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**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting  
May 8, 2014

City of Simi Valley  
(Council Chambers)  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road  
Simi Valley, California

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:30 am.

Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Maria Camacho, Fran Diamond, Madelyn Glickfeld, Maria Mehranian, Charles Stringer, and Lawrence Yee

Board Members Absent: Irma Muñoz

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Frances McChesney, Jennifer Fordyce, Nicole Kuenzi, Ronji Moffett, Geraldo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, David Hung, Michael Lyons, Cris Morris, Cassandra Owens, Raul Medina, Rosario Aston, Namiraj Jain, Veronica Cuevas, Dr. Ginachi Amah, Renee Purdy

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet and/or Speaker Cards

Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District	Ms. Debra Nakatani, Nakatani & Associates
Ms. Laura Valles, Laura Valles & Associates	Ms. Ashli Desai, Larry Walker & Associates
Mr. Mark Richardson, Camarillo Sanitary District	Mr. Bruce Hamamoto, L.A. County Department of Public Works
Ms. Lucia McGovern, Camarillo Sanitary District	Mr. Charles Genkel, Ventura County Environmental Health
Mr. Chuck Rogers, City of Thousand Oaks	Mr. Peter Shellenbager, Heal the Bay
Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay	Ms. Betsy Elzufon, Larry Walker & Associates
Mr. Santos Marquez, City of Thousand Oaks	Mr. Jim Langley, City of Simi valley
Mr. Alan Krieger, City of Simi Valley	Ms. Jennifer Brown, City of Malibu
Mr. Joe Deakin, City of Simi Valley	Mr. Mike Phelps, Camrosa Water District
Ms. Melissa Thorne, Downey Brand	Mr. Dan Zellar, Vulcan Materials Co.
Mr. Jose Peña, Vulcan Materials Co.	Ms. Suzanne Brown, Larry Walker & Associates
Ms. Diana Engle, Larry Walker & Associates	Mr. Eric Edwards, Los Angeles County Environmental Health
Ms. Johanna Dyer, NRDC	Ms. Jacqy Gamble, Las Virgenes MWD

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## 2. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer, Samuel Unger requested Public forum to be moved ahead of the Executive Officer's Report.

## 3. Approval of draft meeting minutes for March 6, 2014, and the April 10, 2014 Board meetings.

MOTION: To approve the March 6, 2014 draft meeting Minutes.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee  
Second: Board member Fran Diamond  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

MOTION: To approve the April 10, 2014 draft meeting Minutes.

First: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld  
Second: Board member Lawrence Yee  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

## Item 4. Board Member Communications.

*There was no communication that constituted disclosure.*

## Uncontested Items calendar:

The Executive Officer asked to move Item 13, tentative Resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan to incorporate the Statewide Water Quality Control Plan for Siting, Operation and Maintenance of onsite Wastewater Treatments Systems (OWTS Policy) to the Uncontested Items calendar. The other items on the Uncontested items as follows: Items 5, 6, and 7.

- \*5. California Sulphur Company, Wilmington; NPDES No. CA0059064
- \*6. General NPDES permit for Discharges of Nonprocess Wastewater to Surface Waters in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties; General NPDES Permit No. CAG994003.
- \*7. Vulcan Materials Company, Reliance Pit Landfill, Los Angeles File No. 91-080. Company-Limoneira Wastewater Treatment Plant (File No. 66-066)

(Prior to adoption, the following questions were raised: Asked if adoption of the Basin Plan amendment will affect the Prohibition in any way; if weakening of any regulations, how will we operate with the Basin Plan?) Staff responded and there was a motion.

MOTION: To approve Items 5, 6, 7, and 13.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee  
Second: Board member Maria Camacho  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 8. Executive Officer's Report. *(Presented by Executive Officer, Samuel Unger)*

Report and Addendum Report was given to the Board. The Report was posted on the Board's website:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles>

9. Public Forum.

- Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu
- Mr. Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Update from State Board. Presented by Ms. Fran Spivy-Weber. (*Ms. Weber made the following points during her report*):

- There will be a Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) meeting held hosted by State Board, in Sacramento beginning October 2, 2014 through October 3, 2014.
- In addition, there will be a voluntary field trip held the afternoon of October 1, 2014; Theme is "Groundwater and Stormwater: How Boards are working collaboratively with other entities".
- The drought and the budget are frequent conversations in Sacramento
- A drought budget is now in place, and ten new hires in the works

Items 10, 11, and 12 were heard as a joint presentation. However, they were voted on separately.

Item 10. Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and concurrent Time Schedule Order Amendment for Camarillo Sanitary District (Camarillo Water Reclamation Plant), Camarillo; NPDES No. CA0053597.

Item 11. Consideration of tentative Waste Requirements and concurrent Time Schedule Order for City of Thousand Oaks (Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant), Camarillo; NPDES No. CA0056294.

Item 12. Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and concurrent Time Schedule Order for City of Simi Valley (Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant), Simi Valley; NPDES No. CA0055221.

Staff Report was presented by Ms. Cris Morris (*During Ms. Morris' presentation, she made, but was not limited to the following points*):

- Gave a summary of the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs)
- Applicable Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) include Nutrient, OC Pesticide & PCBs, Toxicity, Metals, and Salts
- POTWs and others must demonstrate salt load reductions
- Requirements are placed on upstream discharges to protect downstream
- Discussed toxicity exceedances
- Various phases for the Brine Line
- Discussed the permit updates and comments received
- Common issues from dischargers include Tests of Significant Toxicity (TST), Chronic Toxicity Limit, Compliance Schedules & Interim Limits, and requests for deletion of Wet Weather TDS, sulfate, & chloride limits, and deletion of Special Study for the Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC)
- Camarillo WRP Time Schedule Order is unable to comply with TAD wasteload allocations.

## Speakers:

- Ms. Ashli Desai, Representing Simi Valley & Thousand Oaks (Latham Watkins & Associates) (*Primary source of the salts is the water supply, and this watershed is heavily dependent on imported water. In the future there will be desalters. Believe the permit should include interim limits based on the current performance.*) (opposed)
- Ms. Melissa Thorne, Representing Camarillo, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks (*Believe the toxicity effluent limitations are inconsistent with State Board Orders, and inconsistent with EPA Regulations. Recommended keeping language, but allow it to pertain to non-sewage spills*) (opposed)
- Mr. Chuck Rogers, City of Thousand Oaks (*Expressed no position, but offered to give the Board a tour of Hill Canyon.*)
- Mr. Joe Deakin, City of Simi Valley (*Expressed that the salts issue is due to imported water, and asked the Board to remove the Wet Weather Salts limits in the permit.*) (opposed)
- Mr. John Kemmerer, USEPA, Region 9 (*Supports staffs approach, and supports the POTW permits. Indicated that the key reason for delay is lengthy regulations. Urged the Board to adopt the permits.*)
- Mr. John Matthews, Pleasant Valley County Water District (*in support*)
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay (*Believe that we need hardened toxicity regulations in this region, and that toxicity testing is the safety-net for our watershed. Urged the Board to include staff's proposal on the numeric toxicity limit, and the TST approach*) (*in support*) (opposed to invalid compliance schedules in permits.)

*In response to speaker comments on the issue of toxicity and compliance schedules, Regional Board attorneys Nicole Kuenzi, and Jennifer Fordyce reaffirmed that we are not deviating from the process that was committed to with this TMDL, and also gave clarification on the State Water Board's Compliance Schedule Policy, and how it relates to the compliance schedules requirements in the permits.*

## Board member concerns/comment:

- What is the timeline for the Special Studies?
- Are desalters under the Regional Board's jurisdiction?
- Has staff received complaints from any environmental groups about these particular treatments plants, or how concerned they are about them not complying with the laws?
- A statement was made on the need for a chronic toxicity policy
- The difference of having numeric limits versus not having them
- A member expressed feeling strongly about the numeric limits being included in the permits

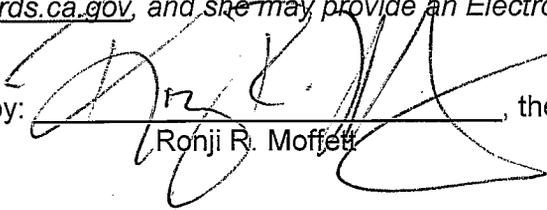
*After much discussion on these items, there was a motion.*

MOTION: To adopt items 10.1, 10.2, 11.1, 11.2, 12.1, and 12.2 as proposed by Regional Board staff.

First: Board member Fran Diamond  
Second: Board member Maria Mehranian  
Vote: Approved unanimously

*The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm. (For more detailed information on any matter at our Meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or [ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ronji.moffett@waterboards.ca.gov), and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)*

Written and submitted by:



Ronji R. Moffett

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06/12/14.