

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

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, January 16, 2014, 9:12 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
Board Room  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Ellen Way at 9:12 a.m. on January 16, 2014, at Palm Desert, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

**Regional Board Members Present:**

Buford Crites, Tom Davis, Jeff Hays, Edward Muzik, Ellen Way, Nancy Wright.

The Board Liaison stated that a quorum was present.

**Regional Water Board Counsel:** Tom Vandenberg

**State Water Board Liaison:** Vice-Chair Fran Spivy-Weber

**Regional Board Staff Present:**

Robert Perdue, Jose Angel, Soni Wells, Mary Castañeda, Abdi Haile, Mary Serra, John Carmona, Kai Dunn, Doug Wylie, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Jonathan Rokke, Jennie Snyder, Anders Wistrom, Maria Davydova.

**Others Present:**

Jeff Forrest, Hale Mills Construction  
Sam Hani, Resident, Rancho Mirage  
Eric Cohen, HMC  
Bob Stadum, Hi-Desert Water District  
David Mahaffey  
Jurg Heuberger, Hudson Ranch I  
Steve Johnson, Desert Water Agency  
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Leonard Steinberg, President of Creative Alliance Group, LLC  
Mike Elliott, USMC, Combat Central, Twentynine Palms  
Fernando Miramontes, UC DREC, El Centro  
Laura Peters, Department of Water Resources  
Bill Horne, Resident, Yucca Valley

## **MINUTES**

1. Minutes of November 14, 2013 Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded. Nancy Wright amended motion to make a correction in the minutes. Motion, as amended, was carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted, as corrected.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Sam Hani, resident of Rancho Mirage  
Ramon Alviso Mendoza, resident, Yucca Valley  
David Mahaffey, resident, Yucca Valley

## **UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

3. R7-2014-0008 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Desert Water Agency, Owner/Operator, Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Palm Springs, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Ed Muzik moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried 5 yeas, 0 no's, and one refusal, Order No. R7-2014-0008 be adopted with errata.

4. R7-2014-0010 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Riverside County Waste Management Department, Owner/Operator, Edom Hill Sanitary Class III Landfill, north of Cathedral City, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0010 be adopted.

5. R7-2014-0012 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of Imperial, Owner/Operator, Closure and Post Closure Maintenance of Holtville Class III Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility, Holtville, Imperial County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0012 be adopted.

6. R7-2014-0014 Waste Discharge Requirements for Hudson Ranch Power I LLC, Owner; Hudson Ranch I Geothermal Wells Project, Wellfield Mud Sumps/Containment Basins, Southwest of Niland, Imperial County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0014 be adopted.

7. R7-2014-0015 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Imperial County Gateway Services Area, Owner; Rocky Vandergriff Water Treatment Services, Operator, Gateway of the America's County Services Area Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, East of Calexico, Imperial County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0015 be adopted with errata.

8. R7-2014-0016 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Coachella Sanitary District, Owner/Operator, Wastewater Irrigation of Pasturelands and Fields, Coachella, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0016 be adopted with errata.

9. R7-2014-0017 Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for United States Marine Corps, Owner/Operator, Class III Solid Waste Municipal Disposal Facility - Landfill No. 2; Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously to continue this item.

10. R7-2014-0018 Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Valley Sanitary District, Owner/Operator, Irrigation of Pasturelands and Fields; Indio, Riverside County

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and motion carried unanimously Order No. R7-2014-0018 be adopted with errata.

11. R7-2014-0021 Mesquite Mine Inert Waste Management Facility Change of Name and/or Ownership of Facilities Having Waste Discharge Requirements

**MOTION:** Pulled from Agenda by Chair.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

12. Election of Chair and Vice Chair Calendar Year 2014  
Ed Muzik moved, Nancy Wright seconded, and motion carried 5 yeas, 0 no's, and one recusal that Ellen Way be re-elected for Chair.  
Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Nancy Wright be elected as Vice Chair.
13. Informational update on Noncompliance with Waste Discharge Requirements or Applicable Statutory or Regulatory Requirements – Regional Board Staff. Doug Wylie gave the Board a summary of enforcement actions from 2012 through the present.
14. Integrated Regional Water Management, Proposition 84 Grants - Department of Water Resources and/or Regional Board staff. Laura Peters, Department of Water Resources, gave a Powerpoint presentation regarding how the Department administers Prop. 84 grants.
15. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities—FS-W, TV. State Water Board Vice Chair Fran Spivey-Weber updated the Board on the Governor's proposed budget, the pending transition of the Drinking Water Program from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Board, and other permitting and policy

developments at the State Water Board. Tom Vandenberg noted that Region 7 is the first Regional Board to have the OWTS Policy (septic tanks) Basin Plan Amendment approved by the State Water Board. The administrative record for the Amendment will now be provided to the Office of Administrative Law for its review and approval. Jose Angel, AEO, updated the Board on the status of the two agricultural wastewater discharge waivers being developed for the Coachella Valley and the Imperial Valley. He noted that they are on schedule.

16. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report — RP
  - a. Staff Report on Region 7 Performance Targets for SFY 2012/2013
  - b. Staff Report on Regional Water Board Strategic Priorities

Robert Perdue, EO, noted that item 16.b would be discussed at another time. Pursuant to Mr. Perdue's request, Jose Angel, AEO, then gave a Powerpoint presentation on item 16.a. to inform the Board regarding the office's regulatory structure for protecting water quality, including a description of core regulatory programs and staffing allocations. Mr. Perdue discussed implementation of the RB's recently adopted OWTS Policy and the next important phase, developing and implementing Local Area Management Programs (LAMPs).

17. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

There was discussion concerning holding a Regional Board Meeting in Needles. No decision made, however.

18. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report — EW.

The Chair, Ellen Way, congratulated SWRCB Vice Chair Spivey-Weber on her Senate Confirmation for a 4-year term. Ms. Way noted that Nancy Wright offered to attend all MCC Board Chair meetings on behalf of Ms. Way.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

19. 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

The Board met in Closed Session to discuss evaluation of the Executive Officer's performance.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014, BRAWLEY, CA.**

**ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING 12:07 p.m.**