



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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### Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
May 1, 2008 Regular Board Meeting  
Metropolitan Water District  
of Southern California  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California

#### Item 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fran Diamond at 9:12 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Fran Diamond, Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz, Steve Blois, Madelyn Glickfeld, Maribel Marin, Felton 'Dick' Richardson, and Leo Vander Lans

*\*The Chair introduced the new Board Members, Madelyn Glickfeld, and Steve Blois (he attended the April 3, 2008 meeting)*

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Tracy Egoscue, Deborah Smith, David Bacharowski, Ronji Harris, Blythe-Ponek Bacharowski, Alex Carlos, Michael Levy, Jennifer Fordyce, Jeff Ogata, Stephen Cain, David Hung, Cassandra Owens, Samuel Unger, Jennifer Newman, Rebecca Vega-Nascimento, Jau Ren Chen, Don Tsai, Dr. C.P. Lai, Veronica Cuevas, Paula Rasmussen, Eric Wu, Stephanie Turcios, Michael Lyons

#### Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet

Ms. Christine Couch, L.A. County DPW	Geremew Amenu, L.A. County DPW
Ms. Penny Weiland, City of Los Angeles WPD	Ms. Sofia Mohaghegh, City of Los Angeles WPD
Mr. Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles WPD	Ms. Donna Chen, City of Los Angeles, WPD Mr. Mark Pumford, City of Oxnard
Mr. Paul Tantet, Ventura County	Mr. Ron Manwill, City of Thousand Oaks
Ms. Patricia Elkins, City of Carson	Ms. Jennifer Voccola, City of Malibu
Mr. William Bowling, ACMELA.org	Ms. Christina Walsh, Cleanup Rocketdyne.org
Mr. Clayton Yoshida, L.A. DWP	Mr. Shokoufe Marashi, City of Los Angeles
Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District	Mr. Phil Markle, L.A. County Sanitation District
Ms. Kimberly Colbert, Charles Abbott Associates	Ms. Mary Salig, Charles Abbott Associates
Ms. Korin Coyne, County of Ventura	Mr. Bob Wu, Caltrans District No. 07

### *California Environmental Protection Agency*



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## Item 2. Order of Agenda.

- *Item 8, Ultramar, Inc. is postponed to a future meeting.*

MOTION: To approve the Order of agenda.

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz  
Second: Board Member Dick Richardson  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

## Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for April 3, 2008 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for April 3, 2008 Board meeting.

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz  
Second: Board Member Dick Richardson  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

## Item 4. Board Member Communications.

*There was no communication reported that constitutes disclosure for this item.*

## Item 5. Executive Officers Report

Report given by Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Executive Officer, and posted on the Board's website:  
[www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo\\_reports/eo\\_reports.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo_reports/eo_reports.html)

## Item 5.b Board Checklist.

*There was no discussion or questions regarding the Board Checklist.*

## Item 5.c Report from State Board.

*Ms. Francis Spivy-Weber, State Board Liaison stated that at present, the budget is a top priority at State Board. She mentioned that Dorothy Rice, of State Board has been focusing on enforcement and electronic information systems. Ms. Spivy-Weber indicated that State Board will be holding a Construction Storm Water Workshop at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, in Los Angeles. She also indicated that the Little Hoover Commission has met twice recently to consider the Waterboards restructuring.*

## Item 6. Public Forum.

*Mr. Adel Hagekhalil, City of Los Angeles gave an update to the Board regarding the City of Los Angeles' work on the sewer system collection system. He indicated that there are now increased inspections, and that the City is rehabbing and renewing 85 miles of sewers. He also mentioned that there is a 66% reduction in spills that reach receiving waters.*



Uncontested Items Calendar.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Item(s): 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

First: Board Member Dick Richardson

Second: Board Member Steve Blois

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

15. City of Avalon and United Water Services (Avalon Wastewater Treatment facility)

Staff Report. Ms. Blythe Poněk-Bacharowski, (*Ms. Poněk-Bacharowski made, but was not limited to the following points in her presentation.*)

- Comments were received from City of Avalon, United Water Services, and Heal the Bay
- Provided a background history
- New features of the tentative permit is that the facility designation changed from major to minor; effluent limits for radioactivity based on Maximum Contaminant levels; Performance goal of chronic toxicity added
- 18 violations of effluent limitations were noted
- The tentative permit describes updated spill reporting requirements
- Staff is not in agreement with Heal the Bays comment to modify performance goals and effluent monitoring of constituents and frequencies.
- Staff recommend the Board adopt the permit as proposed

Public Comment.

- Ms. Polly Berman, Heal the Bay (in support, but had recommendations)

Board questions, concerns and discussions:

- Can a performance goal be an enforceable limit?

MOTION: To adopt the permit as recommended by staff.

First: Board member Leo Vander Lans

Second: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

16. City of Oxnard (City of Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant)

Staff Report. Ms. Blythe Poněk-Bacharowski (*Ms. Poněk-Bacharowski made but was not limited to the following points in her presentation.*)

- 23 million gallons of water is discharged per day into the Pacific Ocean
- Annual average flow is 23 million gallons per day
- Effluent monitoring frequency reduced for constituents without reasonable potential
- Updated Spill Reporting Requirements are included in the tentative permit



## Public Comment:

- Ms. Charlotte Stevenson, Heal the Bay (in support)
- Mr. Ken Ortega, City of Oxnard Public Works Director (in support)
- Mr. Mark Pumford, City of Oxnard (in support)

## Board questions, concerns, and discussion:

- Inquired as to when Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) will begin the mussel watch studies?

MOTION: To adopt the tentative permit as recommended by staff.

First: Board Member Dick Richardson

Second: Board Member Steve Blois

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

17. Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Eutrophic, Algae, Ammonia, and Odors (Nutrients) in Machado Lake.

Staff Report. Chief, Samuel Unger made opening remarks on this matter. Ms. Rebecca Nascimento, Board Staff gave the presentation. *In her presentation she made, but was not limited to the following points.*)

- There are 3 major storm drains discharging into Machado Lake
- Beneficial uses include Aquatic Life, Recreation, and Municipal supply
- Excessive algal respiration and decay depletes DO from the water column
- Machado Lake is a Eutrophic Lake due to nutrient enrichment
- Discussed the numeric targets and water quality objectives
- Discussed the Change sheets
- Talked about implementation strategies, and the implementation schedule
- The Implementation Schedule proposes 9.5 years
- Went over the change sheets

## Public comment.

- Ms. Patricia Elkins, City of Carson
- Mr. Tom Ford, Santa Monica Baykeeper
- Ms. Mary Salig, Charles Abbott Associates (Concerns with wasteload allocations)
- Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay

## Board questions, concerns, and discussion:

- Why is the lake used as a compliance point?
- Why are there 3 locations used for compliance points?
- Does staff believe that the odor conditions are being addressed?



**MOTION:** To approve the proposed Basin Plan Amendment, and the Change sheets as recommended by staff.

First: Chair Fran Diamond  
Second: Board Member Leo Vander Lans  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

The Board went in to closed session beginning at 12:20 pm, and reconvened at 1:20 pm

18. Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load for trash in the Malibu Creek Watershed.

Staff Report. Ms. L.B. Nye, Unit Chief gave the staff report. *(Ms. Nye gave but was not limited to the following points in her presentation.)*

- Discussed Implementation and Monitoring
- Discussed Impacts of Beneficial Use
- Expected to obtain zero trash for point sources in 8 years and to obtain zero trash for non-point sources in 5 years
- MFAC is only applicable to the non-point source

Public Comment.

- Mr. Kevin Coyne, County of Ventura (in support)
- Ms. Jennifer Voccola, City of Malibu (in support)
- Mr. Ron Manwill, City of Thousand Oaks (in support)
- Mr. Tom Ford, Santa Monica Baykeeper (in support)
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay (in support)
- Mr. Paul Tantet, Ventura County Watershed Protection District (in support)

Board questions, concerns, discussion:

- Asked clarification that the Executive Officer report back to the Board the monitoring in one year's time, and when revisited, the Board will decide whether or not to increase the amount of trash allocation.

*Chief Counsel Michael Levy referenced page 18-18, Change sheet, clarified that Ventura County Watershed District is a principal permittee for the NPDES Ventura County MS4 permit, and the lead agency which gives them additional requirements and obligations as principal permittee. He indicated however, that the waste load allocations in the TMDL are not intended to impose additional obligation on them as the principal permittee.*

*Mr. Levy recommended the words "principal permittee" be stricken and the words, and it would read "co-permittee", and this would relate to the waste load allocation section.*

**MOTION:** To adopt the proposed Basin Plan Amendment with Change sheets as recommended by staff, with Michael Levy's amendment.

First: Board Member Leo Vander Lans

Second: Board Member Maribel Marin

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Draft Minutes adopted at the June 5, 2008 Board meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Written and submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_, then finalized on June 5, 2008.

Ronji R. Harris

