

Minutes
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 23, 2007

Richmond Campus and Metropolitan Water District (LA)
10 am to 3 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction Paul/ Ken
ELTAC Members present in Richmond: Ken Osborn, Scott Hoatson
ELTAC Members present via video conference; Andy Eaton, Betsy Shepard
ELTAC members present via phone: Marc Banuelos, Terry Powers,
DHS members present Paul Kimsey, George Kulasingam, Jane Jensen, Fred Choskey,
Wanda Porter, (Jim Howard, Ellen Yasamura -via phone).
Guests: Bill Ray, Kusum Perrera-SRL
Not present Miriam Cardenas, Dave Sandusky, Allen Verstuyft
2. Minutes of the last ELTAC Meeting Ken
Approved as Written
3. Announcements, Current Vacancies and ELTAC Committee by-laws Paul/George.
Plas passed recently, our sympathies go out to his family. Riz also left.

Restructuring of DHS

ELAP falls under CA Dept of Public Health/Center for Environmental Health/
/ELAP – Org chart does not reflect whether ELAP will be within DDWEM or a
parallel Department within the CEH. Appointments have not yet been made
before the July 1, 2007 date where dept of Public Health becomes functioning
department. Transition Teams are working on the reorganization.
Paul Kimsey's role has not yet been designated. Details in Org Chart should be
worked out

ELAP Current Vacancies – 3 Chemists and a 1 Supervising, AGPA, WP Tech,

4. NELAC Institute (TNI) updates Paul, George, Andy, Scott
Very Positive meeting. Transition from NELAC to TNI seems to be being accepted.
Advocacy committee trying to evaluate the standard to make it more suitable to a broader
audience. Strong participation, Q&A sessions on implementation
Potentially need a subcommittee of ELTAC to discuss the potential need for legislation to
incorporate TNI into the regulations.

Office of Water has not yet adopted NELAC as a requirement. It is not known at this time
what the status of those discussions are.

ELAP due for another NELAP evaluation in July. Unsure as to who is going to be doing
the evaluations.
5. NELAC/NELAP PT updates ELAP Staff
PT Board still in affect until NELAC no longer exists. New standards go into effect in
July. Solid waste PT criteria is changing. New criteria should be on the TNI website.
Number of approved vendors have decreased. Ken had concern over number of
providers.
6. Draft AB 1317 Regulations Non-Fee Regulations (Alexis Milea – Draft) DHS

News: On 4th draft posted on ELAP web-page this morning. Request comments through next ELTAC meeting. Send comments to ELAP, George K. Most Changes have not been substantive. Most language is as originally written. Section on Fees updated. Made sure that language is legally correct (ambiguities removed).

7. NELAC Special Committee Report – National Accreditation Paul
Committee is no longer active since report was issued. Unless EPA mandates National accreditation, CA won't be affected. TNI Advocacy committee looking at what might be appropriate for a standard that could be used as a National Standard

8. Draft Non-Fee Regulations (Alexis Milea – Draft) DHS

9. Emergency Fee Regulations and ELAP Budget Issues DHS.
Feb 16th, package was resubmitted to Chief counsel, Goal is to have it submitted to Department of Finance by March 1.

Ellen Yasumura reviewed financials with the group.

Request to get a list of staff for the financial reviews at the next meeting.

10. Method Specific Check lists - Drafts David/Richard.
Neither Richard or David present. People in attendance that have used them feel they are valuable.

11. Other
New Methods – Methods Update Rule still pending approval. Jane has spoken with EPA regarding the CFR vs Federal register. She stated that the EPA can change their mind before it is published in the CFR so ELAP will likely not do anything until it appears in the Federal

Next meeting: Ken to send email – probably late May.