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## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

#### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 9:48 a.m.

#### **Zoom Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**

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#### **Board Member Roll Call and Introductions**

Nancy Wright, Jayne Powell, Ed Muzik, Peter Satin, Beatriz Gonzalez, and Vivian Perez were in attendance. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:00 a.m. on July 20, 2021.

#### **State and Regional Water Board Staff Present**

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, Katharine Buddingh, Mary Castaneda, CJ Jasieniecki, Dan Mefford, Adriana Godinez, Hilda Vasquez, Logan Raub, Kai Dunn, Scot Stormo, and Jose Cortez.

#### **Virtual Public Attendance**

Daniel Cardoza, Metropolitan Water District  
Scott Dawson, Recurrent Energy/Solar Holdings, LLC  
Chris Elliott, U.S. Marine Corps Base – 29 Palms

#### **Public Forum**

There were no public speakers during the public forum.

## 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

Motion: Jayne Powell moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aya, Vivian Perez – Aye.

The motion was carried to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Board meeting.

## Uncontested Items

*Items #2 and #3 were voted on together by the Board.*

2. R7-2021-0016 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters of the State issued to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project, Riverside County [*Kai Dunn, Sr. WRCE*]

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0016 as proposed.

3. R7-2021-0035 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters of the State issued to Sonoran West Solar Holdings, LLC, Crimson Solar Project-Battery Energy Storage System, Riverside County [*Logan Raub, ES*]

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0035 as proposed.

4. R7-2021-0033 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for U.S. Marine Corps, Public Works Division, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, P-192 Potable Water Treatment/Blending Facility, Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County [*Scot Stormo, EG*]

Scot Stormo, Engineering Geologist, provided an overview of the new facility, which included the two new Class II impoundments being installed as part of a groundwater treatment facility at the Twentynine Palms U.S. Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center. He also discussed comments received from the U.S. Marine Corps and explained that in addition to written changes in response to comments, a verbal errata was needed regarding

whether the sprayer portion or the fan portion of the mechanical spray evaporator system needed to be turned off during high wind events.

Speaker: Chris Elliott, U.S. Marine Corps Base – 29 Palms

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0033 with written changes in response to comments and verbal errata.

### Informational Items

#### 5. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report [*Paula Rasmussen, EO*]

- A former Circle K gasoline station underground storage tank (UST) site located in Blythe qualifies for closure pursuant to the State Water Board's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy*. A 60-day public comment period ends on August 23<sup>rd</sup> (Phan Le, WRCE).
- Oberon Solar Project - Last week, meetings were held with Agua Caliente Tribe of Cahuilla Indians tribal representatives, the CEQA consultants, and management of the Regional Water Board concerning proposed mitigation measures and potential impacts to tribal cultural resources in and near the project area (Logan Raub, ES).
- In June, tribal consultation letters were sent regarding the proposed development of Alamo River Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for chloride, indicator bacteria, and toxicity. The 30-day tribal consultation period ends on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. A CEQA scoping meeting is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the TMDLs, which are tentatively scheduled for consideration in May of 2022 (Emma McCorkle, ES).
- Beginning in June, permit applications were received for the New River Improvement Project, including for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for dredge and fill activities. A revised NPDES Permit application for the City of Calexico Wastewater Treatment Plant was also received in July. Applications will be reviewed for completeness prior to developing the permits. Applications for enrollment in the State Water Board's Construction General Permit and a regional General Permit for dewatering will also be submitted. The city's target date to start construction is November 2021.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup>, staff attended a kick-off meeting on the Monitoring and Implementation Plan for projects planned as part of the Natural Resources Agency's Salton Sea Management Plan. An administrative draft has been shared among the Review Working Group, which includes federal, local, and state agency representatives, as well as community groups. Public release of the Monitoring and Implementation Plan is planned for January 2022 (Emma McCorkle, ES).

#### 6. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

There were no comments from the Board Members.

7. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Wright reported that the Water Quality Coordinating Committee is scheduled for October 21 & 22, 2021 and is expected to take place both remotely and in-person. She mentioned that Board Member Sean Maguire has been assigned as an alternate for the region's State Water Board Liaison Laurel Firestone. She also requested that the August 31, 2021 Board Meeting date be rescheduled. After Board discussion, it was agreed that the meeting would be rescheduled to September 14, 2021.

**Closed Session**

8. The Board adjourned for a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a). No action was taken.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.