

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 SUNCENTER DRIVE, SUITE 200
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

4/5 December, 2008
498th Regular Meeting

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dr. Karl Longley called to order, the 498th regular meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region at the Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Board Members Present

Dr. Karl Longley, Chair	Kate Hart, Vice Chair	Cheryl Maki
Dan Odenweller	Soapy Mulholland	
Sandra Meraz		

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Pamela Creedon	Beth Thayer	David Kim
Ken Landau	Kathy Harder	Gayleen Perreira
Jack Del Conte	Pam Buford	Jodi Pontureri
Richard Loncarovich	Polly Lowry	Dan Radulescu
Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi	Mary Serra	Karen Larsen
Lori Okun	Lonnie Wass	Dania Huggins
Emel Wadhvani	Jerry Bruns	Margie Read
Alex Macdonald	Rob Busby	Jim Marshall
Brian Newman	Diana Messina	Adam Laputz
Betty Yee	Josh Palmer	Bill Marshall
Loren Harlow		

Others Present

Dan Hinrichs	Mike Wakeman	Debbie Webster
Roberta Firoved	David Cone	Edward Hard
Richard McHenry	Bill Jennings	Gregory Harris
Danny Merkeley	Jonathan Marz	Timothy M. Kiser
Rich Stowell	Howard Schmitz	Elizabeth Wells
Michael Bryan	Vicki Caufield	Eric Zekler
Jeff Scharff	Martin Reyes	Jim Morensen
Keith Larsen	Michael Niemi	Vicki Jones
Lolita Aumuller	Jim Atherstone	

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23/24 MINUTES

Motion to Approve 23/24 October 2008 Board Meeting Minutes:

Made by: Vice- Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Maki

Agenda Item 3

Adopt 2009 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board unanimously approved the Board meeting calendar for 6 meetings a year.

Agenda item 4

Appointment of Chair Nominating Committee

Member Odenweller and Member Mulholland volunteered to head the committee to select a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2009. The results will be disclosed at the February 5/6th Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Vice -Chair Hart reported orally and by subsequent written submittal

- Attended the WQCC meeting on October 27-28 in Sacramento, with three other Board members and Pamela Creedon
- On November 11, met with Marney Chua of UC Merced, Director of Development for the Natural Resources regarding coordination and sharing of information by staff on Delta issues.
- On November 21st met with Andria Ventura of the Clean Water Action, Fraser Schilling of UC Davis, David Childs and Savong of United Cambodian Families, among others, regarding the Mercury TMDL
- December 1st had a telephone conversation with Paul Butner of the Rice Commission regarding new studies on mercury in rice fields.

Chair, Dr. Longley reported orally and by subsequent written submittal the following meetings which he attended from October 2 through December 2nd

- Central Valley Salinity Policy Group meeting
- Brownfield Transfer ceremony at the Davis Global Communications site.
- Met with David Orth, Parry Klassen and Sarge Green for discussion regarding strategies for IRWMPs to address NPS and groundwater issues
- Fresno County Chamber of Commerce Water & Environment Committee -- Salinity Presentation
- CWP 2009 Update Advisory Committee Meeting
- Met with representatives of water softener industry together with Pamela Creedon to discuss salinity issues
- Met with representatives of the Environmental Justice community (Andria Ventura and others) to discuss mercury issues in the Delta
- Met with Ed Kashian, Sal Gonzalez, Richard Lehman, David Zoldoske and others regarding development of Campus Pointe on the Fresno State campus and implications of wastewater treatment and disposal practices
- Tulare County Rural Strategy Committee meeting
- Met with Jim Beck and Lloyd Fryer (KWCA) and separately with Less Clarke (IOPA) together with Sarge Green for discussion regarding strategies for IRWMPs to address NPS and groundwater issues
- Discussed with Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center, strategies for IRWMPs to address NPS and groundwater issues
- Met with Tina Terrell, Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, together with Soapy Mulholland to discuss forest management practices that impact water quality
- Attended the regularly scheduled Salinity and Salty 5 meetings at the Central Valley Regional Water Board,
- Participated in the monthly Chairs conference calls.

Sandra Meraz reported the following communications:

- Attended the WQCC meeting in Sacramento on October 27-28
- Attended a meeting at Tulare County Water Commission

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeff Scharff provided an update on the former Shasta Paper Plant.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Assistant Executive Officer, Richard Loncarovich gave a brief overview on a video conferencing project. The video equipment will be installed in the Redding, Fresno and the Rancho Cordova offices. The goal is to have meetings and save travel time. The equipment will also be used in conjunction with the Board meetings that people could not only view board meetings, but also testify and make presentations from their local areas. There is no set timeline for this project; however, Mr. Loncarovich will give updates periodically.

Executive Officer, Pamela Creedon reported that despite the economy, staff had stepped up and contributed towards the United Way Employee Campaign charitable program. She said that donations were up this year. She also reported that Jim Pedri and Phil Woodward of the Redding office were recognized by the Director of Fish and Game for their outstanding contribution in the Lake Davis, Pike Eradication Project.

Resolutions were adopted by the Board for Paul Betancourt, for his service on the Board, and for Loren Harlow, Assistant Executive Officer, Jack Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer and Bill Marshall, Engineering Supervisor, for their impending retirements.

ENFORCEMENT

Agenda item 8

El Dorado Irrigation District Deer Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, El Dorado County -*Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal* (NPDES No. CA0078662) and Time Schedule Order

A public hearing was held. Elizabeth Thayer presented the staff report. Diana Messina, Vicky Caufield and Richard McHenry gave additional testimonies.

Motion to adopt NPDES permit:

Made by: Member Maki

Seconded by: Member Meraz

Approved by a vote of 5-1-0

Order Number R5-2008-0173

Motion to adopt TSO:

Made by: Member Maki

Seconded by: Member Mulholland

Approved by a vote of 5-1-0

Order Number R5-2008-0174

Agenda Item 9

City of Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant, Nevada County – *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal* (NPDES No. CA0079898) and Cease and Desist Order

A public hearing was held. Ken Landau introduced Steve Geil (Tetra Tech) who presented the staff report. Tim Kiser and Richard McHenry gave additional testimonies.

Vice Chair Hart recused herself

This item was continued to focus on:

Metals issue; Aluminum and Salinity limitations; pathogen limits for MUN

Motion to continue the NPDES permit:

Made by: Member Maki

Seconded by: Member Mulholland

Approved by vote of 4-1-0

Motion to continue the CDO:

Made by: Member Maki

Seconded by: Member Mulholland

Approved by Roll Call vote of 5-0-0

Agenda item 10

City of Nevada City Wastewater Treatment Plant, Nevada County – *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal* (NPDES No. CA0079898) and Time Schedule Order

A public hearing was held. Steve Geil (Tetra Tech) presented the staff report. Richard Stowell, Richard McHenry Howard Schmitz and Ken Landau gave additional testimonies.

Motion to adopt NPDES permit with revisions:

Made by: Member Mulholland

Seconded by: Member Meraz

Unanimously approved

Order Number R5-2008-0177

Motion to adopt TSO:

Made by: Vice-Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Maki

Unanimously approved

Order Number R5-2008-0178

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session to discuss the performance of the Executive Officer, Pamela Creedon. The Board met with the Ms. Creedon and then met alone as the Board. Following the closed session, Chair Longley, announced the Board's conclusion and finding that the Executive Officer, Ms, Creedon has been performing her duties in an outstanding manner during the past year, and that the Board will be providing her a letter which will go into her personnel file. Chair Longley commended Ms. Creedon for the direction she was taking the Board. Each Board member concurred with Chair Longley and gave positive, individual feedbacks to Ms. Creedon.

NPDES PERMITS

Agenda Item 11

Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant, Contra Costa County –
Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES No. CA0078590)

A public hearing was held. Steve Geil presented the staff report. Richard Stowell, Richard McHenry, Jonathan Marks, Debbie Webster, Bill Jennings, Gregory Harris and Ken Landau gave additional testimonies.

Motion to adopt NPDES permit with revisions:

Made by: Member Maki

Seconded by: Chair, Longley

Approved by vote of 5-1-0

Order Number R5-2008-0179

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item 12

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program: *Status of the Development of the Long-Term Program and formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Workgroup*

Adam Laputz, presented the staff report on the status of the development of the Long Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Joe Karkoski gave made some clarifying comments. Dan Herricks and Mike Wakeman also spoke. This was an informational item and no Board action was taken. Chair Longley asked if any Board Member would like to be on the subcommittee and Member Mulholland volunteered.

Agenda Item 13

Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Supplemental Environmental Project and Regional Water Quality Improvement Projects List Criteria and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Administer the Supplemental Environmental Project and Regional Water Quality Improvement Projects Program.

A public hearing was held. Dan Radulescu presented the staff report. Debbie Webster gave additional testimony.

Motion to adopt Resolution:

Made by: Vice -Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Maki

Unanimously approved

Resolution Number R5-2008-0180

Agenda Item 14

Consideration of a Resolution for the development of Groundwater Strategy for the Central Valley Region, Region Wide

A public hearing was held. Lonnie Wass presented the staff report. Jim Atherstone, David Cone, Roberta Firoved, Edward Hard, Debbie Webster and Richard McHenry gave additional testimonies.

Motion to adopt Resolution with revisions:

Made by: Member Meraz

Seconded by: Member Odenweller

Unanimously approved

Order Number R5-2008-0181

Agenda Item 15

Consideration of Waiving of Reports of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Region Wide

A public hearing was held. No one came forward to verbally comment or contest this item

Motion to adopt Waiver:

Made by: Vice-Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Maki

Unanimously approved

Order Number R5-2008-0182

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

At 8:30 am, Chairman Dr. Karl Longley called to order the 498th regular meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region at the Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

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Staff Present

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Lori Okun	Lonnie Wass	Dania Huggins
Emel Wadhvani	Jerry Bruns	Margie Read
Alex Macdonald	Rob Busby	Joe Karkoski
Brian Newman	Diana Messina	
Betty Yee	Josh Palmer	

Others Present

Jeff Pelz	Richard McHenry	David Phillips
Scott Hixon	Brad Butterfield	Mindy Boele
Mike Fan	Rachel Oster	Melanie Carr
Michael Bryan		

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Odenweller reported orally and by subsequent written submittal, the following communications from October 24 to November 26, 2008

- Spoke with Bill Jennings of CSPA and invited him to the CV Salts meeting, which Mr. Jennings declined.
- Attended the WQCC meetings in Sacramento on October 27-28
- Attended the CV Salts meetings in Rancho Cordova
- Met with Dave Kohlhorst (CDFG Retired), and Marty Gingras and Jason DuBois (CDFG), to discuss the status of striped bass, and recent analyses done by staff of CDWR.
- Spoke to Chuck Armor (CDFG) about the fish kill (threadfin shad) in the San Joaquin River at Stockton.
- Had lunch with Steve and Bonnie Fentress at Whirlpool. No issues of Board significance discussed.
- Had lunch with Ron Silva and discussed OCAP for both Delta smelt and salmonids, and specifically the BA prepared by the projects. Also shared the science package with him.

Soapy Mulholland reported the following:

- Attended the WQCC meeting in Sacramento, on October 27-28
- Attended CV Salts meeting
- Met with Water Softner Industry

Cheryl Maki reported by written submittal, the following:

- Attended 2 Auburn City Council meetings to hear discussions on their WWTP upgrades.
- Spoke with Linda Waddle a concerned citizen about Donner Summit water issues.
- Attended the Auburn School Park Preserve official Opening ceremony. This park preserve was funded in part by DWR restoration grants for urban streams.
- Attended a community forum hosted by Placer County on whether they should upgrade their existing plant or regionalize their facilities with the city of Lincoln and emailed some of the documents that they handed out that evening to the Executive Officer.

PUBLIC FORUM (No comments)

EO REPORT (No comments)

UNCONTESTED ITEMS CALENDAR

NPDES PERMITS

Agenda Item 23

- a) City of Colusa Wastewater Treatment Plant, Colusa County – (NPDES No. CA0078999) (Renewal) **Order Number R5-2008-0184**
- b) City of Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant, Colusa County – (NPDES No CA0077933.) (Renewal) **Order Number R5-2008-0185**
- c) ~~California Department of General Services, Central Plant Operations, Heating and Cooling Facility, Sacramento County—Order No.R5-2007-0075 (NPDES No.CA0078581) (Amendment)~~
THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO CONTESTED CALENDAR
- d) Linda County Water District Wastewater Treatment Plant, Yuba and Sutter Counties
Order No.R5-2006-0096 (NPDES No. CA0079651) (Amendment) **Order Number R5-2008-0187**

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

Agenda Item 24

- a) Norcal Waste Systems Hay Road Landfill, Incorporated; Hay Road Landfill; Class II & III Landfills, Class II Waste Pile, and Class II Land Treatment Unit; Operation, Closure, Post-Closure Maintenance, and Corrective Action; Solano County (Revision)-**Order Number R5-2008-0188**
- b) City Of Fresno, United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States National Guard, and the Boeing Company, Old Hammer Field, Fresno County (New) **Order Number R5-2008-0189**
- c) Chevron USA, Inc- Kern County- (Amendment to extend report deadlines)
Order Number R5-2008-0190

NPDES PERMIT-RESCISSIONS

Agenda Item 25

~~Riviera West Mutual Water Company, Domestic Water Treatment Plant, Lake County, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2002-0130 (NPDES No. CA0083925)~~ THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

UNCONTESTED CHANGE OF NAME AND /OR OWNERSHIP-Order Number R5-2008-0191

Agenda Item 26

- a) Vintage Production California, LLC, Kern County, Order No. 58-502
- b) Firebaugh Truck and Auto Plaza, Fresno County, Order No. 89-034
- c) Chevron Environmental Management Company; Chevron Texaco, Inc., Fresno County, Order No. R5-2006-0080

Motion to adopt uncontested items 23, (a,b,d), and items 24 and 26:

Made by: Vice -Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Mulholland
Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 23 c

California Department of General Services, Central Plant Operations, Heating and Cooling Facility, Sacramento County –Order No.R5-2007-0075 (NPDES No.CA0078581) (Amendment) (This item was moved from the uncontested calendar)

A public hearing was held. Jim Marshall briefly discussed the amendment. He said that there was a minor late revision to correct the citation, finding 14 on the resolution. Melanie Carr and Richard McHenry gave additional testimonies. Lori Okun said that there was a late late revision to change to change number 13 on the resolution. (Amending WDR)

Motion to adopt the resolution with revisions:

Made by: Vice Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Maki
Unanimously approved

Order Number R5-2008-0186

NPDES PERMITS

Agenda item 22

University of California, Davis, Main Wastewater Treatment Plant, Solano and Yolo Counties-*Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal* (NPDES No. CA0079898)

A public hearing was held. Josh Palmer presented the staff report. Ken Landau gave a point of clarification on salinity issues, for the record. Diana Messina also answered clarifying questions. David Phillips and Richard McHenry gave additional testimonies.

Motion to adopt the NPDES Permit Renewal with revisions:

Made by: Vice Chair Hart

Seconded by: Member Maki
Unanimously approved

Order Number R5-2008-0183

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board met in closed session to sign a personnel document to give to the Executive Officer. Shortly after coming back to session, Board Chair, Dr. Longley adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m. to the February 5/6 Board meeting.