

**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting  
July 10, 2014

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
(Room 2-456)  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California 90013

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:10 am.

Roll Call.

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

Board Members Absent: Fran Diamond

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Nicole Kuenzi, Ronji Moffett, Geraldo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, David Hung, Renee Purdy, Rebecca Christmann, Dr. Ginachi Amah, Augustine Anijelo, Vilma Correa, Russ Colby, and Dr. L.B. Nye, Shana Rapoport, Jenny Newman, Mr. Namiraj Jain

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

Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Egoscue Law Group	Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
Mr. Ken Manning, San Gabriel Basin WQA	Mr. Dan Colby, San Gabriel Basin WQA
Mr. Randy Schreller, San Gabriel Basin WQA	Mr. Bruce Hammamoto, L.A. County Department of Public Works
Ms. Ariana Zamora, CAPCA	Ms. Amy Storm, Latham Watkins Associates
Mr. Huub Cox, City of Los Angeles	Ms. Zora Baharians, City of Los Angeles
Ms. Jennifer Brown, City of Malibu	Mr. Andrew Sheldon, City of Malibu
Ms. Marcela Benavides, County of Los Angeles	Mr. Alan Cameron, Santa Clarita Resident
Ms. Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes MWD	Mr. Andrew Jirik, Port of Los Angeles
Senator Ed Hernandez	Ms. Grace Hyde, L.A. County Sanitation District

2. Order of Agenda.

Executive Officer requests 10 to be heard out of order, before item 9.

3. Approval of draft meeting minutes for the June 12, 2014 Board meeting were continued due to lack of a quorum to vote. (Board members Maria Mehranian, and Lawrence Yee were not present at the June 12, 2014 meeting and had to abstain from voting today.)

The draft Minutes for June 12, 2014 were deferred to the next meeting.

4. Board Member Communications.

*There was no communication that constituted disclosure.*

*Prior to the uncontested items calendar, Senator Ed Hernandez made comments in support of this general Permit. The Senator expressed the importance of water in general, and thanked the Board and staff for this item being on the Uncontested calendar.*

Uncontested Items calendar:

The EO announced the Uncontested items calendar as follows: Items 5.

- \*5. General NPDES Permit for Discharges of Groundwater from San Gabriel Valley Groundwater Basin to Surface Waters in Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Watersheds – Los Angeles County, General Permit No. CAG994006.

MOTION: to approve the Uncontested Items as number 5.

First: Vice Chair Irma Muñoz

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

- Item 6. 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>

7. 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 budget has been adopted and signed by the Governor*
  - *Drinking Water Program has been officially transferred to the State Water Boards*
  - *Suggested inviting Regional staff of water program to come and make a presentation; Cindy Farber is the head of the Department.*
  - *The drought is having huge effects, and next Tuesday State Board will vote on regulations, hoping people will step up on implementing ways to work with the drought at saving water*
  - *Trash Workshop next Wednesday and on July 30, 2014 at the L.A. County Flood control office. Southern California Edison will be in attendance to fund for energy efficiency*

## 8. Public Forum

- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Jennifer Brown, City of Malibu
- Ms. Grace Hyde, L.A. County Sanitation Districts
- Mr. Alan Cameron, City of Santa Clarita Resident

10. Presentation on the Regional Board's approach to addressing water quality impairments from natural sources, and the challenge of applying the natural source exclusion approach to bacteria.

A joint staff report was presented by Dr. Ginachi amah, and Dr. L.B. Nye. *(During their report, the following points were made):*

- Discussed water quality impairments from natural sources
- In December 2002 the Regional Board adopted Bacteria Water Quality Objective (WQO) Standards
- Discussed addressing sources of bacteria (natural sources)
- Natural sources can contribute to bacteria
- Need to balance competing beneficial uses
- Referenced the beach approach and natural source exclusion (NSE) provision
- Discussed Bacteria NSE implementation
- Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (QMRA)
- There are three beaches for which we can develop a QMRA

Speakers:

- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
- Mr. Bram Serco

Closed session break was taken at 12:35 pm

Meeting Reconvened at 2:04 pm

9. Consideration of Time Schedule Order requiring the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and City of Los Angeles to comply with the Requirements pertaining to discharges of bacteria during dry weather to the Back Basins of Marina del Rey Harbor and Marina Beach prescribed in the L.A. County MS4 Permit, Order No. R4-2012- 0175, NPDES No. CAS004001.

Staff report by Ms. Rebecca Christmann, Regional Programs staff. (Ms. Christmann made, but was not limited to the following points during her presentation):

- The Time Schedule Order (TSO) does not modify the MS4 permit, but enforces compliance
- Discussed the completed actions in Marina del Rey sub-watershed
- The TSO requires permittees to undergo specific actions
- Comments that were received were reviewed, and staff considered, and made changes to comments as needed
- Stated the changes that were made to the TSO

Joint presentation was made by Representatives for L.A. County Flood Control District, City of Los Angeles, and County of Los Angeles. (Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Egoscue Law, representing L.A.

County Flood Control District, Mr. Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and Mr. Huub Cox, City of Los Angeles)

- Ms. Egoscue made Opening Remarks
- To date the total water quality improvement costs equals \$40 million
- City cleans the city owned catch basins twice per year
- There have been 293 catch basins retrofitted totaling \$300,000
- Have had public outreach since 2007
- Current status of the project is targeted for Fall 2014, and will be completed within 12 months of the start date at a cost of \$12,000 dollars
- Storm drain diversions will cost \$1,000,000
- The County will make great efforts to monitor the circulators

Public comment

- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay (*Mother's Beach received a bad grade on the Beach Bummer list, and had over 200 exceedances. Asked the Board to take a look at timeframes. Believes that signs should be posted when known exceedances are taking place.*)
- Mr. Andrew Jirik, Port of Los Angeles

Board member concerns/comment:

- What was the time lapse since 2013
- Has there been significant improvement in the last 9 years?
- Expressed concerns about public health

There was a break taken so that the stakeholders and Regional board staff could discuss changes to incorporate into the tentative order.

(Board member Lawrence Yee left the meeting at 4:13)

MOTION: To adopt the tentative order with changes as noted:

- Develop an Education and Outreach Plan (page 9-618, insert into the table.
- Submit a comprehensive, written Progress Report (due by July 1, 2016)

First: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board member Marias Mehranian

Vote: Approved unanimously

*The meeting adjourned at 4:20 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](mailto:ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov), and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or Audio, if available.)*

Written and submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_, then finalized on  
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