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California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region

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Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.

Southern California Fires

The Regional Board has been actively participating in the Governor's BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) Team to evaluate existing and potential risks to life, property and resources resulting from the recent Southern California fires, notably Malibu, October, Night Sky (Ventura County), Sedgwick (Santa Barbara County) Witch and Poomacha (San Diego County). The fires burned over 250,000 acres and destroyed over 17,000 homes and other structures. Regional Board representatives are Stephen Cain and Alex Alimohammadi. The BAER Team conducts extensive field inspections and develops recommendations for mitigation measures to protect human life, infrastructure and the environment. BAER Team member include representatives from the Los Angeles and San Diego Regional Water Boards, Water Resources, Fish and Game, Geological Survey, Forestry and Fire Protection and Army Corps of Engineers.

Waste Discharge Requirements for Management and Disposal of Solid Waste from the 2007 Wildfires

LARWQCB staff has developed a "TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R4-2007-XXXX for AN EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL TEMPORARY WAIVER OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO FILE A REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND TO ADOPT WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FROM THE 2007 WILDFIRES" that is tentatively scheduled for our December 6, 2007 Board meeting. We are coordinating this activity with the SWRCB-Office of Chief Counsel as they are in the process of developing a Statewide Waiver for the management and disposal of Solid Wastes for the seven counties that were declared as Emergency Disaster Areas under the Governor's Executive Order No. S-13-07 .

IT/GIS SUPPORT

LARWQCB Information Technology staff have been working with Cal Fire staff and has provided them with data in order to look at impacts from the wildfires on specific watersheds. Specifically, in the Los Angeles Region for the Buckweed fire, we will continue to provide IT/GIS technical support as Cal Fire requests it.

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Landfills Program

Fires – Followup Activities

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On October 21, 2007, the Governor issued a proclamation identifying seven southern California counties, including Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties, as being in a state of emergency due to the recent severe fires. As a result, large volumes of burned debris have been generated. To ensure that this material is disposed in an environmentally safe manner but still allow the expeditious removal and disposal, staff have prepared a tentative resolution that allows for the handling and disposal of debris that has been determined to be non-hazardous. Such disposal will be restricted to specific Class III composite-lined landfills. Staff will present the tentative resolution for Board consideration and adoption at the December 6, 2007 public meeting.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Sylmar

Wen Yang

Browning Ferris Industries, Inc. (BFI), the owner and operator of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Sylmar, California, submitted a letter to the Regional Board on May 4, 2007, and proposed the amounts of financial assurance for “known or reasonably foreseeable releases” to be \$749,849 for the County Extension Landfill (portion of the landfill within unincorporated Los Angeles County) and \$2,073,841 for the City Landfill (portion of the landfill within the City of Los Angeles). The proposal was submitted in accordance with Waste Discharge Requirements for the County Extension Landfill that the Board adopted on April 5, 2007, and applicable requirements in California Code of Regulations, title 27. Staff transmitted BFI’s proposal to interested parties on June 11, 2007, requesting that comments regarding the proposal be submitted to the Regional Board by July 11, 2007.

Staff received comments regarding BFI’s proposal from the North Valley Coalition and the Center for a Competitive Waste Industry, who represents the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Staff is currently evaluating BFI’s proposal and the comments received from interested parties, and preparing a tentative resolution for the Board to determine the appropriated amount of financial assurance for known or reasonably foreseeable releases for the landfill. Staff plans to present the tentative resolution for board consideration and adoption at the December 6, 2007 public meeting. The tentative resolution has been sent to interested parties for comments at least 60 days prior to the Board meeting.

Outreach

Saturday, October 6th, Stephen Cain represented the Regional Board at Family Day, 2007, sponsored by Pacoima Beautiful. The following weekend, he again represented the Board at the 3rd Annual Green Port Fest, sponsored by the Port Long Beach. Both events provided an opportunity for the Regional Board to showcase its programs and accomplishments and to strengthen its ties with community members, as well as local and state officials, the regulated and environmental communities and its sister agencies. During the two events, educational pamphlets, coloring books, pencils and posters were distributed to over 8,400 individuals.

October 17th, the Regional Board hosted the 7th Annual H. David Nahai Water Quality Awards Gala. The awards recognize extraordinary efforts to preserve and enhance the quality of California’s water resources. This year’s award recipients were: Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (Water Quality Excellence); Paula Daniels (Water Quality Leadership), Rex Laird, Farm Bureau of Ventura County (Water Quality Advocate); Water Education Foundation (Water Quality Research/Education) and Los Angeles Conservation Corps (Water Quality Protection/Restoration). The event sold-out and was attended by over 165 celebrants.

October 22nd, Mr. Cain represented the Regional Board at a hearing of the County of Los Angeles Public Health Commission to discuss steps taken by the Board to improve POTW reporting of sewage spills to public health officials. Board accomplishments include: an EO directive to all POTWs requiring notification of local health officers within two hours of a sewage spill; incorporation of this requirements into individual POTW permits, as well as the future Ventura and Los Angeles County MS4 permits; and letter to the State Board Executive Director requesting that the two hour notification, as well as minimum equipment maintenance standards and protocols, be incorporated into the statewide Sanitary Sewer Overflow WDRs. It is noteworthy that the Regional Board's activism has the potential to better protect public health not only within the Commission's geographic jurisdiction (the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County) but throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and the State of California.

October 25th, Regional Board staff hosted the 4th Quarter Meeting of the Price Pfister/Holchem Stakeholder Group. The Stakeholder Group was created by the Regional Board to bring together elected officials, regulatory agencies, business interests, environmental and community groups and residents particularly interested in the remediation and future development of the Price Pfister and adjacent Holchem sites, both located in Pacoima. The October meeting focused on the scope, coordination and timing of work to be completed during 2008. It was agreed that two community meetings will be held to provide the entire community with an update on the type and location of soil and groundwater contamination and current and pending remediation strategies. The first meeting has been scheduled for November 29, will be hosted by DTSC and will focus on the Holchem property. The second meeting has been calendared for January 24, will be hosted by the Regional Water Board and will focus on the Price Pfister site.

Upcoming Events: In partnership with the US/EPA and area municipalities, the Regional Board will be hosting a half to full day conference to discuss current and pending activities to protect drinking water wells in the San Fernando Valley from Chrome-6 pollution. The conference is tentatively scheduled for the second half of January, 2008. US EPA's Region IX Administrator, the Regional Board Chair, DTSC, the Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster and Los Angeles DWP General Manager will be asked to participate, either as speakers or panelists. Anticipated conference attendance: 75-100.

Watershed Management

Watershed Management Initiative Chapter

Each Regional Board has a "chapter" in a statewide document which describes the Region's watersheds and their priority water quality issues. The last update occurred in October 2004. The consolidated statewide document is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Updates occur on an as-needed basis and an update is currently underway. The 2004 document may be obtained electronically (in MSWord) by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at 213-576-6679 or sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov. It can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar. In addition, "Watersheds" will lead to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one.

Funding

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the California Watershed Funding Database website at <http://calwatershedfunds.org/>. Both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties have developed Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) in order to qualify for funding under Propositions 50 and 84. The Los Angeles County IRWMP may be viewed at <http://www.lawaterplan.org/> while the Ventura County IRWMP is available at <http://www.watershedscoalition.org/>. The Los Angeles County

IRWMP does not include the upper Santa Clara River. Stakeholders in that area are currently developing a separate IRWMP. More information may be found at <http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/scr/>.

Site Cleanup IV Unit

Carson Environmental Workshop

Wendy Phillips

At the invitation of the City of Carson, staff participated in an environmental workshop last month. The purpose of the workshop was to brief residents on oversight of environmental issues in the City. Several other state agencies, including DTSC and the Fire Marshall, as well as county and local agencies and the local water purveyor, also participated in the workshop.

Norwalk Defense Fuel Supply Point

Jeffrey Hu

Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) Norwalk facility, owned by Defense Energy Support Center (DESC), is a 50-acre facility consisting of 12 aboveground storage tanks that previously stored and distributed jet propellant (JP)-1 and JP-8. Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMEP) leases a 2-acre easement along the southern and eastern boundaries of DFSP for operation of its pipelines that convey gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel. Under the oversight of this Regional Board, have been conducting onsite and offsite subsurface investigation and remediation at the subject site. The onsite subsurface impact has been adequately characterized and soil and groundwater remediation has been ongoing. To assess and delineate the impact of fuel release from the DFSP facility and KMEP pipelines, DESC and KMEP recently completed a joint soil and groundwater investigation at Holifield Park, a community park abutting DFSP's eastern boundary. After reviewing the advanced copy of the preliminary draft data package (soil gas, soil, and groundwater), the city of Norwalk, in early October, expressed concerns over the safety of local citizens who use the park. Staff immediately communicated these concerns with DESC and KMEP and met their consultants at the park to assess the site conditions and ongoing remediation systems. Staff directed DESC and KMEP to submit work plans for field testing to assess the adequacy of the ongoing remediation system and expedite the necessary expansion and modification of current remediation systems to ensure the safety for the routine activities on the park.

In Mid October 2007, DESC and KMEP submitted a Draft Site Investigation Report that summarizes the findings of this field investigation at the Holifield Park. DESC and KMEP further discussed the technical findings and health issues with the concerned citizens during a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting held in the City of Norwalk on October 25th, 2007. Staff is currently reviewing the report and preparing comments and directive to address the additional investigation and cleanup issues at the site. Staff will continue working closely with the local community and City of Norwalk to address their concerns during future site investigation and cleanup efforts.

Aerospace Corporation El Segundo Site

Jeffrey Hu

The Aerospace Corporation site comprises approximately 31 acres and is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard in the city of El Segundo. The site abuts Los Angeles Air Force Base (Area A) and Apollo Corporation. Recent environmental investigation activities at the Los Angeles Air Force Base have revealed the presence of elevated concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), mainly trichloroethene (TCE), in the subsurface soil and groundwater at the site and its vicinities.

October 4, 2007, staff directed Aerospace Corporation to conduct additional subsurface soil and groundwater investigation, along with efforts by Apollo Corporation, to identify the sources of the VOCs and completely delineate the VOCs impact at the site.

BP Carson Refinery

Paul Cho

The BP Carson Refinery (BP) is operated by a British Petroleum affiliate on 702 acres in the city of Carson. Regional Board oversight of extensive cleanup activities at this site is through Cleanup and Abatement Orders issued in 1985 and in 1990. BP continues to investigate offsite MTBE contamination by depth-discrete groundwater sampling.

Based upon a meeting discussion with staff, BP is developing a matrix to provide key remediation program accomplishments and an alternative method to better represent the occurrence of LNAPL in wells since plotting LNAPL thickness could mislead true LNAPL in the subsurface. In addition, BP is constructing onsite Gage monitoring network. BP will consult with staff on proposed well screens for the Gage monitoring wells.

Kinder Morgan Carson Terminal

Paul Cho

The Kinder Morgan Carson Terminal is operated by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMEP) on 100 acres in the city of Carson. Regional Board oversight of extensive cleanup activities at this site is through Cleanup and Abatement Orders issued in 1985 and in 1990.

On September 28, 2007, Regional Board issued a conditional approval letter for KMEP's proposed investigation on the quality of groundwater in the Gage aquifer by installing three multi-depth groundwater monitoring well clusters along the downgradient property boundary of the facility.

Former Price Pfister site, Pacoima

Mohammad Zaidi

Price Pfister, and subsequently Black and Decker, manufactured plumbing fixtures on a 25- acre site in the Pacoima area. This site is near another site, Holchem, which is under oversight by DTSC. In preparation for redevelopment as a shopping area, staff has overseen onsite investigations and cleanup, largely through excavation and removal of heavily contaminated soils, soil vapor extraction, and air sparging.

Staff attended a fourth quarter 2007 Stakeholder Group Meeting for the former Price Pfister/Holchem sites on October 25, 2007. Participants included representatives of Black & Decker (Former Price Pfister), DTSC Glendale, State Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes of 39th District, Senator Alex Padilla, and City of Los Angeles Councilman Richard Alarcon, City Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), Primestor (the Developer), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and the environmental groups Pacoima Beautiful, and Los Angeles County Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS).

EKI is currently reviewing the analytical results of the soil gas samples collected during the site-wide soil gas survey of the former Price Pfister site that began on September 10, 2007. EKI is expected to submit a technical report containing the results of the site-wide soil gas survey, soil vapor extraction system rebound test, and a workplan to perform a human health risk assessment for the former Price Pfister site (remediation

areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 only) by November 30, 2007. Staff will work with OEHHA for evaluating any unacceptable risks of exposures to the future occupants of the new buildings to be constructed on the site from VOCs emitting from the residual contaminants in soil or the groundwater plumes beneath the site.

Quarterly groundwater samples have also been collected in coordination with those from the Holchem site overseen by DTSC and analyzed, and the third quarter 2007 groundwater monitoring report is expected to be submitted within a week. Recently, staff required Price Pfister to submit remedial action plans for the onsite and offsite groundwater plumes of hexavalent chromium and 1,4-dioxane originating from the site, respectively, by December 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008.

Former ARBCO Facility, Van Nuys

Mohammad Zaidi

This 0.6-acre facility manufactured circuit boards for military and commercial use from early 1960's to 1990. The processes used at the facility were mainly plating, stripping, and etching. The materials used at the facility included acids such as chromic acid, and chlorinated solvents. As directed by staff, delineation of lateral and vertical extents of hexavalent chromium (CrVI) contaminated soil has recently been completed. Recently staff conditionally approved a remedial action plan, which is scheduled to start by November 5, 2007.

Former Aerojet-General Corporation facility, Azusa

Robert Ehe

Aerojet-General Corporation is conducting site investigations to characterize residual perchlorate in soils within areas of concern based on known solid rocket propellant mixing and grinding operations at the former Aerojet facility in Azusa. The facility encompasses an area up to 125 acres.

Recently, the Executive Officer issued a CWC Section 13267 and 13304 directive to Aerojet, conditionally approving sampling activities that will complete this characterization of residual perchlorate in soils. Aerojet is required to submit a technical report summarizing all soil sampling and analysis results by the end of November. In addition, staff required Aerojet to submit a work plan to install two additional groundwater monitoring wells for identifying a source area near the existing building at 411 N. Aerojet Avenue, also by the end of November.

Staff inspected drilling and sampling activities at the end of last month to verify sampling locations and depths matched the work plan, and were conducted properly. These activities were conducted as required.

Paramount Refinery, 14700 Downey Avenue, Paramount

Robert Ehe

The Regional Board issued CAOs No. 85-17 and 97-130 to direct Paramount Petroleum Corporation to define the edges of the plume(s) of contaminants of concern and take remedial actions at their refinery in Paramount. This refinery occupies an area of 60 acres. Paramount is currently conducting site characterization activities on site and in surrounding areas to confirm whether there have been impacts to indoor air, soil, and groundwater. The refinery is surrounded by both industrial and residential areas, including schools, a shopping center, and an adjacent trailer park.

Paramount submitted a vapor intrusion human health risk assessment report dated October 1, 2007. On October 4, 2007, Regional Board staff sent a memorandum to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to request a review of the report. Staff is coordinating this review with OEHHA staff and staff in the School Property Evaluation and Cleanup Division of the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Also, staff in consultation with OEHHA staff will determine whether the conclusions of

the report submitted by Paramount are accurate.

Former Fairchild Corporation facility, Azusa

Robert Ehe

In 2001, the Executive Officer issued CAO No. 00-148 to Fairchild Corporation, directing assessment and cleanup at a former Fairchild operation covering 10 acres in Azusa. Fairchild contends that it has completed requirements under the Board's CAO, and that any remaining contamination was released by subsequent operators. Staff is in the process of evaluating Fairchild's request to close out the CAO, and plans to make a recommendation within the next month.

Grants & Loans Unit

Update on Grant Activity

Maryann Jones

Altogether, Region 4 staff are managing 46 projects from various funding sources totaling \$45.7 million. The projects being funded with these grants will help communities and dischargers: meet TMDL (total maximum daily load) targets in impaired rivers and waterbodies; restore wetlands; install stormwater capture devices; and replant native vegetation.

San Gabriel Watershed Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Program

David Koo

The Regional Board granted \$205,275 to the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to restore, protect, maintain, and enhance the North Fork and East Fork portions of the San Gabriel River Watershed. The Contractor intends to meet this goal through various tasks including reducing trash and debris runoff into the San Gabriel River, replacing troubled portable toilets with vault style toilets, stream clearance, rehabilitating pathways, installing natural rock and plant barriers to further direct visitors to pathways, and public outreach.

In early October, Regional Board staff David Koo conducted a site visit along the North Fork and East Fork sections of the San Gabriel River. All the portable lavatories at the five designated locations have been removed and replaced with vault style toilets. The vault style toilets do not require any water or chemicals. Water sampling at those five locations is continuing on a regular basis to monitor water quality improvement in terms of quantity of trash and the presence of coliform.

North Santa Monica Bay Water Quality Improvement Project (Marie Canyon)

David Koo

The Regional Board granted \$954,000 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Flood Control District to improve water quality in North Santa Monica Bay and ultimately meet Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) targets for bacteria.

A significant portion of the funding went to the Marie Canyon Water Quality Improvement Project in the City of Malibu. Since 2002, bacteria levels in the dry weather runoff at Marie Canyon have consistently exceeded the State health standards for swimming. A water filtration and disinfection system was proposed at the downstream side of Marie Canyon to provide disinfection of urban runoff during dry-weather at the outlet of the Canyon. This system utilizes a series of media filters and ultraviolet disinfection units specifically designed for the project site characteristics.

In early October, Regional Board staff David Koo attended the dedication ceremony for the Marie Canyon

Water Quality Improvement Project. At the dedication ceremony, County of Los Angeles staff provided attendees with detailed information on the project and a tour of the newly installed filtration and disinfection system. Water quality monitoring will be conducted on a monthly basis for the next two years to determine effectiveness of the system in reducing bacteria loading in the Canyon.

State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program

David Koo

A project must appear on the adopted Priority List to be eligible to compete for SRF loan assistance. The State Water Resources Control Board on September 4, 2007, adopted the 2007/08 State Revolving Fund Loan Program Priority List. The adopted Board Resolution has been posted on the SRF Program web page. The Los Angeles Region has 94 projects on the list for a total of \$2,985,062,597.

For further information on the Priority List and the SRF program, please go to the SRF Program web page <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/srf.html>.

The SRF Loan Program provides low-interest loan funding for construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water reclamation facilities, as well as, expanded use projects such as implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) projects or programs, development and implementation of estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, and storm water treatment.

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program (Ventura County)

Maryann Jones

The State Water Resources Control Board is negotiating a Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) implementation grant agreement with the County of Ventura for \$25,000,000. The goal of the Project is to implement components of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) IRWM Plan. The objectives of the WCVC IRWM Plan are to: (1) reduce dependence on imported water and protect, conserve, and augment water supplies; (2) protect and improve water quality; (3) protect people, property, and the environment from adverse flooding impacts; (4) protect and restore habitat and ecosystems in watersheds; and (5) provide water-related recreational public access and educational opportunities. The WCVC's IRWM Plan covers the three watersheds in Ventura County: Calleguas Creek (CC), Santa Clara River (SC), and Ventura River (V). The Project includes the implementation of eleven (11) components of the WCVC IRWM Plan. The participating agencies have consented to implementing their respective components by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Ventura.

The individual projects to be implemented under this agreement are:

1. Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP) Project - Hueneme Outfall Replacement (CC-1) (\$3,345,000)
2. Camarillo Groundwater Treatment Facility (CC-3) (\$5,500,000)
3. Ventura County Waterworks District 1 - Recycled Water System (CC-7) (\$1,000,000)
4. Calleguas Creek Watershed Arundo/Tamarisk Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Assessment (EA) and Pilot Removal Project (CC-10) (\$1,155,000)
5. Simi Valley Tapo Canyon Water Treatment Plant (CC-11) (\$1,500,000)
6. El Rio Forebay Groundwater Contaminant Elimination Project (GCEP) (SC-1) (\$3,051,000)
7. Oxnard Forebay GCEP, College Park Phase (SC-2) (\$3,050,000)
8. Fillmore Integrated Water Recycling Project II-A (SC-3) (\$3,050,000)
9. Ventura River Watershed Protection Project (V-1) (\$1,545,538)
10. San Antonio Spreading Grounds Rehabilitation (V-2) (\$1,315,000)
11. Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company (SCMWC) Automation Upgrades (V-6) (\$488,462)

319(h) Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant Program

Maryann Jones

The State Water Board will be accepting Concept Applications for the 319(h) NPS Grant Program beginning on September 14, 2007 using the FAAST online system. Approximately \$5.65 Million will be available for this solicitation with a minimum grant amount of \$250,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000 per project. Concept proposals are due by 5 pm on November 1, 2007. These proposals will be reviewed and the submitting parties will be notified that they are approved to submit a full proposal on December 17, 2007. A workshop for full proposal applicants will be held on January 7, 2008 at the CalEPA Building in Sacramento. Full proposals are due on January 31, 2008. The final list of projects will be posted on February 14, 2008 and adopted by the State Board on March 15, 2008.

Grant Funding Opportunities

The State Board is currently determining what funding opportunities will be available during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Funding will be available through Proposition 84 later this year. The funding available under Proposition 84 is specifically for flood control and surface water quality projects. Approximately \$15 Million will be available in the Prop 84 and Prop 50 AWQGP program and another \$90 million available in the Prop 84 storm water program. The schedule for these has not been announced.

The State Board website has more information on funding opportunities at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/index.html>.

Proposition 84 Clean Beaches Grants

Maryann Jones

The Proposition 84 Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Grant Program has completed Guideline Scoping Workshops in Northern and Southern California. Questions and Answers from the scoping workshops are now posted online.

Proposition 84 provides grants for local public agencies to assist those agencies in complying with the discharge prohibition into Areas of Special Biological Significance contained in the California Ocean Plan. A total of approximately \$32 million will be made available and will be administered by the State Board's Division of Financial Assistance.

Draft Guidelines will be released by January, 2008. The State Board will consider these guidelines in March, 2008 with a projected award date sometime in Fall, 2008.

The Prop 84 Clean Beaches Initiative Draft Guidelines will be released in January, 2008. State Board will consider these guidelines in Spring, 2008 and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Thirty four million dollars is available in this funding source.

California 2008 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Conference

Maryann Jones

California's 2008 NPS Conference will be held on May 5-7, 2008 in San Diego to showcase successful watershed based approaches to address NPS pollution. The theme for this year's conference is, "Integrated Watershed Management: Reducing NPS Pollution." This conference will showcase how sustainability and an integrated holistic watershed perspective can be incorporated into non-point source problem-solving steps, through local, regional, and global efforts. For more information on the conference, please visit <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/nps/conference2008.html>.

State Water Board Funding Fair

Maryann Jones

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) will host a one day Funding Fair on January 11, 2008, at the Cal/EPA Building in Sacramento. The purpose of the Funding Fair is to provide an overview of current and upcoming funding opportunities, as well as tips for completing funding applications and managing your projects. The State Water Board's DFA has invited partner agencies to share information about a broad range of funding opportunities available to interested stakeholders. Check the Funding Fair website for updates and information regarding the fair at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/fundingfair2008.html> . To receive future e-mails regarding this event, sign-up on-line for the "State Water Board Funding Fair" at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html .

If you have questions regarding the Funding Fair, please e-mail Funding Fair staff at: Funding_Fair@waterboards.ca.gov. Additionally, you may contact Ms. Erin Ragazzi (E-mail: enragazzi@waterboards.ca.gov; Phone: 916-341-5733).

Project Assessment And Evaluation

Maryann Jones

All grant recipients are required to prepare a Project Assessment and Evaluation Plan (PAEP) at the initiation of their project to outline how they will assess and evaluate performance and report on project achievements. The PAEP will layout an evaluation and assessment process based on project goals and outcomes, drawing from the results of grant products and deliverables.

The State Water Board has developed PAEP guidance and various tools to provide assistance to grant recipients in preparing a PAEP. The information on this web site should prepare you to design a PAEP, and provide you with tools to track project targets and link them with intended outcomes. Information is available at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/paep.html> .

Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)

Maryann Jones

The online FAAST system is used by the State and Regional Boards for all loan and grant applications. This site was developed to provide an efficient means for project proponents to apply for the loan and grant funding offered by the Division of Financial Assistance. Additionally, the site can be used for the public to view all project proposals, including proposals that have been funded, proposals that have not been funded and proposals that have not yet been considered. The system can be found online at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/> .

Applicants can use this site to sign up for funding notifications, submit financial assistance applications, and monitor the status of their applications. A valid FAAST user account and password are needed to use this system but are available to any user through the website.

Groundwater Permitting Program

Proposed Sewer Project, La Canada Flintridge

Wendy Phillips

La Canada Flintridge is one of the few cities in the region without a public sanitary sewer. Construction of sewers is proceeding in much of the city; however, residents in District 5 of the City have raised concerns about switching from septic systems to a sewer system. At the invitation of the City, staff participated in a

series of three public workshops to discuss protection of the quality of groundwater and the importance of sewers. The city tentatively plans to hold an assessment vote in mid 2009.

Mandeville Canyon (City of LA)

Dionesia Rodriguez

On August 30, 2007, residents of two homes, 3715 and 3565 on Mandeville Canyon Road, were enrolled under a general permit for residential septic systems. These residences are the last two of the seven residences identified to be within 100 feet of the Mandeville Canyon Creek. This area was identified as a high risk area because the Mandeville Creek is a tributary to Santa Monica Bay which is listed in the 303d list; therefore, the residences were required to install a secondary treatment unit with disinfection.

In an MOU, executed in 2004 by the Water Board and the City of Los Angeles, residences that need permits to operate secondary treatment units will receive WDRs from the Board until the City promulgates an ordinance giving them authority to issue operating permits. However, as of August 27, 2007, the City informed staff that it is at least three years away from promulgating the ordinance to have authority to issue operating permits.

Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule Orders at Duke's Malibu

Elizabeth Erickson

A notice of violation (NOV) was sent to Duke's Malibu (discharger) on June 7, 2007, for exceedance of effluent limits for bacteria and ammonia. A second NOV was issued July 27, 2007 for violations of their Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) and Time Schedule Order (TSO), and for illegal discharges and odors. A Report of Waste Discharge Application was filed on July 24, 2007, to update the system. Staff is reviewing responses from the discharger's to the NOVs, received on July 13 and July 23, 2007, respectively.

Monitoring reports filed June, 2007, show remaining exceedances for BOD, TSS and ammonia.

Geotechnical characterizations of the leach field were completed in July and August, with reports provided to staff on August 9 and 24. The discharger is seeking a remedy, such as a cut-off wall, to block a potential illicit discharge from flowing through the beach berm onto the beach sand present at low tide and low surf. Staff is collaborating with the City of Malibu in assessing their recommendations.

Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule Orders at Winter Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant/Malibu Colony Plaza

Elizabeth Erickson

A notice of violation (NOV) was sent to Malibu Bay Company (discharger) on August 13, 2007, for violations of their Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) and Time Schedule Order (TSO) and exceedance of BOD, turbidity and coliform effluent limits. On July 9, 2007, the discharger provided a proposal for additional modifications which are likely to result in compliance with the effluent limits. Staff is reviewing the dischargers response to the NOV, a proposal for limited and progressive redesign received on August 31, 2007. Monitoring reports filed in July, 2007 show that, despite the discharger's efforts to improve plant performance, the BOD limit still continues to be violated.

Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements, Odors and Illicit Discharges at Paradise Cove, Malibu

Elizabeth Erickson

Additional illicit discharges and odor complaints were logged on August 14, 18, 24, and September 4 and 10,

2007. The Executive Officer issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) to Paradise Cove (discharger) on September 6, 2007.

Also, staff is reviewing a response to an NOV, as well as problems with the discharger's spill response and notification protocol.

The treatment system's disinfection unit has been turned off except for a brief period in February, 2007 and on September 10, 2007. All portions of the system are connected, but as-built drawings have not been provided. Smells are being generated where the subsurface system or adjacent residents do not have air tight connections. The original plans did not include connecting the office trailer, which remains on a separate septic system.

The monitoring report, filed in August 2007, shows attainment of all effluent limits, except bacteria. Groundwater monitoring data is still being evaluated.

The discharger did not respond to a request for the spill-cleanup protocol made during an inspection on September 10. A limited spill notification protocol was provided, but there is not an organized management response to odor complaints. Spill reports have been submitted by the Park for some of the illicit discharges, but are more limited in scope than directed in the WDR. Additional detail has been requested, and is also pending the discharger's response to the CAO.