



California Regional Water Quality Control Board
 Los Angeles Region
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Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.



40th



Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

October 18th marked the 40th anniversary of the passing of the Clean Water Act. There have been myriad successes around the country in water quality protection and restoration due to the Act. The Los Angeles Region has benefited greatly from these successes; the Regional Board, environmental community, and local agencies have been leaders in many of these efforts. California's own Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act provided the vision and framework for much of the Clean Water Act.

On October 9th, representative leaders and implementers were brought together at the Japanese American National Museum to celebrate this anniversary. The event was produced by the Council for Watershed Health, the City of LA, CWEA, and the Los Angeles Waterkeeper. Board Member Fran Diamond and Deb Smith attended with Fran participating on a panel with Enrique Zaldivar, Mark Pestrella, Dr. Mark Gold, Dr. Shelly Luce, and David Beckman. Each of the panelists described key achievements - - ranging from stopping sludge from being discharged into the Bay in the late 1980's ...to achieving full secondary...to adopting TMDLs for which we have seen significant success...to significantly reducing sewage spills. State Board member Felicia Marcus delivered the keynote of the event where she talked about where we are headed, including approaches that integrate water quality and water supply. We were left with the task of pondering the question about what we might be talking about at the 50th anniversary.

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Kayaking down the Los Angeles River

Deb Smith

As you are aware, there have been a number of permitted boating expeditions down the Los Angeles River the last two summers. LA River Expeditions had a ten week program this summer and involved a variety of guests and educators that could talk about water quality and related issues during the expeditions. Deb Smith was the water quality educator for a trip on the morning of August 13th.

The trip was along reach five near the Sepulveda Basin - - one of the soft bottom areas of the river with extensive flows from the Tillman POTW. Deb talked about the origins of water to the river, water quality standards (in particular, recreation and aquatic life uses), the variety of TMDLs for the river, and our vision for the watershed.

Although the participants got to enjoy the peacefulness of paddling down the river and enjoying wildlife and native plants, they also experienced the amount of trash carried down the river during storm flows. In one of the photos, George Wolfe (founder and president of LA River Expeditions) is seen clearing trash (primarily plastic bags) from a downed tree.



Watershed Management

Proposition 84 Stormwater Grants

Regional Board staff (in conjunction with State Board staff) participated in reviews of Proposition 84 Stormwater Grant Program proposals over several months during the spring and summer. On October 3, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the funding list for implementation grants in two parts: the Recommended Funding List (Exhibit A) and the Projects Pending Approval List (Exhibit B). The latter list includes projects for which proponents are required to submit some additional information before receiving funding. Exhibit A projects in the Region include: *Machado Lake Trash TMDL* (City of Torrance - \$1,968,850) and *Laurel Canyon Blvd Green Street Project* (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power - \$2,000,000). Exhibit B projects include: *Broadway Neighborhood Stormwater Greenway Project* (City of Los Angeles - \$2,982,000), *County Government Center Parking Lot Green Streets Urban Retrofit* (County of Ventura Public Works Agency - \$1,495,294), and *Avalon Green Alley South: LID Demonstration Project* (Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation - \$891,344).

Watershed Regulatory Program

Summary of General Permitting Unit Activities – August & September 2012

During the months of August to September 2012, 12 dischargers were enrolled under the general NPDES permits, one enrollment was revised, and 12 enrollments were terminated. The table below shows the breakdown of the enrollments, revisions, and terminations for each category of general NPDES permit during the period.

		Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Date of Termination
A.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2008-0032) Construction & Project Dewatering			
1	KW Funds-6100 Wilshire, LLC., New Wilshire Building, 6100 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles			8/14/12
2	Mr. Richard Bechguenturiant, McDonald's Restaurant in Gourman, 49714 Gorman School Road, Gorman		8/23/12	
3	City Of Santa Monica, Charnock Pilot Test Plant Groundwater Pilot Testing Project, Santa Monica			8/8/12
4	City Of Cerritos, Corporate Yard, 16540 Marquardt Avenue, Cerritos,			8/14/12
5	Applied Environmental Technologies, Inc., Former Mobil Service Station, 415 East Thompson Blvd, Ventura			8/22/12
6	Picasso Auto, Body Shop, 8355 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles			8/3/12
7	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Salinity Management Pipeline Phase 1E, Hueneme Rd., between Edison and Surfside Drive, Port Hueneme, Oxnard			8/14/12
8	8500 Burton Way, LLC., 8500 Burton Way, Los Angeles			8/2/12
9	City Of Arcadia, Hugo Reid, Well, 1128 De Anza Place, Arcadia	8/15/12		
10	Sherwood Development Company, Carlisle Bridge Improvement Project, Carlisle Bridge, Lake Sherwood			8/22/12
11	Cathay Bank, Cabrillo, Marina Fuel Dock, 210 Whalers Walk, San Pedro,	8/1/12		
12	Clarett West Development, 6200 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles	8/21/12		
13	Los Angeles City Bureau Of Engineering, Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater Best Management Practice Phase I Project, 200 N. Temescal Canyon Road, Los Angeles	8/22/12		
14	Park Water Company, Potable Water Well 9d, 2435 East Greenleaf Boulevard, Compton	8/28/12		
15	Church of Scientology Mission Los Feliz Project, 2131 North Hillhurst Avenue, Los Angeles	9/18/12		
16	Legado Crossing, L.P., Legado Crossing Project, 8770 Washington Boulevard, Culver City	9/20/12		
17	G & K Management, Museum Terrace Apartments, 600 S. Curson Avenue, Los Angeles			9/21/12
18	Southern California Edison-McGrath Peaker Construction Project, 251 N. Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard			9/21/12
19	EL Segundo Energy Center, LLC, El Segundo Generating Station Redevelopment Project, 301 Vista Del Mar, El Segundo			9/18/12
20	City of Los Angeles, Riverside Bridge & Viaduct Project, Riverside Drive & Los Angeles River, Los Angeles	9/18/12		
21	City of Long Beach Shoreline Marina Fuel Dock, 700 E. Shoreline Drive, Long Beach	9/7/12		
22	Ventura County Watershed Protection District, J Street Storm Drain Expansion Project, Oxnard	9/21/12		
23	County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Hall of Justice, 315 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles	9/27/12		
C.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. R4-2009-0068) Hydrostatic Test Water			
1	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Salinity Management Pipeline, Phase 1E Hydrostatic Test Project, East Hueneme Rd To Port Hueneme, Oxnard			8/14/12
2	BP West Coast Product LLC, Arco Carson Products Terminal, 2149 E. Sepulveda Blvd, Carson	9/6/12		

Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Program

Presentation at Watershed and Stormwater Conference

Eric Wu

On October 8, 2012, staff was invited by the Center of Watershed Protection to present at the Gross Solids and Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) session of the Watershed and Stormwater Conference 2012 at Baltimore, Maryland. Our presentation entitled “Evolution and Progress in Trash Reduction through the California Trash TMDL Program” included discussion regarding the need for developing trash TMDLs, progress in addressing trash from both point and nonpoint sources, challenges the Los Angeles Regional Board has encountered, and efforts made by stakeholders in implementing trash TMDL requirements.

Approximately 400 attendees participated in the Gross Solids and Trash TMDLs Plenary session. The significant difference between Los Angeles Regional Board’s trash TMDLs and Maryland’s trash TMDLs for the Anacostia River is the assignment of a numeric Wasteload Allocation. Our Wasteload Allocation is zero and is very effective. There is no numeric target in the Anacostia River Trash TMDL for Maryland. Questions were raised on stakeholder involvement during development, devices installed, and determination of compliance.

Summary of General Waste Discharge Requirements Enrolled and Terminated

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From September 10, 2012 to October 18, 2012, two dischargers enrolled under the general Waste Discharger Requirements (WDRs), two WDRs were revised and three WDRs were terminated. The table below contains a breakdown for each category of general WDRs.

		Project Manager	Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Termination
A.	General WDR Discharge for Groundwater remediation at petroleum Hydrocarbon fuel and/or volatile organic compound impacted sites (Order No. R4-2007-0019)				
1.	Former Exxonmobil Station 18KV8, CI 9448	Ann Chang			8/12/12
2.	Former Standard Nickel Chromium Plating Facility, CI 9865	David Koo	9/26/12		
3.	Former Ashland Facility, CI 9809	Ann Chang		10/10/12	
4.	Micro Matic USA, Inc., CI 8777	Ann Chang		10/10/12	
B.	General WDR Discharge requirement for groundwater remediation at petroleum hydrocarbon fuel and/or volatile organic compound impacted sites (Order No. R4-2005-0030)				
1.	One Hour Martinizing Dry Cleaners, CI 8944	Ann Chang			8/13/12
C.	General WDR for small commercial multi-family residential subsurface sewage disposal systems (Order No. R4-01-031)				
1.	River Ridge Farms, CI 9840	Elizabeth Erickson	10/10/12		
E.	General WDR for specified discharges to groundwater in Santa Clara River and Los Angeles River Basins File No. 92-60 (Order No. 93-010)				
1.	Oceanview Produce Co., CI 7713	Mercedes Merino			9/28/12

Summary of Inspection Reports

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From September 10, 2012 to October 18, 2012, staff conducted five pre-permitting and annual inspections.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	08/16/12	Bennett’s Honey Farm, CI 9856	David Koo
2.	09/17/12	J Street Drain	David Koo
3.	09/17/12	Dan Blocker Beach General Improvement Project, CI 9864	Elizabeth Erickson
4.	09/17/12	Chart House Restaurant, File No. 07-177	Elizabeth Erickson
5.	09/26/12	Scholl Canyon Landfill, CI 2846	Douglas Cross

Summary of Notice of Violations

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From September 10, 2012 to October 18, 2012, staff issued two Notices of Violation for WDRs violations.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	10/12/12	Stagecoach General Store, CI 8746	Mercedes Merino
2.	10/12/12	San Antonio Mutual Service Company, CI 8351	Mercedes Merino

Compliance and Enforcement Program

Notices of Violation issued:

Date Issued	WDID	Permittee	Permit Type
September 26, 2012	4B196100 003	Doheny Homeowners Association	General
October 9, 2012	4B196000 249	Sikh Study Circle, Inc.	General

NPDES Facility Inspections

The Enforcement Unit NPDES inspector conducted inspections at 6 facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

Expedited Payment Program:

- **Stipulated Order On Settlement Offer No. R4-2012-0106-M** was issued to Vopak Terminal Long Beach Inc. on September 4, 2012, in the amount of \$15,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Vopak Terminal Long Beach Inc. On July 30, 2012, the Regional Board received payment in full.
- **Stipulated Order On Settlement Offer No. R4-2012-0086-M** was issued to Antea USA on September 6, 2012, in the amount of \$27,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for Former 76 Service Station 1715. On September 14, 2012, the Regional Board received payment in full.
- **Stipulated Order On Settlement Offer No. R4-2012-0097-M** was issued to Bevcon I, LLC on August 17, 2012, in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Beverly Connection Mall. On September 25, 2012, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Order on Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability

Order on Complaint No. R4-2012-0060 was issued to Lakeside Boats, Inc. on September 14, 2012, in the amount of \$3,000 for failure to obtain the required permit coverage for the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity at 31752 Ridge Route Road, Castaic. On September 28, 2012, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Administrative Civil Liability

A Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order (proposed) was entered into between the Regional Board Prosecution Team and the City of Oxnard. In the proposed agreement, the City of Oxnard agrees to pay \$17,974.40 for two primary treated wastewater bypass events at the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant. The public comment period ends on October 29, 2012.

Supplemental Environmental Project – Stipulation and Order:

Order No. R4-2012-0132 – Amending Stipulation and Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2008-0044-M was issued to D.R. Horton Los Angeles Holding Company, Inc. on September 27, 2012. This Order amends the Stipulation and Order previously issued on September 8, 2011, by making changes to the Exhibit C – SEP Workplan for the *Expanded Phase Ocean Water Quality Monitoring Program* implemented by the County of Ventura Environmental Health Division.

September 20, 2011 Panel Hearing:

On September 20, 2012, a Hearing Panel consisting of Mr. Charles Stringer (Chair), Ms. Madeline Glickfeld, and Ms. Francine Diamond was held to consider evidence and comments on two cases. The Hearing Panel will provide a recommendation to the Regional Board at a later meeting.

The first hearing was on a complaint issued to Jaymak Inc. to assess administrative civil liability in the amount of \$5,000 for failing to obtain permit coverage for the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity. The second hearing was on a complaint No. R4-2012-0110 issued to Mr. Edward Waymire, Waymire Drum Company, Mr. Rafiel Shahbazian, and Mitchell Investors, LLC to assess administrative civil liability in the amount of \$90,515 for violation of a Cleanup and Abatement Order.

Stormwater Compliance & Enforcement Unit

3 Notices of Non-Compliance were issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Type
Non-Filer	9/6/12	California Plastix	Failure to Obtain Permit	Industrial
Non-Filer	9/11/12	CDL Scrap Metal	Failure to Obtain Permit	Industrial
Non-Filer	9/19/12	Holliday Rock Co Inc.	Failure to Obtain Permit	Industrial

9 Notices of Violation were issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Type
4 19I001141	9/10/12	Int Rectifier Corp El Segundo	Deficient BMP Implementation, Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP Bottom of Form	Industrial
4 19C360820	9/11/12	Del Rey Square Senior Housing	Deficient BMP Implementation	Construction
4 56I016336	9/11/12	Boskovich Farms Inc.	Deficient BMP Implementation, Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I001365	9/12/12	Carlton Forge Works	Deficient BMP Implementation, Benchmark exceedances	Industrial
4 19C353172	9/14/12	Del Rey Shores Project	Deficient BMP Implementation, Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP	Construction
4 19I021197	9/19/12	Foothill Soils Inc.	Deficient BMP Implementation, No SWPPP	Industrial
4 19C341269	9/21/12	Bowmont Slope Repair	Deficient BMP Implementation, Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP, No SWPPP, Late Annual Report	Construction
4 19C362776	9/21/12	Glasell Park Condominiums	Deficient BMP Implementation, Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP, Late Annual Report	Construction
4 19I018928	9/21/12	NHK Laboratories Inc.	Deficient BMP Implementation, No SWPPP Bottom of Form	Industrial

1 Annual Report Review – Second Benchmark Exceedance Letter was issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Type
4 19I013230	9/18/12	Innovative Waste Control Inc. T	Exceeded benchmark values in 2010/11 following the 2008/09 reporting period.	Industrial

1 Verbal Warning was given:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Type
Non-Filer	9/17/12	Royal Printex	Deficient BMP Implementation	Industrial

2 Time Extension Requests were granted:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Type
4 19I005336	9/17/2012	Rehrig Pacific Company	Deficient BMP Implementation	Industrial
4 19I020236	9/19/2012	Clean harbor Wilmington, LLC	No SWPPP, Deficient BMP Implementation, Deficient Annual Report Bottom of Form	Industrial

Remediation

Investigative Orders

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Coast United Property Management	Coast United Property Management Site, Northridge	Requirement to Submit a Work Plan to Assess and Remediate Soil Vapor Plume
Leek Family Trust	Former Chem-Nickel Company, Inc. South Gate	Time Extension Request Approval for The Submission of the Soil Vapor Assessment Report and Site Characterization Report
Coastal Property Holdings, L.P.	Former Riverside Steel, Santa Fe Springs	Response to Comments Regarding the “Site Assessment Work Plan” Submitted by ARCADIS on September 7, 2012
Murray M. Sinclair, Esq.	Tampa Center, Reseda	Review of Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Results, First Quarter 2012

Clean Up & Abatement Orders

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Atlantic Richfield Company	ARCO 31T Vinvale Terminal, South Gate	Review of Off-Site Soil Gas & Vapor Intrusion Report
Paramount Petroleum Corporation	Paramount Petroleum Corporation Long Beach Refinery, Long Beach	Approval of Workplan for Offsite Soil Gas Monitoring
ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission	Former Athens Tank Farm, Willowbrook	Off-Site Air Quality Assessment Investigation Results for 1100 East 123 rd Street
ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission	Former Athens Tank Farm, Willowbrook	Off-Site Air Quality Assessment Investigation Results for 1113 East 124 th Street
ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission	Former Athens Tank Farm, Willowbrook	Off-Site Air Quality Assessment Investigation Results for 1119 East 125 th Street
ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission	Former Athens Tank Farm, Willowbrook	Off-Site Air Quality Assessment Investigation Results for 1119 East 126 th Street
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., Chevron Environmental Management Corporation, Phillips 66 Company, The Port of Los Angeles	Former GATX Marine Terminal, Port of Los Angeles Berths 171-173, Wilmington	Approval of the Revised Remedial Action Plan
Playa Capital Company, LLC	Playa Vista Site, Los Angeles	Revised Requirements for Groundwater Remediation at Area D2
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 354 248 th Street
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 383 249 th Street
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 24516 Marbella Avenue
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 24532 Panama Avenue
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 24613 Neptune Avenue
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 24716 Marbella Avenue
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 24722 Marbella Avenue
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Review of Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Report for 24733 Marbella Avenue
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Access to Private Properties
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Directive for Environmental Investigation and Cleanup of the AT&T Trench Excavation Work in the Vicinity of 305 and 311 East 244 th Streets
Shell Oil Products US	Former Kast Property Tank Farm, Carson	Conditional Approval of Seismic Refraction Survey Feasibility Test

No Further Aciton Letters

Discharger	Location	Type
BNSF Railway Company	Former Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Mission Tower Site, Los Angeles	No Further Action Determination

Staff Signed Letters

Discharger	Location	Type
Honeywell International, Inc.	Former Honeywell El Segundo Facility, El Segundo	Workplan Approval for Implementation of Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination
Street Retail, Inc.	Former General Chemical Facility, Parcel 3B, El Segundo	Site Cleanup Program Oversight Cost Reimbursement Account
BlackRock	San Pedro Business Center, Former Western Fuel Oil Company, San Pedro	Comments on Installation of Additional Groundwater Monitoring Wells Workplan
Normandie Properties, LLC	Brea Canon Oil Joughin Lease, Harbor City	Approval of Soil Vapor Survey Workplan
Normandie Properties, LLC	Brea Canon Oil Joughin Lease, Harbor City	Comment on Second Revised Soil Vapor Survey Workplan

Former kast Tank Farm Property, Carousel Residential Neighborhood Tract, Carson

Dr. Teklewold Ayalew

The activities related to the site investigation and cleanup work performed during the months of September and October 2012 include the following:

- On August 29, 2012, the Regional Board announced the commissioning of an Expert Panel to review the Board’s environmental investigation and cleanup work of the Kast site. The Expert Panel will provide its recommendation for the Regional Board to consider in determining whether remedial actions and cleanup goals proposed by the responsible parties named in the Cleanup Order are consistent with applicable legal authorities, including State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 92-49 (“Policies and Procedures for Investigation and Cleanup and Abatement of Discharges Under Water Code Section 13304) (Resolution 92-49), including the interests of the people of the state.
- On September 17, 2012, Grading Permits for 24432 and 24502 Marbella, 24612 Neptune, 24533 Ravena, and 24715 Neptune Avenues were issued to the American Integrated Services (AIS), a URS subcontractor that will conduct the pilot test excavations. Four different excavation methods will be used: i) Large unshored excavation spanning the front yard of two adjacent properties to approximately 10 feet below ground surface (bgs) with slope sidewalls; ii) Unshored slot trenches to approximately 10 feet bgs; iii) Slide-rail shored excavation to approximately 10 feet bgs; and iv) Unshored surgical excavation to less than 10 feet bgs.
- On September 21, 2012, the Regional Board received the bi-monthly Status Report for Remedial Excavation and In-Situ Treatment Pilot Testing. The Regional Board has previously received bi-monthly Status Reports for Remedial Excavation and In-Situ Pilot Testing on January 23, March 21, May 17, and July 5, 2012. The current status report summarizes pilot testing progress, focusing on activities that have been completed since July 5, 2012 that includes: the field activities for the bioventing pilot test at six

properties and the status of the grading permits for the excavation pilot test.

- On October 4, 2012, the Regional Board received the report summarizing the bioventing pilot test conducted at 24411 Panama Avenue. The Regional Board has previously received reports for the first two locations (24512 Marbella Avenue and 24722 Ravenna Avenue). The remaining bioventing pilot test reports are scheduled for submittal October 21, November 9 and November 29, 2012 for testing conducted at 24616 Marbella, 24718 Neptune and 24743 Ravenna Avenue, respectively.
- On October 11, 2012, the Regional Board received the Third Quarter 2012 Report titled *On- and Offsite Methane Monitoring of Accessible Utility Boxes, Vaults, Storm Drains and Sewer Manholes within the Carousel and Monterey Pines Neighborhoods, and along Lomita Boulevard and Island Avenue*. The monitoring detected no exceedances of volatile organic compounds.
- Regional Board and OEHHA staff completed the review of eighteen (18) Follow-Up Phase II Indoor Air and Sub-Slab Soil Vapor Sampling Reports and issued a directive outlining a follow-up action.
- Regional Board staff has also observed the continued sampling of indoor air, soil vapor and soil at residential properties as access becomes available. The completed residential sampling activity as of October 10, 2012 is as follows:
 - 265 homes have been screened for methane (93%);
 - 265 homes have had soils sampled and vapor probes installed (93%);
 - 262 homes have had sub-slab soil vapor probes sampled (92%); and
 - 155 homes have had indoor air sampled (54%).

Former Athens Tank Farm / Ujima and Earvin Magic Johnson Regional Park, Los Angeles

Dr. Teklewold Ayalew

The activities related to the environmental site investigation of the Former Athens Tank Farm during the months of September and October 2012 are summarized as follows:

- The Regional Board and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) staff received and reviewed the documents titled *Soil Vapor, Crawl Space Air and Outdoor Air Investigation Report* for 4 offsite homes for which property-specific crawl space and outdoor air sampling was conducted. The results documented that volatile organic compounds detected in crawl space are not at levels of concern to adversely impact indoor air quality at this time. The review concluded that crawl space vapors are not accumulating at unsafe levels beneath all four homes.

On October 11, 2012, based on the review of the results the Regional Board issued a directive ordering ExxonMobil to further evaluate the potential of future vapor intrusion by conducting an additional round of crawl space air and outdoor air sampling to assess temporal variability.

- Regional Board staff completed the review of the *Request for Modification of Soil Gas Monitoring Schedule*. The rationale of the request is based on the relocation of the Honey's Little Angels Daycare Facility (HLA) to an off-site location in July 2012. The monitoring program was not implemented at HLA since the relocation due to unavailability of access to HLA and other modular buildings. On October 12, 2012 the Regional Board issued an amendment to the existing monitoring schedule.
- Installation of groundwater monitoring well pair previously delayed due to noise and other disruptions to the HLA daycare facility situated in close proximity is currently underway. The Regional Board approved that the installation be performed after the daycare facility relocate off-site. The drilling and

sampling of the pilot boring reached a final depth of 200 feet below ground surface (bgs). Surveying and well development are currently in progress.

- The Regional Board and DTSC staff have received and are currently reviewing a document titled *Off-Site Soil Vapor Plume Delineation Report* dated September 21, 2012.
- In July 2012, the California Environmental Protection Agency, in a response to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's request, designated DTSC as the co-lead for community outreach and health risk assessment for this project. Since then, DTSC has met with Willowbrook property owners, community groups, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and staff from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office to discuss the project and their concerns. Community members identified public health, health-care access, and the health risk assessment as their highest priority. To address these concerns, DTSC is coordinating with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and other State and Federal agencies to host an informational community health session that would provide information to community members.

As part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) procedural requirement, the Regional Board intended to post a public notice to adopt a *Mitigated Negative Declaration* (MND) and circulate the MND with *Initial Study* (IS), and disclose to the public for a 30 day public review process that was set to begin September 24, 2012. However, the DTSC requested that the Regional Board extend the public review process citing need for adequate time that allows DTSC to coordinate with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, California Department of Health Services and Federal agencies to develop content and format for the session that will focus specifically on health related issues. Consequently, the Regional Board postponed the 30-day review period to October 22, 2012 through November 28, 2012.

Former Xerox Pomona Facility Redevelopment Project, 800 East Bonita Avenue, Pomona CA

Curt Charmley

The former Xerox Pomona Facility is a 10-acre property located at 800 East Bonita Avenue, Pomona California. The past uses of the property from 1971 to 1990 included the manufacturing of printed wire boards (PWBs) and associated electronic components. Xerox's historical operations on the property released wastes, mainly volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and caused the contamination of subsurface soil and groundwater beneath the property and down-gradient aquifer. Under a Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 91-078 issued by this Regional Board, Xerox, through their consultants, has been conducting site investigative and cleanup at the property and vicinities, over the last twenty years. The Regional Board granted the Site a no further requirements for the "soils only" in November 1, 2007, after the soil cleanup goals have been met. Under our oversight, Xerox continue addressing the groundwater impact beneath the southwest portion the property and the down-gradient groundwater.

The City of Pomona had been engaging dialogue with Regional Board staff and the Xerox management to evaluate the feasibility of redeveloping the seven-acre clean portion of the property into economical use. Recent evaluations have been conducted to facilitate a redevelopment project proposed by Xerox. The redevelopment plan involves the partitioning the existing 10-acre parcel into a three-acre parcel and a seven-acre parcel (deemed clean).

The City of Pomona Planning Commission held an evening public hearing on September 12, 2012, to consider agenda including the proposed parcel partitioning at the Xerox property. Regional Board staff, Curt Charmley and Jeffrey Hu, attended the public hearing and answered questions pertaining to regulatory requirements on soil and groundwater investigation and cleanup, compliance monitoring, and site closure. Staff also addressed other issues and concerns brought up to by the Planning Commission and concerned citizens during the hearing. Regional Board staff's effort helped the Planning Commission and the public to

get a better understanding for the Site. This effort was an integral part for the City to decide whether Xerox's proposed development project meets the City's requirements for development and satisfies the Regional Board's requirements for the newly proposed land use criteria.

In conclusion, the City of Pomona Planning Commission granted an approval for permitting the redevelopment project to move forward. In addition, the City of Pomona conveyed their appreciation to Regional Board staff for their participation in the public hearing.

Los Angeles River Releases, Los Angeles, California

Greg Bishop

An oil sheen was reported at two locations along the Los Angeles River just north of Main Street and just south of Cesar Chavez Avenue. The releases were reported on October 9 and 10, 2012, respectively. Regional Board staff inspected both locations and investigated responses of other agencies, including lab results from sample collection and existing assessment reports from nearby cases. Regional Board staff concluded that the sheen at each location appears to be a result of naturally-occurring crude oil seeps that are entering the engineered structure of the Los Angeles River through near-bottom weep holes in the eastern channel banks. As of Wednesday, October 17, 2012, the discharges were continuing at each location and appeared to have increased in intensity from a week prior; the sheens were not being contained by any party. Regional Board executive management is evaluating what course of action to pursue.

Dominguez Channel Release, Carson

Greg Bishop

LNAPL was daylighting within the Dominguez Channel south of Carson Street in Carson, California, through most of 2011. The LNAPL was initially discharging through the bottom of the channel in the vicinity of a Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. pipeline and two former Shell Oil Company pipelines. LNAPL also discharged from a subdrain system consisting of perforated horizontal pipes within each levee.

Discharges of petroleum from the bottom of the channel ceased in the fall of 2011. Regional Board staff believe this cessation is due to a relatively dry winter season resulting in reduced groundwater recharge and reduced head pressure in the semi-confined aquifer underlying the channel. Ongoing extraction of LNAPL from the western levee subdrain and from an impacted groundwater monitoring well within the western levee successfully stopped discharges from the levee subdrains to the surface of the Dominguez Channel from the fall of 2011 until August 2012, when a small sheen reappeared. This recurrence is being managed via the use of a new passive skimmer in an LNAPL recovery well and absorbent sock management in subdrains.

During late September 2012 and October 2012, Regional Board staff took the following actions:

- Worked with RELLC on the oversight of boom operations/LNAPL containment within the Dominguez Channel from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.
- Participated in update conference calls with RELLC and their consultants.
- Reviewed and initiated responses to comments received on a draft Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) provided to BP, plc; Chevron Environmental Management Company; ExxonMobil Corporation; Phillips 66; Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.; and Shell Oil Products US. The draft CAO requires full assessment and remediation from these parties.

Except for ongoing product recovery efforts, the project is on hiatus pending the Regional Board's preparation of responses to comments received on the draft CAO.

Underground Storage Tank Program

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **August 23, 2012** through **September 30, 2012**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

1. Shel Service Station, Los Angeles (900490134)
2. 76 Station #256448, Marina Del Rey (902920070A)
3. Tosco Station No. 7426, Agoura Hills (R-02634)
4. Deals on Wheels, Reseda (913350789)
5. Shell Service Station, Temple City (I-01944A)
6. Former 76 Station No. 5071, Marina Del Rey (I-05967)
7. York Property, Valencia (I-03599A)
8. Harry's Airport Garage, Inglewood (R-09799)
9. Starbucks Coffee Shop, Los Angeles (I-06358A)
10. Former Shell Station, Culver City (R-26256)
11. Lincoln Boulevard Car Wash, Santa Monica (904040398)
12. Avis Rent a Car Facility, Los Angeles (900450343)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **1,888** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **221,976** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, **4,038,814** gallons of ground-water were treated and 351 gallons of LNAPL were removed.

Water Quality Speaker Series for Staff In-House Training

Yue Rong and Chris Lopez

As a result of staff visioning group recommendations, starting in July 2012, staff has inaugurated an in-house training program called "water quality speaker series." The program is a forum to invite Regional Board program managers and staff members and outside speakers talking about water quality and program management and work related issues. The program is scheduled monthly. The speakers are invited by a team of staff members from the staff visioning groups. Executive Officer Sam Unger was the first speaker to kick off the program in July. In September, Mr. Lowell Kessel of EnviroLogek (an environmental consulting firm) was invited to talk about recent new technologies and methods for site assessment and cleanup. In October, Ms. Mary McDaniel of McDaniel Lambert, Inc. was invited to talking about risk management and communications to the public.

Personnel

As of November 8, 2012 our staff total is 136: 120 technical staff, 10 permanent analytical staff and 6 permanent clerical staff.

The following separated from Region 4:

Rebecca Veiga-Nascimento, Staff Environmental Scientist, separated from State service effective September 18, 2012.

Carolina Lopez, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, retired from State service effective October 30, 2012.

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