeting.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee
Second: Board member Maria Camacho
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

(Board member Fran Diamond abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the July 10, 2014 meeting.)

4. Board Member Communications.

There was no communication that constituted disclosure.

The EO announced the Uncontested items calendar as follows: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 15.

(Prior to approval, Board members Maria Mehranian, Maria Camacho, and Madelyn Glickfeld had questions for staff that did not require any of the items to be removed from the Uncontested items (consent) calendar.

MOTION: To approve the Uncontested items calendar as: Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 15.

First: Board member Maria Mehranian
Second: Board member Maria Camacho
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 10. Executive Officer's Report. *(Presented by Executive Officer, Samuel Unger)*

Report and Addendum Report was given to the Board. The Report was posted on the Board's website:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles>

10.a. Enforcement Report was presented by Mr. Hugh Marley, Chief of Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement section. *(During Mr. Marley's presentation, Mr. Marley made, but was not limited to the following points):*

- It is a Requirement of the State to address violations that require Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs)
- Enforcement has made it a priority to address these violations
- In fiscal year 2013/14 have collected over \$2,304,000 in fines and penalties
- Performance is tracked and will be included in State Board's Annual Performance Report
- Discussed the Stormwater Inspection Prioritization process
- Discussed the Industrial and Constructional permit process
- Provided an update on Oil and Gas Operations Initiatives Pilot Project

- Stormwater Annual Report Initiative to reduce backlog (if report is not received after contacting the discharger twice, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued)
- Staff have developed the next round of Sanitary Sewer System Waste Discharge Requirements
- Settlement Agreement entered into with the City of Los Angeles for Oro Vista Avenue, in Big Tujunga Wash; \$90,000 assessed and \$41,250 is going to the Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP) fund

(Break was taken at 10:50, and reconvened at 11:10 am)

11. Update from State Board. *The Report was presented by State vice Chair and Regional Board liaison, Fran Spivy-Weber. The report was not limited to the following remarks:*

- *The Boards are increasingly collaborative in our work*
- *There are currently twenty two Bills on the Governor's desk affecting our Boards, that are awaiting signature*
- *The Drinking Water Program merge is also awaiting signature from the Governor*
- *There is Groundwater Legislation, and Underground Storage Tank Cleanup fund Legislation that extends the programs sunset date by 10 years and increases the tax per gallon from .01 cents to .02 cents per gallon*
- *There will be a Funding Fair held in Perris, California on September 25, 2014 beginning at 8:30 am., that include one-on-one sessions for people that have questions as to whether or not they are eligible*
- *State Board approved the Marina del Rey TMDL, and regional Board staff was amazing*
- *Fees will be raised on the agriculture Waiver, and on 401 permits*
- *The Drinking Water Program is also looking at implementing fees*
- *October 1, 2014 kicks off WQCC field trip tour, and the WQCC is held on October 1, and 2, 2014*

12. Public Forum

- Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Ventura County Watershed Protection District

(Vice Chair Irma Muñoz left the meeting ill at 11:05 am)

14. Consideration of a tentative Resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Administratively Update Chapter 1 "Introduction", Chapter 5, "Plans and Policies, and Chapter 6, "Monitoring and Assessment".

Staff Report by Dr. Ginachi Amah. *(During Dr. Amah's presentation, she made, but was not limited to the following points.)*

- Summarized the proposed revisions and key updates to all of the chapters
- Currently continuing the planning process for Chapter 1
- Administrative Updates of Chapters 1, 5, and 6 are all non-regulatory in nature and have no regulatory impacts
- Five comment letters were received from County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority, Patricia McPherson – Grassroots Coalition, and Joyce Dillard- a private citizen

- There is a Change sheet provision which includes refined discussion on drought considerations, and inclusion of the State /recycled Water Policy

Speakers:

- Mr. Mike Sullivan, Los Angeles County (in support) He anticipates staff will continue with Chapter 4 as in the schedule.

Board Concerns:

- A Member expressed concern with the Change sheet, line 6 as currently written

(Staff and attorneys made the change, revising the 4th paragraph, which was then read into the record.)

MOTION: To approve the proposed Basin Plan amendment, with the revised Change sheet as read into the record.

First: Board member Fran Diamond

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Informational Item.

16. Santa Clara River Estuary Flood Management options developed by a stakeholder group of Interested parties as required by the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility NPDES Order R4-2013-0174.

Staff Report by Ms. Cris Morris, Unit Chief in Watershed Regulatory. *(Ms. Morris made, but was not limited to the following points during her presentation):*

- Discussed the Flood Management Plan Schedule
- Flood Management options were to relocate the camp ground, relocate the camp ground and restore the estuary, reduce discharge flow
- Beach berm forms during dry weather conditions, separating the estuary from the ocean
- There is flooding from ground water when river flooding is absent
- Proposal to build the levy was approved in 2001
- Treated discharge flow rate was reduced from 10 to 7.7 mgd in 2011
- Estuary pumping is preferred by some agencies
- Discussed comments that were received
- Ventura has completed six studies in 2013
- Estuary pumping is expensive and time consuming; effective Pilot Test in 2013, but, with limited results
- Preferred Interim options are estuary pumping, and beach berm grooming

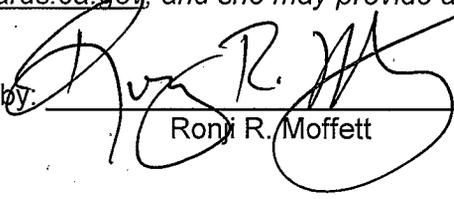
Speaker cards:

- Mr. Keali Bright, Natural Resources Agency
- Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Ventura County Watershed Protection District
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay, and on behalf of Ventura Coast Keeper
- Ms. Shana Epstein, City of Ventura

Closed session break was taken at 1:25 pm.
Meeting Reconvened and adjourned at 2:35 pm

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. (For more detailed information on any matter at our Meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov, and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or Audio, if available.)

Written and submitted by



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10/10/14