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Minutes of the 413th Regular Meeting May 18, 1998 City of Alhambra Council Chambers 111 First Street, Alhambra

INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Slezak at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

Jack Coe, Charlotte Craven, Michael Keston, Charles Milam, John Slezak

Board Members Absent

Hamid Nahai, Beth Rogers

Staff Present

Dennis Dickerson, Catherine Tyrrell, Jorge Leon, Robyn Shipley, Dennis Dasker, James Kuykendall, Wendy Phillips, Keith Elliott, Jon Bishop, Deborah Smith, Catherine Tyrrell

Others Present

Mary Jane Forster, SWRCB	Robert Gallagher, Ventura County
David Burkhart, Ojai Valley Sanitation District	Environmental Health
Mark Gilmartin, Filmartin & LeBerthon	Melinda Talent, Ventura County
Bill Straub, City of Los Angeles	Environmental Health
Donald Kirkland, Brooks & Jensen	Bob Pierotti, California Department of Water Resources
Steve Fleishli, Heal the Bay	Frank Angel, Surfrider Foundation
Jacque Gamble, LVMWD	Jane Bray, Consultant
Todd Le, Port of Los Angeles	Patrick Rogan, Surfrider Foundation
Jack Petralia, Los Angeles County	Carolyn Van Horn, City of Malibu
Department of Health Services	Victor Peterson, City of Malibu
Mark Gold, Heal the Bay	Graig Geirge, City of Malibu
Marty Moreno, Los Angeles County	Larry Young, City of Malibu
Department of Public Works	Steven Braband, Biosolutions, Inc.
Kenn Smead, Stetson Engineers	David Beckman, NRDC
Melanie Winter, FOLAR	

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Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call.

A roll call was taken with all members present except Hamid Nahai and Beth Rogers.

2. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer recommended the following changes to the agenda:

- ◆ *Remove item 7.8 (BKK Cogeneration) due to last minute concerns regarding CEQA compliance.*
- ◆ *Remove item 8 (ACL for LACDPW) due to the discharger's request to waive their right to a hearing within 60 days and to continue the settlement negotiations that are underway.*
- ◆ *Remove item 9 (ACL for the City of Pomona) due to the payment received by the City prior to the board meeting.*
- ◆ *Hear item 12 (Proposed List for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program) immediately before item 11.*
- ◆ *Add item 3A for the purpose of awarding staff member Veronica Cuevas-Alpuche with the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award immediately following item 3.*

MOTION: By Ms. Craven, seconded by Mr. Milam, and approved on a voice vote.

3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 1998.

A motion was made to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 13, 1998.

MOTION: By Ms. Craven, seconded by Mr. Milam, and approved on a voice vote.

3A. Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award.

Chairman Slezak presented staff member Veronica Cuevas-Alpuche with the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award which recognized her many accomplishments as a staff member of the Regional Board.

4. Uncontested Items Calendar.

A change sheet was submitted for items 7.1, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 (Los Angeles Harbor Department Maintenance Dredging Projects, Berths 121-126, 163-164, 191, 216-221).

NPDES PERMITS

Renewal

6.1 Keyser-Century Corporation, Saugus [Ha Nguyen, 266-7618].....CA0057126

6.2 3M Pharmaceuticals, Northridge [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0063312

Rescission

6.3 Foto-Kem Industries Inc., Burbank [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0058114

6.4 Gross Enterprises Inc., Encino [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0059455

6.5 JMB Encino Partnership, Encino [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0059676

6.6 The Trillium, Woodland Hills [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0060330

6.7 Mobil Oil Corporation (Service Station #11-F3B), Reseda [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0062723

6.8 Unocal Corporation (Service Station #2058), Sherman Oaks [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0061441

6.9 Shell Oil Company (SS#204-4534-8301), Los Angeles [Jose Morales, 266-7597].....CA0062685

6.10 J.A.B. Holdings Inc., El Monte [Kwang-il Lee, 266-7563].....CA0063321

6.11 Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power (Pollock Wells Treatment Plant), Los Angeles [Kwang-il Lee, 266-7563].....CA0063860

6.12 Thrifty Oil Co., Tarzana [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0061514

6.13 Douglas Emmett Joint Venture, Glendale [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0061646

6.14 Thrifty Oil Co., Studio City [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0062367

6.15 First American Title Co. of Los Angeles, Glendale [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0059838

6.16 Glendale Federal Bank, Glendale [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0058874

6.17 Citadel Realty, Glendale [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0058009

6.18 Glendale Federal Bank (Hoeft Center), Glendale [Gary Schultz, 266-7605].....CA0054496

6.19 Rreef U.S.A. Fund II Corp. (Century Square Shopping Center), Los Angeles [Mazhar Ali, 266-7666].....CA0053074

6.20 Delta Towers Joint Venture (Century Plaza Towers), Los Angeles [Mazhar Ali, 266-7666].....CA0053163

NON-NPDES PERMITS

New

7.1 Los Angeles Harbor Department (Berths 121-126 Maintenance Dredging

	Project), Los Angeles [J.M. Lyons, 266-7616].....	97-121
7.2	Los Angeles Harbor Department (Berth 144 Wharf Replacement Project), Los Angeles [Alex Fu, 266-7594].....	97-073
7.3	Los Angeles Harbor Department (Berths 163-164 Maintenance Dredging Project), Los Angeles [J.M. Lyons, 266-7616].....	97-121
7.4	Los Angeles Harbor Department (Berths 191 Maintenance Dredging Project), Los Angeles [J.M. Lyons, 266-7616].....	97-079
7.5	Los Angeles Harbor Department (Berths 216-221 Maintenance Dredging Project), Los Angeles [J.M. Lyons, 266-7616].....	97-120
7.6	Golden West Refining Company (West Tank Farm Zones A ₁ and A ₂), Santa Fe Springs [Keith Elliott, 266-7614].....	85-013

It was recommended that uncontested items 6.1- 6.20 and 7.1 – 7.6 be adopted.

MOTION: By Mr. Keston, seconded by Mr. Milam, and approved on a voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

5. Public Forum.

David Burkhart of Ojai Valley Sanitary District addressed the Board sharing his concerns regarding the District’s sewage line spill and their attempts to repair the sewage line..

CONTESTED ITEMS

7.7 County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Sediment Removal Sluicing Project

The Executive Assistant read the opening statement and the Chairman opened the public hearing. Staff members Wendy Phillips and Alex Fu gave a presentation to the Board recommending the adoption of the permit.

Marty Moreno, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works gave a presentation to the Board summarizing the importance of the sluicing project, and stating the Dept’s compliance with a Long-Term Management Plan for Cogswell Dam.

The public hearing was closed. After discussion of the Board, a motion was made to adopt the permit with the following modification to Section III:

The discharger shall comply with the Long-Term Management Plan for Cogswell Dam including the minimum flow requirements for the West Fork of the San Gabriel River.

MOTION: By Ms. Craven, seconded by Mr. Milam, and approved on a voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Execute an Additional Prospective Purchaser Agreement (PPA) for the Golden West Refining Company and the Golden Springs Development Company, LLC (West Tank Farm Zones A₁, A₂), Santa Fe Springs

Staff member James Ross gave a staff presentation to the Board recommending the adoption of the resolution and authorization of the agreement.

Mark Gilmire, Golden West Refining Company gave a presentation to the Board thanking staff for their efforts and asked the Board to consider staff's recommendation.

A motion was made to adopt the Resolution and give the Executive Officer authorization to sign the Prospective Purchaser Agreement.

MOTION: By Ms. Craven, seconded by Mr. Coe, and approved on a voice vote. Mr. Keston abstained from voting.

12. Consideration of a Proposed 1998 Priority List for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program.

Mr. Slezak did not participate in this item. Staff member Bryan Schweickert gave a presentation to the Board recommending the adoption of the Resolution and Priority List.

A motion was made to adopt the Resolution and Priority List.

MOTION: By Mr. Keston, seconded by Mr. Milam, and approved on a voice vote. Mr. Slezak abstained from voting.

The meeting paused at 10:30 a.m. for a 15 minute break and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

11. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Cleanup and Abatement Account.

Executive Officer Dennis Dickerson gave the introductory remarks. Staff member Wendy Phillips gave a presentation to the Board recommending the adoption of the resolution which requests that the State Board approve disbursement of \$500,000 to fund various efforts of the Regional Board.

Mary Jane Forster, SWRCB, expanded on the State Board's perspective of the Cleanup and Abatement Account and the status of funds available.

Bill Straub, City of Los Angeles, shared his concerns with the Board regarding the ACL issued to the City. He asked that the Board consider allowing the City to conduct a supplemental environmental project in lieu of the penalty issued to them.

Mark Gold, Heal the Bay, shared his concerns with the Board and asked that the language be modified to include "or other sources".

A motion was made to adopt the resolution with the following modification:

*No. 2: Add "or other sources" and "up to"
Item 8 and: Add "industrial and municipal".*

It was also recommended that staff draft a letter responding to the City of Los Angeles' letter of May 1, 1998.

MOTION: By Mr. Keston, seconded by Ms. Craven, and approved on a voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 12.
- 13. Regulation of Discharges from Septic Systems.

Dennis Dickerson gave the introductory remarks. Wendy Phillips gave a staff presentation updating the Board on the regulatory status and approaches being pursued by staff. Rodney Nelson gave a staff presentation on the background, objectives of the technical study. The following persons presented their concerns to the Board:

- 1. Carolyn Van Horn, City of Malibu
- 2. Pat Rogan, Surfrider Foundation
- 3. Vic Peterson, City of Malibu
- 4. Craig George, City of Malibu
- 5. Larry Young, City of Malibu
- 6. Steve Braben, BioSolutions, Inc.
- 7. Donald Kirkland, Brooks & Gibson
- 8. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay
- 9. Steve Fleishli, Heal the Bay
- 10. David Beckman

The Board directed staff to initiate efforts to address septic systems in accordance with the staff's recommendation, beginning with the issuance of a 13267 letter to the City of Malibu.

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- 14. Board Member Communications.

The Board members discussed the current procedures being used for mailing out public notices and the scheduling of regular and special board meetings.

Mr. Keston left the meeting at 1:45, prior to item 15.

- 15. Report of Cost Benefit Task Committee.

Staff member Jim Kuykendall gave the Committee a progress report indicating the next steps are to develop subcommittees for groundwater and surface water cost-benefit issues, implement a database system, and send letters to four major POTW's asking for their input to the process.

- 16. Executive Officer's Report.

Dennis Dickerson presented the Executive Officer's Report. He reminded the Board of the upcoming Trash TMDL workshop on June 8th, and informed the Board that an ACL was issued to the City of Thousand Oaks, which will be heard at the June 15th Special Board meeting.

17. Adjournment at 2:00 p.m. to the Special Board meeting of June 15, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., City of Simi Valley, Council Chambers, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

MOTION: By Ms. Craven, seconded by Mr. Milam and approved on a voice vote.