
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes
City of Camarillo
Council Chambers
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California 93063

July 11, 2019

Chair Irma Muñoz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Item 1 – Roll Call

Board Members Present: Francine Diamond, Irma Muñoz, James Stahl, Daniel Tellalian, Cynthia Guzman and Lawrence Yee

Board Members Absent: Charles Stringer, Chair Irma Muñoz left at approx. 10:30 a.m. due to a personal emergency

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Hugh Marley, Jenny Newman, Sophie Froelich, Gerardo Rabelo, Puja Vats, Susana Lagudis, Brendan O’Sullivan, Yue Rong, Jillian Ly, Cary Wicker, Joshua Cwikla, Adam Taing

Item 2 – Order of Agenda

The EO Renee Purdy stated that Item 12 is moved to the consent agenda.

Item 3 – Approval Draft Meeting Minutes for the June 13, 2019 meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Francine Diamond moved to approve the Draft June 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Seconded by: Board Member James Stahl

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond – Yea
Cynthia Guzman – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
James Stahl – Yea
Daniel Tellalian – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

Item 4 – Board Member Communications

There were no ex parte communication disclosures reported.

Board Members Lawrence Yee, Irma Muñoz and James Stahl met with the public works directors and other officials in Ventura County regarding the upcoming regional MS4 permit

Since the previous Board meeting, the Board subcommittee on outreach, comprised of the members Cynthia Guzman and Daniel Tellalian, met to discuss public participation and outreach.

Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer, Renee Purdy, provided a verbal report.

Item 6 - Update from State Water Board

State Water Board Member Sean Maguire provided an update.

Item 7 – Public Forum

There were no requests to speak during public forum.

Item 8 – 12 Uncontested Items calendar

The EO stated the uncontested items as: 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

MOTION: Board Member Lawrence Yee made a motion to approve uncontested items calendar as Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Seconded by: Board member James Stahl
Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond – Yea
Cynthia Guzman – Yea
Irma Muñoz – Yea
James Stahl – Yea

Daniel Tellalian – Yea
Lawrence Yee – Yea

Item 13 – Information Item on the occurrence of perchlorate sources and impacts to groundwater in Simi Valley

Information was provided on the known extent and potential sources of perchlorate in the Simi Valley groundwater basin by the agencies responsible for regulating perchlorate in soil, surface water, groundwater, and drinking water. Thereafter, the Board engaged in a discussion with agencies and community members regarding the potential sources and levels of perchlorate in groundwater and drinking water.

An introduction was given by Asst. Executive Officer Hugh Marley, followed by a presentation by Site Cleanup Unit Chief Ms. Jillian Ly.

Dr. Craig Steinmaus of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment provided an overview of the health effects of perchlorate and the Public Health Goal (PHG) for perchlorate.

Jeff Densmore with the Division of Drinking Water at the State Water Board provided an overview of perchlorate regulation in public drinking water systems, including those in Simi Valley.

Tom Seckington of the Department of Toxic Substances Control provided a status update on the investigation and cleanup at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory relative to perchlorate.

Leah Segedie with Safer Simi gave a presentation on the health effects of perchlorate and the community's requests with regard to perchlorate regulation in drinking water.

Speaker cards:

- William C. Gedney, Golden State Water Company
- Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County
- Ruth Luevanos, Councilmember Simi Valley
- Ms. Melissa Bumstead, Parents vs. SSFL
- Jeni Knack, Representing Self
- Sarah Santitoro, Representing Self
- Ralph Santitoro, Representing Self
- Juan Partida, Representing Self
- Nicole Malone, Representing Self
- Tommy Wert, Representing Self
- Christina Walsh, West Valley Resistance
- Milissa Ospina, Representing Self
- Nikki Plyler, Representing Self
- Guy Bongiovanni Water Brothers
- Bonnie Klea, Representing Self

- Dave Murphy, Representing Self

Item 14 - Information Item on the Region's Oil and Gas Program

An update on the State Water Resources Control Board's and the Los Angeles Water Board's roles and responsibility in conducting regulatory oversight activities specific to underground injection control wells, aquifer exemptions, and well stimulation projects was given to the Board.

Speakers:

- Introduction – Dr. Yue Rong, Section Chief overseeing the Regional Water Board's Oil and Gas Program
- State Water Board – Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
- Regional Water Board Staff – Joshua Cwikla and Adam Taing
- LA County Department of Regional Planning/Inglewood Oil Field CSD – Luis Perez, MRS Environmental on behalf of LA County
- County of Ventura Public Works Agency – Ame Anselm
- Climate First: Replacing Oil and Gas – Marie Lakin
- Sentinel Peak Resources – Cristine Halley
- Western States Petroleum Association – Christine Luther-Zimmerman
- CA Independent Petroleum Association – Dan Tommy

The Board went into closed session at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Item 15 - The Los Angeles Water Board allocated up to 45 minutes for comments from permittees, and other stakeholders on (a) implementation of the Los Angeles County, City of Long Beach or Ventura County Municipal Separate Storms Sewer System (MS4) permits, and (b) the Board's pending issuance of a Regional MS4 permit for Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

An introduction was given by Jenny Newman, Asst. Executive Officer.

Speaker cards:

- The Nature Conservancy gave a presentation following up on a previous presentation to address Board member questions about the efficacy of nature-based solutions for stormwater management. Speakers included Kelsey Jessup, Roman Roderick-Jones and Janet Clements.
- Richard Watson, Richard Watson & Associates, representing CASQA and the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group under the LA County MS4 Permit, provided a presentation of the status of implementation of SB 346, which requires a reduction in copper in brakes pads.
- Garret Darling, Summer Law Fellow with LA Waterkeeper, regarding implementation of the Upper LA River Enhanced Watershed Management Program

- Arne Anselm, Ventura County Public Workers Agency on behalf of the Ventura County MS4 Permittees, regarding issuance of the regional MS4 permit.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. (For more details information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Puja Vats at (213) 576-6611 or email at: puja.vats@waterboards.ca.gov and she may provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)

Written and submitted by Puja Vats, then finalized on:

Original signed by Puja Vats (Signature on File) August 28, 2019