

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region**

**Minutes of January 31, 2014  
City of Loma Linda  
25541 Barton Road  
Loma Linda, CA 92354**

1. Board Member Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

William Ruh, acting Chair  
Tom Rivera  
Susan Longville  
William von Blasingame  
Jay Famiglietti

Linda Ackerman

Staff Members Present

Kurt V. Berchtold, Executive Officer  
David Rice, Regional Board Counsel  
Joanne Schneider, Environmental Program Manager  
Michael J. Adackapara, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer  
Hope A. Smythe, Environmental Program Manager  
Wanda Cross, Chief of Basin Planning - Coastal Waters  
Felipa Carrillo, Executive Assistant  
Kevin Heinemann, Staff Information Systems Analyst

Public Attendance

Adoqa Kiharangwa, City of Corona  
Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda  
Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange  
Marcus Fuller, City of Rialto  
Greg Woodside, OCWD  
David Garcia, City of Riverside  
Don Lee, Tetra Tech  
Gil Navarro, SBVMWD  
Bobby Gustafson, SBVMWD  
Stacey Aldstadt, City of San Bernardino  
Jennifer Shepardson, City of San Bernardino  
Jason Uhley, Riverside Flood  
Brian A. Dickinson, Elsinore Valley MWD  
Eric Fraser, BCVWD

Allen Simo, Veolia Water  
Chipper R Greene, Veolia Water  
Mike Greene, Veolia Water  
Mike Shakley, Veolia Water  
Joe Zoba, Yucaipa Valley WD  
John Wrobel, Yucaipa Valley WD  
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley WD  
Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley WD  
Jevee Tagarao, City of San Bernardino  
Gary Akers, City of San Bernardino  
Kishen Prathivadi, City of Beaumont  
Hisam Baqai, City of Beaumont  
Amanda Carr, City of Irvine  
Larry Crandall, retired

2. Nomination and Election of Regional Board Officers for 2014

Board Member von Blasingame reported that the nominating committee met to discuss Regional Board Officers for 2014. Their recommendation was for Member Ruh to be Chair and Member Ackerman to be Vice-Chair.

Motion: Board Member Rivera seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried to approve the recommendation to elect Board Member Ruh as Chair and Board Member Ackerman as Vice-Chair for 2014.

3. Public Forum

Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange, commented on the action taken at the December 6, 2013 meeting regarding the Time Schedule Order for Newport Bay. Ms. Skorpanich said she appreciated the action, but that the stakeholders had some concerns regarding that decision. Ms. Skorpanich said that the vote has affected a tight and inter-related schedule of projects they have coming online. Ms. Skorpanich briefly explained all the implications relating to that decision and requested that the Board consider taking up this item again, so that the stakeholders could provide the Board with more details about the schedules on both the time Schedule Order and the proposed construction projects.

Amanda Carr, City of Irvine, also commented on the action taken at the December 6, 2013 meeting regarding the Time Schedule Order. Ms. Carr said that as the lead on the project that Ms. Skorpanich referred to, that the City also believes that not enough detail on the schedule was provided. Ms. Carr asked the Board for an opportunity to bring more information on the financing schedule and how that would impact the construction project. Ms. Carr said that the vote not only affects the construction of the project, but also the evaluation of the effectiveness of the project. Ms. Carr also stated that the City was looking for a chance to provide some additional information to show how all the schedules work together and perhaps reconsider the Time Schedule Order.

Executive Officer Berchtold asked whether the Board, based on those requests, would like to place this matter on the March agenda. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda, commented on the upcoming MS4 permit renewals for San Bernardino County and Riverside County. He said each county's permits are due to expire soon and that Board staff have indicated their intent to combine both permits into one Inland MS4 permit. He said that the City of Loma Linda opposes having the two counties' MS4 permits combined into a single MS4 permit.

Executive Officer Berchtold confirmed that the Riverside County and San Bernardino County permits do expire in January 2015. He said combining both counties into a single MS4 is just a preliminary suggestion by staff and that staff will continue to work with the counties over the months ahead to determine the appropriate approach. He said a renewed, draft permit would be brought back to the board next year.

Gil Navarro, Director of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, said he has taken a personal commitment in promoting water conservation. He shared his thoughts about water issues and feels water conservation should be an ongoing concern over the years, with or without the drought.

4. State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Report

Dorene "DeeDee" D'Adamo, SWRCB Liaison, congratulated Board Member Ruh for his new role as Chair, Mr. Ruh, and James Famiglietti, for his recent appointment to the Board by the governor.

Ms. D'Adamo presented an update regarding important issues that are being handled at the State Board. She discussed the drought declaration by the Governor and some of the provisions included in that declaration. She indicated that the recent drought is the worst on record, and that the State Board Chair, Felicia Marcus, is on the Governor's drought task force, and that the task force meets on a regular basis.

Ms. D'Adamo stated that she would like to spend some time with each of the Board Members in order to get a better understanding on how this is going to impact this region. Ms. D'Adamo indicated that she would be talking soon with Kurt Berchtold about the role of the Board and about the emergency petition from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources

with respect to water rights as it relates to the Central Valley Project and the State Project water allocations, which could be amended as conditions change. She said that most likely around the first of each month we would be hearing an announcement from the State Board Executive Director.

Ms. D'Adamo indicated that the last time she appeared before the Board, she had talked about the 5-year Water Action Plan in draft form. She said the plan included the Bay Delta conservation plan, provisions on water conservation, groundwater management, drinking water, and the transfer of the drinking water program to the Water Board. She said that more information was available on the SWRCB website.

Ms. D'Adamo indicated that she had also talked about a groundwater management concept paper that would target areas where groundwater basins are not being properly managed. She said that the State Board recently had a workshop on a Groundwater Concept Paper and would be finalizing it soon.

5. Resolution of Appreciation for Fred Ameri - Resolution No. R8-2014-0012

Executive Officer, Kurt Berchtold said Mr. Ameri was unable to be present to receive this Resolution of Appreciation and therefore, it would be postponed to a later time.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 6, 2013

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member von Blasingame, and unanimously carried to adopt the Minutes of December 6, 2013, as presented.

7. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items

Acting Chair, Ruh, stated that item \*10 had been removed from the calendar as the agency had signed a Wavier.

\*8. Rescissions - Order No. R8-2014-0013

<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Discharger &amp; Facility Location</u>	<u>Reason for Rescission</u>
77-148	E.Y. Treffinger and Bon Byk, dba Reche Canyon Mobile Estates, Colton	Facility is now connected to City sewer system. WDR is no longer necessary.
2007-0084	Inland Empire Utilities Agency, RP4 Pressure Zone 1158 & 1270 Recycled Water Project, Rancho Cucamonga	Project has been completed. WDR is no longer necessary.

\*9. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES No. CA0105295) for City of Rialto Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant - Order No. R8-2014-0010  
*(This item was postponed several times in 2013)*

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Longville, and unanimously carried to adopt the Rescission in Order No. R8-2014-0013 and Order No. R8-2014-0010, as presented.

11. Basin Plan Amendments to Incorporate Revisions to the Salt Management Plan for the Santa Ana Region - Resolution No. R8-2014-0005 – Workshop

Hope Smythe, Division Chief, presented this item. The workshop focused on the proposed amendments to the Basin Plan to incorporate the statewide Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy and update of the Region's Salt Management Plan. Ms. Smythe provided background information on the 1995 Basin Plan and the 2004 Salt Management Plan. She also reviewed the proposed Basin Plan Amendments, the comments from the City of Beaumont and USEPA that were received on the proposed amendments and the next steps that staff would take to resolve the issues raised in the comments. Ms. Smythe indicated that staff will continue to work with Yucaipa Valley Water District, the City of Beaumont, San Geronio Pass Agency, the City of Banning, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, and USEPA. Ms. Smythe said that staff will be preparing formal written responses to comments received, and will revise the proposed Basin Plan amendments as appropriate and bring it back for Board consideration at the March 14 Regional Board Meeting.

Member Famiglietti asked if the drought would cause any changes to the Basin Plan Amendment. Executive Officer Berchtold indicated that the 2004 Salt Management Plan and these 2014 proposed amendments enable the water supply agencies to maximize water resource strategies over the long term and to plan for water shortages.

Comments by: Joseph Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District. Mr. Zoba indicated his support of the proposed Basin Plan amendment and that he welcomes the opportunity to work with board staff and the other agencies to finalize the proposed Basin Plan amendment.

No further discussion.

12. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

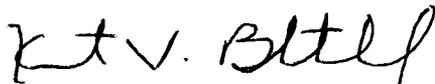
Executive Officer Berchtold brought to the Board's attention that in the past, Fred Ameri had served as the Board's representative on the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee, which focuses on issues in the Newport Bay watershed and meets on a quarterly basis. He checked with the Board to see whether one of them was interested in serving in that capacity. Member Longville agreed to serve as the Board's representative on the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee.

13. Closed Session  
None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M. to the regular Board meeting of March 14, 2014, 9:00 A.M., at the City of Loma Linda, Council Chambers, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Respectfully submitted:



**KURT V. BERCHTOLD**  
Executive Officer

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