

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
Hi-Desert Water District
55-439 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by the Chair Ellen Way at 10:00 a.m. on June 17, 2010 at Yucca Valley, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Board Members Present:

Tom Davis, Jeff Hays, Red Martinez, Edward Muzik, Ellen Way. The Board Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Jose Angel, Terry Barnes, John Carmona, Mary Castañeda, Francisco Costa, Robert Perdue, Logan Raub, Doug Wylie, Nadim Zeywar.

Others Present:

Symeon Finch, Interested Public
Bill Horne, Hi-Desert Water District Customer
Ann Iaali, Riverside County Flood Control
David Mahaffey, Yucca Valley Resident
Ramon A. Mendoza, Yucca Valley Resident
Ivory Reyburn, Coachella Valley Water District
Bob Stadum, Hi-Desert Water District
Gian Villarreal, RBF/Caltrans
Tom Vandenberg, State Water Board, Office of the Chief Counsel

MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 20, 2010 Board Meeting

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted.

PUBLIC FORUM

2. Mr. William Horne, a resident in the Town of Yucca Valley, stated that he is concerned about potential impacts that reclaiming/recycling effluent from a municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant could have on local groundwater.

Mr. Mendoza alleged that waters from the State Water Project and the [Sacramento-San Joaquin] Delta are contaminated and imported into Yucca Valley's groundwater basins and that those waters are also used for producing food. He said he is also concerned about the impact that septic system regulations may have on the Town. These problems are too complex and broad for any single agency to solve. He acknowledged the need to eliminate septic systems in Yucca Valley but emphasized that he is concerned about two [issues]: (1) the above-mentioned problem of importing/using contaminated water in Yucca Valley; and (2) the impacts of reclaiming effluent from the municipal wastewater treatment plant the Hi-Desert Water District is planning to build.

Mr. David Mahaffey spoke about a device he invented that he claims treats wastewaters to drinking water standards.

UNCONTESTED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. R7-2010-0018 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **City of Calipatria, Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Calipatria — Imperial County (Renewal)

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Red Martinez seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0018 be adopted.

4. R7-2010-0019 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **Valley Sanitary District, Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Indio — Riverside County (Renewal)

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Red Martinez seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0019 be adopted.

5. R7-2010-0021 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for **Coachella Sanitary District, Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Coachella — Riverside County (Renewal)

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Red Martinez seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0021 be adopted.

ENFORCEMENT

6. R7-2010-0037 Cease and Desist Order No. R7-2010-0037 issued to **Valley Sanitary District, Owner/Operator Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP)**, Indio – Riverside County (New)

MOTION: Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2010-0037 be adopted with errata.

RESOLUTION

7. R7-2010-0028 **Resolution on Basin Plan Amendment - Proposed Revisions to the** Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel Bacterial Indicators Total Maximum Daily Load (New)

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Red Martinez seconded. The motion carried with four eyes, Ellen Way opposed that Resolution No. R7-2010-0028 be adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities — TV

Tom Vandenberg mentioned that there will be two upcoming Integrated Regional Water Management meetings. The first meeting is on June 22, and the topic will be on the Coachella Valley Regional Management Plan. The second meeting is on June 24, and will be held at the Imperial Irrigation District. A few Board members indicated that they might attend.

9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report — RP

Mr. Perdue discussed the state budget situation. The Department of Finance will pay the staff their full checks for the month of June. During July, however, he said that it's unclear what will transpire. Mr. Perdue said that not having an approved budget in place will limit our activities because we cannot pay operating expenses.

Jose Angel also informed the Board during the Executive Officer's Report that he participated with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) on the Imperial Valley Farm Bureau's annual drainshed meetings that the Farm Bureau has for the farmers. These meetings consist of a series of three-day workshops in different locations in the Imperial Valley to accommodate the farmers. During the workshop, he said that he had the opportunity to give the farmers and IID feedback, including a discussion of what's working and what's not working regarding implementation of the Silt TMDL for IID.

He also informed the Board that IID is not fully implementing a comprehensive Drain Water Quality Impact to properly address the water quality impacts associated with drain operation and maintenance (O&M). He showed a series of slides depicting siltation problems caused by IID's O&M, and said he will be meeting with IID's management to find a resolution to the O&M problems at his level. If that does not work, he said he would bring the matter back to the Board for consideration of formal enforcement.

10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Ed Muzik introduced several people who attended the Board meeting. Steve Whitman, Board member for the Joshua Water District; Frank Luckino, member of the Town of Yucca Valley Council and Chief Financial officer for the District; and Bob Stain, member of the Hi-Desert Water District. Mr. Muzik also mentioned the Department of Water Resources has increased the projected state water allocations by 45 percent. Also, Judge Wanger opened the Delta pumping restriction three months earlier.

Jeff Hays mentioned that the organization he works with is looking into the Valley's Integrated Water Management Plan and now working more at a grass-roots level to form a committee to organize and deal with local impacts and problems associated with these efforts.

11 Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report — EW

No Report from Chair.

CLOSED SESSION

(Note: The Closed Session will begin at 9:00 a.m.)

12. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)]; to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss

initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)]. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

a. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Closed session was moved to the September Board meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, September 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in La Quinta.

Adjournment: 11:05 a.m.

MOTION: Tom Davis moved, Jeff Hays seconded. The motion carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned.