

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108
San Diego, California

MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 22, 2016

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Abarbanel called to order the meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) at the Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions:

Board Members present: Henry Abarbanel, Eric Anderson, Tomas Morales, and Betty Olson. Stefanie Warren arrived at 9:24 a.m., and Gary Strawn arrived at 9:42 a.m. Eric Anderson left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Staff Present: David Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, Christina Arias, David Barker, Barry Pulver, John Odermatt, Alex Cali, Julie Chan, Joann Lim, Amy Grove, Roger Mitchell, Fisayo Osibodu, Dat Quatch, Deborah Jayne, Betty Fetscher, Debbie Woodward, Chad Loflen, Jeremy Haas, Alan Monji, Eric Becker, Christopher Means, Jody Ebsen, Cynthia Gorham, Chiara Clemente, John Anderson, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Frank Melbourn, Sarah Mearon, Helen Yu, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran, Craig Carlisle, Nicole Gergans, Lori Costa, Laurie Walsh, Chehreh Komeylyan. Mike Porter attended remotely.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board – Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez. California Highway Patrol – Officer Dan Vizcarra. California Court Reporting – Marlee Nelson.

Public Attendance: Ogden Watson, TY Nursery; Alfonso Ramos, TY Nursery; Casey Anderson, San Diego Farm Bureau; Patricia Contreras, CEMEX; Olin Applegate, Larry Walker Associates; Michael Welch; Nick Goodinez, Geosyntec Consultants; Vicki Kalkirtz, City of San Diego; Doug Thomsen, City of San Diego; Jeff Waldman, U.S. Navy; Trey Bassette, CEMEX; Jim Anderson, Ramona Municipal Water District; Sheryl Vaughn, U.S. Navy; Al Lau, Padre Dam Municipal Water District; Rob Northcote, Padre Dam Municipal Water District; Len Sinfield, U.S. Navy; Ryan Wann, San Diego County Agriculture, Weights, and Measures; Heather May, Rancho Soledad Nurseries; John Adrianey, San Mateo Irrigated Lands; Toby Roy, San Diego County Water Authority; Raquel Maden, Office of Senator Ben Hueso; Hossein Adjideh, City of San Juan Capistrano; Romeo Hacion, U.S. Navy; Bryant Alvarado, Larry Walker Associates; Ryan Jensen, San Diego County.

Item 2 – Public Forum

There were no Public Forum items.

Item 3 – Minutes of Board Meeting: May 11, 2016:

Dr. Olson moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, and Olson voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Item 4 – Chairman’s, Board Members’, State Water Board Liaison’s, and Executive Officer’s Reports. These items are for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.

Dr. Olson stated that she had attended the Orange County Water Association monthly meeting, during which there was a presentation regarding direct potable reuse by the City of San Diego.

Mr. Morales reported on a June 8 Outreach Meeting with local NGOs.

Mr. Gibson stated that there will be another NGO Outreach Meeting on July 6, provided updates on the Kinder Morgan matter and Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team activities, and responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Abarbanel reported on budget discussions among the Chairs of the Regional Water Boards and the State Water Board.

Item 5 – Future Agenda Items: Board members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. (*David Gibson*)

Chair Abarbanel will give a report at a future meeting regarding the outcomes of the budget discussions that he mentioned in the previous item.

Item 6 – Discussion Item: Upcoming Annual Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) Meeting. (*David Gibson*)

Board Members discussed the proposed agenda for the WQCC that is scheduled in Sacramento on October 24-25, 2016. No action was taken.

Consent Calendar: Items 7 through 10 are considered non-controversial issues. (NOTE: If there is public interest, concern, or discussion regarding any consent calendar item or a request for a public hearing, then the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after all other agenda items have been completed.)

Item 7 – Master Recycling Permit Reissuance: Ramona Municipal Water District, Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0154). (*Alex Cali*)

Item 8 – Rescission of WDRs: An Order Rescinding Order Nos. 88-37, 88-66, and 93-119, Individual Waste Discharge Requirements for CEMEX Materials Pacific, LLC Sand and Gravel Operations in Oceanside, Escondido, and San Diego (Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0072). (*Roger Mitchell*)

Item 9 – NPDES Permit Amendment: An Order to Amend Order No. R9-2015-0002, NPDES No. CA0107492, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Ray Stoyer Water Recycling Facility Discharge to Sycamore Creek, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0099). (*Joann Lim*)

Item 10 – WDR Issuance: Waste Discharge Requirements for Montecito Ranch LLC, Montecito Ranch Project, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0054). (*Alan Monji*)

Mr. Morales moved to approve the Consent Calendar including written errata to Item 7, and Dr. Olson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, and Olson voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items)

Item 11 – Information Item: Water Quality Conditions in the San Mateo and San Diego River Watersheds. *(Betty Fetscher/Chad Loflen)*

Chad Loflen provided an overview of the monitoring program and responded to Board Member questions.

Dr. Betty Fetscher provided an overview of the ecological assessment tools used in monitoring water bodies in our Region and responded to Board Member questions.

Mr. Loflen and Dr. Fetscher then discussed the water quality in the San Diego River and San Mateo watersheds and responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Abarbanel called a recess at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Item 12 – Public Workshop: Regulation of Agricultural Operations in the San Diego Region. The San Diego Water Board will hold a public workshop to receive and discuss information on 1) Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0004, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers that are Members of a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region*; 2) Tentative Order No. R9-2016-0005, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Commercial Agricultural Operations for Dischargers Not Participating in a Third-Party Group in the San Diego Region*; and 3) Tentative Resolution No. R9-2016-0136, *Adoption of a Negative Declaration and Initial Study for the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Agricultural Operations in the San Diego Region*. The San Diego Water Board will not take any action on this item at the workshop. Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code Section 13287. A notice of ex parte communication must be filed with the San Diego Water Board within seven working days of the communication. Sample disclosure forms are available at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/sandiego/publications_forms/forms/docs/SanDiego_disclosure_04072015.pdf. *(Barry Pulver)*

Eric Anderson recused himself from this item, and he left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Barry Pulver gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Casey Anderson, Project Manager for the San Diego County Farm Bureau, commented on the proposed Orders.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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David Gibson
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