

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting
December 4, 2014

City of Culver City
(Council Chambers)
9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, California

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Charles Stringer at 9:06 am.

Roll Call.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Samuel Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Jennifer Fordyce, Frances McChesney, Ronji Moffett, Gerardo Rabelo, David Hung, Renee Purdy, Dr. Ginachi Amah, Michael Lyons, Elizabeth Erickson, Russ Colby, Dr. Arthur Heath, Dr. L.B. Nye, Celine Gallon, Hugh Marley, Dr. Don Tsai, Dr. Eric Wu, Susana Lagudis, Gwendolyn Monroe, Dr. C.P. Lai, Mr. Steve Rowe, Adnan Siddiqui, Thizar Tintut-Williams

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

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| Mr. Joe Deakin, City of Simi Valley | Ms. Karin Flores, Friends of L.A. River |
| Mr. Peter Shellenbarger, Heal the Bay | Mr. Jeff Follert, Serra Canyon POA |
| Mr. Ozzie Silna, Serra Canyon Property Owners Association (POA) | Mr. Phuong Ly, Water Replenishment District |
| Mr. Ron Manwill, City of Thousand Oaks | Ms. Carol Boyd, CAAG |
| Mr. C.W. Carson, Serra Canyon POA | Mr. Paul Williams, State Board |
| Mr. Michael Christensen, Port of Los Angeles | Mr. John Heintz, Latham & Watkins |
| Ms. Zora Bahariane, City of L.A. Water Replenishment District | Ms. Katie Mika, UCLA |
| Mr. James Alamillo, Heal the Bay | Ms. Ashli Desai, Latham & Watkins Associates |
| Mr. Reinard Knor, Serra Canyon POA | Ms. Lara Meeker, L.A. Waterkeeper |
| Ms. Tatiana Gaur, L.A. Waterkeeper | Mr. Joshua Cuikle, Serra Canyon POA |
| Ms. Jane Frary, Malibu Serra Canyon Homeowner | Mr. M.B. Frary, Malibu Serra Canyon Homeowner |
| Mr. Hans Knur, Serra Canyon POA | Ms. Stefanie Know-Ring |
| Ms. Lynne Cox Knur, Serra Canyon POA | Mr. Nicholas Cox, Serra Canyon POA |

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| Ms. Natalie Cox, Serra Canyon POA | Mr. Matt Bao, L.A. County Sanitation District |
| Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Egoscue Law Group | Mr. Charles Wolhaupter, Serra Canyon POA |
| Ms. Ian Prichard, Camrosa Water District | Ms. Emily Daniels, Council for Watershed Health |
| Ms. Monica Gasca, L.A. County San. District | Ms. Lysa Gaboudian, L.A. County San. District |
| Mr. Kevin Smead, Stetson Engineers | Ms. Rosalba Santana, L.A. DWP |
| Mr. Bob Sun, L.A. DWP | Dr. Susan Paulsen, Exponent |
| Ms. Katherine Rubin, L.A. DWP | Ms. Evelyn Cortez-Davis, L.A. DWP |
| Mr. John Sibert, Mayor Pro Tem City of Malibu | Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu |
| Mr. Ken Erlich, Rep. Serra Canyon POA | Mr. Anthony Hicke, ULARA Watermaster |
| Mr. Don Schmitz, Schmitz & Associates | |

2. Order of Agenda.

Executive Officer requested changes to the order of items on the agenda to be heard as follows: Item 7, 12, 8, 10, 9, and then item 11.

3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the November 6, 2014 Board meeting.

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

First: Board member Fran Diamond

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved unanimously

4. Board Member Communications.

There was no communication that constituted disclosure.

5. 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>

6.a. Update from State Board was presented by Mr. Steve Moore, SWRCB. (Mr. Moore made, but was not limited to the following points):

- Currently developing flow water quality objectives
- New Division of Drinking Water Programs; In 1993 did a Safe Drinking Water Plan for the State
- State Board is currently accepting comments until December 15, 2014 for the Safe Drinking water plan update
- Water Recycle enhancement around the State
- There is currently landmark legislations, SB 445 for Underground Storage Tanks

6.b. Introduction to the new Division of Drinking Water Program at the State Board.

(*This matter is postponed to the February 12, 2015 Board meeting.)

7. Public Forum.

**There were no speakers during the Public Forum.*

Chair Stringer Administered the Oath.

12. Ms. Laura Valles, Valles & Associates, and Ms. Joni Byun, Nakatomi & Associates gave an update on the Carousel Tract Community meetings, and current results of the public participation and public view of those meetings, the process, lessons learned and next steps.

- Discussed the Scope of Work
- Public complained that Information in previous meetings was limited, and over-technical
- The public had a lack of trust for the Regional Board
- Designed 7 meetings
- Had 5 general meetings, and 1 meeting was conducted in Spanish, and the other was an open meeting

8. Port of Los Angeles, Berths 212-224, redevelopment.

Staff report was made by Mr. Michael Lyons, Staff Scientist. *(During Mr. Lyon's presentation, he made, but was not limited to the following points):*

- Port proposed one-time dredging
- Tentative options reflect options proposed by the Port
- Ocean disposal is 21,800 cubic yards
- Dredged material deemed suitable for disposal at L.A.- 2
- Ocean disposal is not beneficial reuse
- The Order shall expire in 2017

Mr. Robert Christensen, Port of Los Angeles indicated that the Port is in support of the permit, commended Regional Board staff that worked with the Port on the permit. He indicated that in June 2014, the Port did a characterization on the material.

Speaker card:

- Mr. Peter Shallenbarger, Heal the Bay *(opposed to ocean disposal)*

Board member comment:

- A Member asked that if we monitor and find that there are pollutants that cause problems, how we remedy that problem.
- Are Effect Range Lows (ERLs) appropriate, and do we use them?

MOTION: By Board member Fran Diamond to adopt the dredging permit, with the Change sheet as proposed by Regional Board staff.

First: Board member Fran Diamond

Second: Board member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

10. Consideration of tentative Resolution retaining the current recreational use designations of the Los Angeles River Watershed's engineered channels.

Staff report by Dr. Ginachi Amah, Regional Programs. *(During Dr. Amah's presentation, the following points were made, but she was not limited to these points.)*

- Channels with existing REC Use are L.A. River, Compton Creek, and Wilson Canyon Creek
- Gave summary of RECUR efforts
- Discussed designated existing uses
- Potential Recreational (Rec) Use Designations
- Discussed Intermittent Rec Use Designations
- Discussed the general comments received
- Staff recommendation is to adopt the tentative Resolution retaining the designated Recreational Uses

Speaker cards:

- Mr. James Alamillo, Heal the Bay (in support)
- Dr. Susan Paulsen, Exponent, Representing City of Signal Hill (opposed) *(asked staff to reopen the Stakeholder process and revise the Resolution. Do not believe that the RECUR (as written) establishes existing uses as defined by the Clean Water Act)*
- Ms. Lara Meeker, Los Angeles Waterkeeper (in support)
- Ms. Karin Flores, Friends of the L.A. River (in support)

MOTION: To approve the tentative Resolution as proposed by Regional Board staff.

First: Board member Lawrence Yee

Second: Vice Chair Irma Muñoz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Board Member Maria Camacho left the meeting at 1 pm.

9. Consideration of proposed Resolution (amendment) to authorize the Executive Officer to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Malibu and the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the implementation of the Basin Plan amendment Prohibiting On-site Wastewater Disposal Systems in the Malibu Civic Center Area.

Staff report presented by Dr. Eric Wu, Unit Chief. *(Dr. Wu made, but was not limited to the following remarks during his presentation.):*

- Discussed the background for the prohibition
- Discussed key prohibition milestones
- MOU to implement the prohibition
- Malibu to build a centralized wastewater treatment system
- Phase I to be completed by June 1, 2017
- Discussed the challenges that have caused delays
- Discussed milestones for Phase I, 2011 MOU
- Additional studies completed
- Challenges requiring additional time – Sought additional time for funds from State Board Revolving fund

- Phase II milestones and timelines
- Comments were received from Ms. Joan Lavine, and Heal the Bay
- Change sheet reflects change of date for the completion of Phase I from November 5, 2017 to June 30, 2017

Speaker cards:

- Mr. Jeff Follert, Serra Canyon POA (in support)
- Mr. Peter Shellenbarger, Heal the Bay (opposed) (*Asked the Board to reject the extended Phase I and Phase II deadlines, because the new dates are inconsistent with the Basin Plan.*)
- Mr. Dan Schmidt, Chamber of Commerce (in support)
- Mr. Ken Erlich, Representing Serra Canyon POA (in support)
- Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu (in support)
- Mr. John Sibert, Mayor Pro Tem
- Mr. C.W. Caron, Serra Canyon POA (in support)
- Mr. Ozzie Silna, Serra Canyon POA (in support)
- Ms. Tatiana Gaur, L.A. WaterKeeper (opposed as written)

Board questions:

- What is the public's position on the project?
- Is there any doubt that Malibu will comply?
- Ask Mr. Thorsen to put in a deadline for length of time to do the construction
- Chair Charles Stringer indicated that he and Board member Fran Diamond will sit on a Sub-Committee
- Asked for the reasons for the delays with Phase I
- Asked when is the assessment election going to be held?
- Why is it necessary today to move forward with Phase II?
- Asked Mr. Thorsen for updates on the progress, and indicated that his previous progress reports have been appreciated as well
- Asked Executive Officer Sam Unger to work with the city of Malibu on Phase I and 2

MOTION: To approve the staff recommendation and adopt the tentative resolution and Change sheet.

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

11. Workshop on the development of Salt and Nutrient Management Plans (SNMPs) in the Los Angeles Region.

Staff report was given by Dr. Ginachi Amah.

Dr. Amah gave background history and discussed the Recycled Water Policy. The Regional board's role is to facilitate interaction and share information. There were annual Workshops. The Regional board provided regulatory assistance on SNMP requirements, and provided technical and regulatory oversight.

The following Stakeholder groups gave presentations:

- Mr. Tom West, Calleguas Creek and Oxnard Basins
- Mr. Richard Slade, Upper Los Angeles River Area (ULARA) Watermaster
- Mr. Anthony Hicke, Assistant ULARA Watermaster
- Mr. Kevin Smead, Main San Gabriel and Raymond Basins
- Mr. Jeff Gore, Upper Santa Clara Basins
- Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Lower Santa Clara River SNMP Group
- Ms. Hoang Lee, Central and West Coast Basins

Dr. Amah wrapped up and discussed the next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 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, and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)

Written and submitted by:



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02/13/15.