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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**

January 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 10:17 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 January 11, 2022.

**State and Regional Water Board Staff Present**

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, Katharine Buddingh, David Lancaster, Laurel Firestone, Mary Castaneda, CJ Jasieniecki, Dan Mefford, Adriana Godinez, Kai Dunn, Jose Cortez, Greg Middleton

**Virtual Public Attendance**

Aarty Joshi, Clearway Energy  
Raise Lee, Clearway Energy  
Emily Caputo, Panorama Env.  
Jenny Slaughter, Aspen

**Public Forum**

There were no public speakers during the public forum.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 11, 2022 Board Meeting

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 to adopt the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Board meeting.

2. State Water Board Liaison Update [*Laurel Firestone, State Water Board Liaison*]

Laurel Firestone provided an update on State Water Board activities.

*\*Item 3 was heard for discussion after Item 6.*

3. Election of 2022 Chair and Vice-Chair

The Board Chair invited discussion among the Board members regarding nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Board member Muzik nominated Ms. Powell for Chair, and Vice Chair Powell nominated Mr. Muzik for Vice Chair. Chair Wright made a motion to approve, and Board member Muzik seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the election of Ms. Powell as Board Chair and Mr. Muzik as Vice Chair for the calendar year 2022.

### **Uncontested Items**

*\*Items 4 and 5 were heard and voted on together by the Board.*

4. R7-2022-0001 - Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters of the State issued to Victory Pass I, LLC for the Victory Pass Solar 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 R7-2022-0001 with late change sheet.

5. R7-2022-0002 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters of the State issued to Arica Solar LLC for the Arica Solar 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 R7-2022-0002 with late change sheet.

## Informational Items

### 6. Colorado River Basin Water Board Program Performance Update [*Paula Rasmussen, EO*]

Executive Officer Paula Rasmussen provided introductory remarks and highlighted some key events for the past year, which included the work challenges staff have faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presentations concerning the plans and accomplishments for the fiscal year 2020/2021 were made by the individual managers of Colorado River Basin Water Board staff for each of the following program areas: National Pollutant Elimination System and Stormwater Permitting Program, Site Cleanup and Salt and Nutrient Management Program, and the Land Disposal, and California-Mexico Border Program. Presentations were also provided on Water Quality Standards and Enforcement by Assistant Executive Officer Cassandra Owens.

Board member Gonzalez commended staff on providing a detailed presentation, Chair Wright, and the Board concurred.

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

Ms. Rasmussen reported on the following:

- Governor Newsom signed a new Executive Order N-1-22 which extends remote meetings through March 31, 2022
- Upcoming February and March meetings will continue to be held remotely

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

Board member Muzik thanked Chair Wright for doing an excellent job as Board Chair for multiple years.

Vice Chair Powell echoed Mr. Muzik's comments and added that she looked forward to serving as Board Chair for the upcoming year.

Board members congratulated Ms. Powell and Mr. Muzik on their new roles as Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2022 calendar year.

### 9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Wright thanked Ms. Powell and Mr. Muzik for accepting the nominations of Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2022.

Chair Wright mentioned that the Chair's monthly call via Zoom meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020. She plans to attend this meeting along with newly elected Chair Powell to support in the transition to her new role.

## Closed Session

10. There was no closed session held.

## Adjournment

The Board adjourned and ended the meeting at 10:17 a.m.