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MINUTES
June 9 and 10, 2004

Regular Meeting

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
City of Bishop
Council Chambers
377 West Line Street
Bishop, CA

Chair Eric Sandel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

William Betterley, Hesperia
John Brissenden, Hope Valley
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee
Eric Sandel, Truckee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eugene Nebeker, Ph.D., Lancaster

LEGAL COUNSEL

Steven H. Blum, State Water Resources Control Board

STAFF PRESENT

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer
Robert S. Dodds, Assistant Executive Officer
Hisam Baqai, Supervising WRCE, Southern Lahontan Watersheds Division
Lauri Kemper, Supervising WRCE, Northern Lahontan Watersheds Division
Jehiel Cass, WRCE, Mojave Unit
Carrie Granados, Office Technician
Carolyn Robbins, Office Assistant

ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Steve Maguin, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (District)

1. Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Singer commented on the following:

- Meyers Beacon Station
- Lake Tahoe Basin Fuels Management Planning
- USFS Big Meadow Violation
- Individual NPDES permit requested for Silver King Creek Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project rotenone use by Department of Fish and Game, Silver King Creek
- Caltrans Tahoe Basin Road Sand and Stormwater Characterization Monitoring
- City of Barstow (City), Status of Compliance with Notice of Violation
- Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) (Formerly IMC Chemicals Inc., [IMCC])
- Violations Report

The afternoon session of the Board meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Regular Meeting, Continued
7:00 p.m., June 9, 2004

Chair Eric Sandel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: William Betterley, John Brissenden, Jack Clarke and Amy Horne

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one addressed the Board during Public Forum.

4. ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

- **Motion:** Moved by John Brissenden, seconded by Jack Clarke and **unanimously carried** to adopt Items 5 and 11 with revisions, Item 8 with revisions to revisions, and Items 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 of the Uncontested Calendar as proposed.

STATUS REPORTS

- 14. Report on the: 1) Status of Compliance By Los Angeles County Sanitation District (District) No. 20, Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant (PWRP) and the City of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) with Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R6V-2003-056 Addressing Waste Discharges of Nitrate to Ground Waters and 2) Status of Compliance of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant with Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R6V-2002-053**

Because enforcement action for non-compliance by the District is possible, Mr. Sandel noted there would be a separation of the enforcement function of Regional Board staff from the adjudicative function of the Board. Harold Singer and Steven Blum will work with the enforcement team. Lauri Kemper will provide technical assistance and Phil Wyels will provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Sandel stated there would be no contact between the two teams outside any public forum.

Jehiel Cass, WRCE, made the staff presentation and discussed the following:

PART A – LACSD No. 20 – Palmdale WRP, LA World Airports

- Review Items: CAO and Monitoring and Reporting Program related tasks
- Conceptual Containment Plan
- First Quarter 2004 CAO Status Report
- Vadose Zone Monitoring Plan
- Enforcement Options
- Future Tasks

PART B – LACSD No. 14 – Lancaster WRP

- “2020 Plan” and Environmental Impact Report
- Enforcement Considerations
- Basin Plan Amendments
- Future Tasks

Mr. Cass, Mr. Baqai, Mr. Singer and Mr. Blum responded to Board member questions.

Steve Maguin discussed a March 16, 2004 letter from Board staff and the April 19 response letter from LACSD. He noted that although staff considered the Conceptual Containment Plan and the April 19 addendum deficient, the Final Containment Plan due September 15 would address those issues. Mr. Maguin related the status of various tasks at District 20 and the upcoming schedule for the “Final Draft” EIR released last week for District 14.

Mr. Maguin responded to comments from Mr. Betterley.

Hisam Baqai, Supervising WRCE, commented on the deficiencies of the Conceptual Containment Plan and discussed his comments made to the District in a letter dated September 4, 2003.

Mr. Cass reviewed and commented on several slides.

Discussion between Board members, Mr. Singer and Regional Board staff followed.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Reports by Chair and Board Members

There were no reports by the Chair or Board members.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Board members met in closed session on June 9, 2004 from 8:54 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. to discuss items c, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, p and q. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)(e)(2)(c)(I).

The Board reconvened in open session on June 9, 2004 at 9:36 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Adopted: September 9, 2004
Pam Walker, Administrative Officer