

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Revised Adopted Meeting Minutes**  
 Port of Long Beach – Hearing Room  
 4801 Airport Plaza Drive  
 Long Beach, California 90815

March 14, 2019

Chair Irma Muñoz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

### Item 1 – Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Hugh Marley, Sophie Froelich, Adriana Nuñez, Tamarin Austin, Ronji Moffett, Gerardo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, Rosario Aston, Dr. Yue Rong, Cris Morris, Jenny Newman, Cassandra Owens, Dr. Jun Zhu, Stefanie Hada, Russ Colby, Michael Lauffer, Ivar Ridgeway, Theresa Rodgers, Jessica Pearson, Man Voong

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

Mr. Arthur Pugsley, L.A. Waterkeeper	Mr. Bing Neris, City of Los Angeles
Mr. Man Shan Chan, City of Los Angeles	Ms. Shona Ganguly, The Nature Conservancy
Ms. Kathleen McGowan, McGowan Consulting	Mr. John Hunter, John Hunter Associates
Mr. Luke Ginger, Heal the Bay	Mr. Richard Parsons, City of Ventura
Mr. Thuan Nguyen, L.A. County DPW	Mr. T.J. Moon, L.A. County DPW
Ms. Emily Parker, Heal the Bay	Ms. Susan Paulsen, Exponent
Mr. Travis Van Ligten, Rutan & Tucker LLP	Ms. Emily Parker, Heal the Bay
Ms. Ewelina Mutkowska, County of Ventura	Ms. Corinne Bell, Natural Resource Defense Council
Mr. Arne Anselm, County of Ventura	Mr. Felipe Escobar, Pacoima Beautiful
Mr. Tavin Schmidt, Wishtoyo Foundation	Mr. Luke Ginger, Heal the Bay
Mr. Richard Parsons, City of Ventura	Mr. Yung Chung, Tesoro Calciner Operations
Ms. Gloria Crudgington, Councilmember, City of Monrovia	Mr. Oliver Chi, City Manager, City of Monrovia

IRMA MUÑOZ, CHAIR | RENEE PURDY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Item 2 – Order of Agenda**

*The acting EO Renee Purdy stated that Items 6, 11 and 16 were postponed to a future Meeting, and that item 5 the Executive Officer's Report is being moved to the back of the agenda. She further stated that Item 8 would be moved from the Uncontested Items to the Contested Items.*

**Item 3 – Approval of Draft Revised Meeting Minutes for the February 14, 2019 meeting.**

Board Member James Stahl requested that the statements from Safer Simi are incorporated into the official record and the draft minutes revised to reflect that there were concerns made by this group and the Board listened and is considering those concerns and a way to move forward.

MOTION: Board vice Chair Lawrence Yee to approve the draft February 14, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Board member James Stahl

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond – Absent

Cynthia Guzman - Yea

Irma Muñoz – Yea

James Stahl - Yea

Charles Stringer – Abstained

Daniel Tellalian - Yea

Lawrence Yee - Yea

**Item 4 – Board Member Communications.**

None

**Item 6 – Update from State Board**

*There was no report by State Board during this meeting.*

**Item 7 Public Forum**

Speakers

- Mr. TJ Moon, L.A. County Public Works
- Ms. Shona Ganguly, The Nature Conservancy
- Mr. Thuan Nguyen, L.A. County Public Works

**Item 15 – Presentation by Pacoima Beautiful on community engagement and development of the Bradley Green Alley Project. Pacoima Beautiful is a grassroots environmental justice organization that provides education, impacts local policy, and supports local arts and culture in order to promote a healthy and sustainable San Fernando Valley.**

Introductory remarks were made by Mr. Hugh Marley, Assistant Executive Officer. He then introduced Mr. Felipe Escobar of Pacoima Beautiful, who gave an oral presentation before the Board.

Uncontested Items Calendar:

**Item 9 Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Scholl Canyon Landfill, Glendale; File No. 60-117.**

*The EO stated the uncontested items calendar as: Item 9.*

*Board member James Stahl requested that the Board consider the discharger's comment regarding timing of the submittal following a significant earthquake. After discussion, the Board agreed to a change in response to the comment.*

MOTION: Board Vice Chair Lawrence Yee to approve uncontested items calendar as Item 9 with the change.

Seconded by: Board member Charles Stringer  
Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

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

**Item 8 – Consideration of Tentative Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Ventura Keys Maintenance Dredging.**

*There was an Opening statement read into the record. The Chair administered an Oath, followed by a staff report from Dr. Jun Zhu.*

Speaker cards:

- Mr. Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation
- Mr. Luke Ginger, Heal the Bay
- Mr. Richard Parsons, City of Ventura

MOTION: Board Member James Stahl to adopt the tentative Clean Water Quality Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements

Seconded by: Board vice Chair Lawrence Yee

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Yea

Cynthia Guzman - Yea

Irma Muñoz - Yea

James Stahl - Yea

Charles Stringer - Yea

Daniel Tellalian - Yea

Lawrence Yee - Yea

**Item 10 – Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC, Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery-Calcliner Operations, Long Beach.**

*An Opening statement was read into the record, and the Chair administered the oath.*

Ms. Cassandra Owens, unit chief in Industrial Permitting provided a staff report to the Board.

Speakers:

- Mr. Yung Chung, Tesoro Calciner Operations

MOTION: Board Member James Stahl to adopt the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for Tesoro Calciner Operations.

Seconded by: Board Member Charles Stringer

Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Yea

Cynthia Guzman - Yea

Irma Muñoz - Yea

James Stahl - Yea

Charles Stringer - Yea

Daniel Tellalian - Yea

Lawrence Yee - Yea

**Item 12 – Consideration of tentative revisions of the Clean Water Act section 303 (d) List of Impaired Waterbodies in the Los Angeles Region for Indicator Bacteria in Ventura County Beaches.**

*The Chair administered an oath.*

There was a presentation by Dr. L.B. Nye, Unit Chief, TMDLs & Standards unit.

## Speakers:

- Ms. Ewelina Mutkowska, County of Ventura
- Mr. Luke Ginger, Heal the Bay
- Mr. Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation

MOTION: Board vice Chair Lawrence Yee after much discussion to adopt the tentative Resolution approving revisions to the 303 (d) List of Impaired Waterbodies.

Seconded by: Board Member James Stahl

Motion carried: Approved by a 4 - 3 roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Nay

Cynthia Guzman - Yea

Irma Muñoz - Nay

James Stahl - Yea

Charles Stringer - Nay

Daniel Tellalian - Yea

Lawrence Yee – Yea

*(The Board went into closed session at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.)*

**Item 13 - Consideration of tentative Resolution to adopt a Basin Plan amendment to revise the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Trash in Machado Lake and the Total Maximum Daily Load for Debris in Nearshore/Offshore Santa Monica Bay.**

*The hearing was opened by the clerk, and the Chair rendered an Oath to those testifying.*

*Staff presentation was provided by Ms. Jenny Newman, Chief of Regional Programs.*

## Speakers:

- Ms. Ewelina Mutkowska, County of Ventura
- Mr. John Hunter, Rep. Rancho Palos Verdes
- Ms. Emily Parker, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Kathleen McGowan, Representing various South Bay cities

MOTION: Board member James Stahl to adopt the tentative Basin Plan amendment to revise the Total Maximum Daily Load for Trash in Machado Lake and TMDL for Debris in Nearshore/Offshore Santa Monica Bay.

Seconded by: Board Member Francine Diamond

Motion carried: Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Yea

Cynthia Guzman - Yea

Irma Muñoz - Yea

James Stahl - Yea

Charles Stringer - Yea

Daniel Tellalian - Yea  
Lawrence Yee – Yea

**Item 14 - Consideration of approval of a proposed revised Watershed Management Program (WMP) for the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel Water Quality Group (Cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre; County of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District.**

*The Chair rendered an oath, and there was a staff presentation provided by Mr. Chris Lopez, Stormwater Permitting unit.*

Speakers

- Ms. Gloria Crudginton, City of Monrovia Councilmember
- Mr. Oliver Chi, City of Monrovia
- Ms. Corinne Bell, National Resources Defense Council
- Mr. Travis Van Ligten, Rutan & Tucker LLP on behalf of City of Duarte

MOTION: Board member James Stahl

Seconded by: Vice Chair Lawrence Yee

Motion carried: Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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

**Item 17 – Comments from permittees and stakeholders for Los Angeles and Long Beach MS4 permits.**

Speakers:

- Mr. Arthur Pugsley, L.A. Waterkeeper
- Mr. Arne Anselm, County of Ventura

**Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report. (Presented by Acting Executive Officer, Renee Purdy)**

Report and Addendum Report was provided to the Board. The Report was posted on the Board’s website: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles>

*The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or email at [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 Moffett, then finalized on: 04/15/2019

Original signed by Ronji Moffett (Signature on File)