

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Meeting Minutes
Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
(Board Room)
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

July 12, 2018

Chair Madlyn Glickfeld called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

1. Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Madelyn Glickfeld, Francine Diamond, Cynthia Guzman, and Lawrence Yee.

Board Members Absent: Irma Munoz, and Charles Stringer.

Staff Present: Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Renee Purdy, Jennifer Fordyce, David Coupe, Sophie Froelich, Ronji Moffett, Gerardo Rabelo, Susana Lagudis, Dr. Rebecca Chou, Cris Morris, Hugh Marley, Jenny Newman, Ivar Ridgeway, Rebecca Christmann, Erum Razzak, Alireza Rahmani, Angineh Shahnazariah, Arthur Heath, Hugh Marley, Russ Colby, Mazhar Ali, Theresa Rodgers, L.B. Nye, Alex Carlos

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

Ms. Pamela Ybarra, Santa Ana RWQCB	Ms. Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Egoscue Law Group	Ms. Shona Ganguly, The Nature Conservancy
Ms. Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita	Mr. Paul Alva, L.A. County DPW
Ms. Celia Pazos, Santa Ana RWQCB	Mr. Don Blakely, Capes
Ms. Bridgette De Shields, Integral Consulting	Mr. Stephen Mejia, Friends of L.A. River
Ms. Amanda Wagner, Heal the Bay	Mr. Richard Parsons, City of Ventura
Mr. Kelsey Jessup, TNC.ORG	Mr. T.J. Moon, L.A. County DPW
Ms. Christina Walsh, People Policy.ORG	Ms. Ariel Flores, City of Los Angeles
Mr. Dan Lafferty, L.A. County DPW	Mr. Dan Sharp, L.A. County DPW
Mr. Paul Snadmani, L.A. County DPW	Ms. Sree Kumar, L.A. County Public Works
Ms. Katie Gallagher, Psomas	Mr. James Vernon, Port of Long Beach
Mr. Rainey Barten, Willdan	Mr. Edgar Gomez, L.A. DWP
Mr. Vaikko Allen, Contech	Ms. Mercedes Passanisi, L.A. County DPW
Mr. John Dettle, City of Torrance	Ms. Corrine Bell, NRDC
Ms. Melissa You, City of Long Beach	Mr. Kevin Dimzon, City of Los Angeles
Mr. James Wohlmuth, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Cliff Shum, City of Los Angeles

Mr. Michael Baluyor, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Arne Anselm, Ventura County PWA
Ms. Geraldine Trivedi, City of Redondo Beach	Mr. David Laak, County of Ventura
Mr. Shaun Kres, City of Moorpark	Mr. John Amato, Chevron
Ms. Kelsey Kerisman, Wildan	Mr. Ron Manwill, City of Thousand Oaks
Mr. Seth Carr, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Mark Johnson, City of Malibu
Mr. Andrew Sheldon, City of Malibu	Ms. Susan Robinson, McGowan Consulting
Ms. Kathleen McGowan, McGowan Consulting	Mr. Andrew Winse, City of Redondo Beach
Ms. Susie Santilena, City of Los Angeles	Ms. Marisol Ibarra, City of Los Angeles
Mr. Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Allen Ma, County of Los Angeles
Mr. Arthur Pugsley, L.A. Waterkeeper	Ms. Grace Chang, County of Los Angeles
Mr. Bruce Hamamoto, County of Los Angeles	Mr. Kevin Chang, County of Los Angeles
Ms. Sheila Brie, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Alfredo Magellano, City of Los Angeles
Mr. Oliver Cramer, City of Santa Clarita	Mr. Hubertus Cox, City of Los Angeles
Ms. Ashli Desai, Latham & Watkins	Mr. Eric Lindberg, Santa Ana RWQCB
Ms. Jayne Joy, Santa Ana RWQCB	Mr. Chris Minton, Latham Watkins Associates
Mr. Ed Suher, CASC Engineering	Ms. Melanie Sotelo, CASC Engineering
Ms. Michelle Kim, JLHA	Ms. Jaime Sayre, Tetra Tech
Mr. Yao Kouwonou, L.A. County DPW	Mr. Matt Magener, City of West Hollywood
Ms. Josette Descalzo, City of Beverly Hills	Mr. Tom Ford, Santa Monica Bay
Mr. Guangyu Wang, SMBRC	Ms. Joanne Linnenbrink, City of Los Angeles
Ms. Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita	Ms. Lesie Sidio, City of Los Angeles
Mr. James Vernon, Port of Long Beach	Mr. Greg Grammer, Peninsula Watershed Group
Mr. Alex Dashman, L.A. Waterkeeper	Mr. Riley Smith, L.A. Waterkeeper

2. Order of Agenda.

The EO stated the Order of Agenda. EO Report and Item 11 to be moved to the end of the agenda.

3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the June 14, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: Board member Francine Diamond to approve the draft June 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Board member Cynthia Guzman
Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld - Abstained
Cynthia Guzman - Yea
Irma Muñoz - Absent
Charles Stringer - Absent
Lawrence Yee - Abstained

4. Board Member Communications. (None.)

Uncontested Items Calendar.

The EO stated the uncontested items calendar as: Item 14.

MOTION: Board member Francine Diamond to approve uncontested items calendar as Item 14.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Lawrence Yee
Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld - Yea
Cynthia Guzman - Yea
Irma Muñoz - Absent
Charles Stringer - Absent
Lawrence Yee - Yea

7. Public Forum.

- Ms. Christina Walsh, PeoplePolicy.org

8. Update on the Implementation of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Malibu Onsite Wastewater Disposal System Prohibition, and operation status of the Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility, City of Malibu.

Presentation by Ms. Reva Feldman, Malibu City Manager.

10. Update on the State Water Resources Control Board's Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Program.

Introductory remarks were made by Assistant Executive Officer Paula Rasmussen, followed by a presentation by Mr. Eric Lindberg, Santa Ana Regional Water Control Board.

12. Consideration of tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Maintenance Clearing of Engineered Earth-Bottom Channels for Flood Control for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The staff report was presented by Dr. L.B. Nye, Unit Chief of TMDLs & Standards Unit.

Speakers:

- Mr. Dan Lafferty, Asst. Director L.A. County Public Works
- Mr. Stephen Mejia-Carranza, Friends of the Los Angeles River
- Ms. Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Amanda Wagner, Heal the Bay
- Ms. Shana Ganguly, The Nature Conservancy
- Mr. Riley Smith, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

MOTION: Vice Chair Lawrence Yee to adopt the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Certification.

Seconded by: Board member Cynthia Guzman
Motion carried: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Francine Diamond - Yea
Madelyn Glickfeld - Yea

Cynthia Guzman - Yea
Irma Muñoz - Absent
Charles Stringer - Absent
Lawrence Yee - Yea

(The Board went into closed session at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.)

13. MS4 Workshop – There was a Public Workshop continuing the process of issuing a regional municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit for permittees in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The workshop primarily focused on the status of permit implementation and evaluation of monitoring data collected during the 2012-2017 term of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2012-0175) and the 2014-2019 term of the Los Angeles County MS4 and the City of Long Beach MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2014-0024) for certain watershed areas.

There were opening remarks made by Ms. Renee Purdy, new Assistant Executive Officer Watershed Protection Division.

Staff report was made by Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Stormwater Permitting Unit chief

Speakers:

- Mr. Arne Anselm, County of Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Mgmt. Program
- Ms. Melissa, You, City of Long Beach
- Mr. James Vernon, Port of Long Beach
- Mr. John Dettle, Beach Cities
- Mr. Greg Grammer, Peninsula Watershed Group
- Mr. John Hunter, Peninsula Watershed Management Group (WMG)
- Ms. Kathleen McGowan, Peninsula Watershed Group
- Ms. Mercedes Passanisi, Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Group
- Ms. Ariel Flores, Santa Monica Bay J2/J3 WMG
- Ms. Susie Santilena, Ballona Creek WMG
- Mr. T.J. Moon, L.A. County Public Works
- Mr. Andrew Sheldon, City of Malibu
- Ms. Heather Merenda, Upper Santa Clara River Watershed
- Mr. Chris Minton, Malibu Creek WMG
- Mr. Bruce Hamamoto, L.A. County Public Works
- Ms. Corinne Bell, NRDC
- Ms. Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
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5. Executive Officer's Report. *(Presented by Executive Officer, Deborah J. Smith)*

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

11. Update of the Santa Monica Bay Comprehensive Monitoring Program.

Opening remarks and introduction by Dr. Guangyu Wang, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

A presentation was made by Mr. Tom Ford, Santa Monica Bay NEP

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 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, and she may provide an Electronic copy of the transcript or audio, if available.)

Written and submitted by Ronji R Moffett, then finalized on: 7/13/18

 (signature)

Ronji R. Moffett.