

San Diego Water Board Meeting

Action Items

December 11, 2019

(underlined names are responsible for the action)

Public Forum

1. In response to concerns raised by Ms. Juana Recinos regarding required enrollment in the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Cultural Agricultural Operations, Chairman Abarbanel requested an informational item on overall implementation of the WDRs. Executive Officer Gibson suggested a potential update in February involving Hannah Gbeh, the new director of the San Diego Farm Bureau. Chair Abarbanel requested the staff to invite Ms. Recinos to the meeting.
Course of Action: Chris Blank will work with the Executive Officer to coordinate with Ms. Gbeh and Ms. Recinos to schedule the update.
Hours needed to complete request: 1 to schedule, and 7 to implement.
Estimated Completion Date: May 2020
2. Mr. Ben Gibson, of Latham and Watkins and representing General Dynamics, requested the Board schedule a hearing to discuss two Investigative Orders (IOs) previously issued to investigate sediment contamination at the Laurel Hawthorne Embayment. As both IOs have been petitioned to the State Water Resources Control Board, Regional Board Council requested an opportunity for internal discussions to contemplate how to appropriately proceed.
Course of Action: Catherine Hagan will research the status of the IOs and schedule an internal meeting to discuss. A recommendation from the Executive Officer will then be conveyed to the Board Chair for consideration.
Hours needed to complete request: 8
Estimated Completion Date: May 2020

Item 2 – Reports

3. Board Member Warren would like additional information on PFOS and PFOA to be shared with the Board Members.
Course of Action: Chris Blank will find the webpage mentioned by State Board Member D'Adamo and share it with the San Diego Board Members.
Hours needed to complete request: 1
Completed on December 12, 2019.

Item 3 – Future Agenda Items

4. Board Member Warren requests any summary reports and/or 'lessons learned' documents from the recently created State Water Board Office of Emergency Response's involvement in recent wildfires in Northern California. Any such documents should also be shared with other Board Members and with the public.

Course of Action: Chris Blank will contact the Office of Emergency Response and share any available information as requested.

Hours needed to complete request: 1

Estimated Completion Date: January 2020

5. Chairman Abarbanel wants to see outcomes when it comes to issues pertaining to Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities. To advance this, he wants the opportunity for the Board and the public to provide input to the State Attorney General's Environmental Justice Bureau.

Course of Action: Catherine Hagan will follow-up with the Director of the State Water Board's Office of Chief Council who was to meet with the Director of the Bureau. Jimmy Smith will then work with the Executive Officer to discuss the best course of action. An informational workshop could be scheduled, if the Bureau is willing and available to attend.

Hours needed to complete request: 30

Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2020

6. Chairman Abarbanel seeks to expand the San Diego Water Board's modern monitoring efforts. He would like an informational workshop that includes San Diego State University, the City of San Diego and Descartes Lab, among others. He would like the workshop to prepare the Board for an in-depth conversation at the 2020 Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) meeting in October.

Course of Action: Sarah Mearon will contact the requested invitees to determine their willingness to attend and work with Jimmy Smith to schedule the item.

Hours needed to complete request: 30

Estimated Completion Date: Before the October 2020 WQCC Meeting.

7. An update on Climate Change science is requested by Chairman Abarbanel. He requests that the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) provide an informational item to the Board.

Course of Action: Jeremy Haas will contact SCCWRP to discuss the request and work with Jimmy Smith to schedule the item.

Hours needed to complete request: 30

Estimated Completion Date: Before the October 2020 WQCC Meeting.

8. Chairman Abarbanel is curious about the possibility, practicality and utility of an expanded working relationship between Board Members of the San Diego Water Board and other Regional Water Boards, and would like more information about such an outcome.

Course of Action: Dave Gibson will further discuss the intent and desired outcome of such a relationship and schedule meetings as appropriate.

Hours needed to complete request: 30

Estimated Completion Date: Before the October 2020 WQCC Meeting.

Item 8 – Update on the Clean Water Act Section 401 Program

9. Chairman Abarbanel would like additional information from the State Water Board on their yet to be adopted guidance document intended to inform compliance with their recently adopted State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State. The State Water Board plans to finalize the guidance in April of 2020 and conduct public workshops through May.

Course of Action: Eric Becker will continue to coordinate with the State Water Board, follow their development of the guidance document and schedule an informational update when appropriate.

Hours needed to complete request: 30 hours

Estimated Completion Date: 31 December 2020

Items 11-14 – Reissuance of NPDES Permits for discharges to the Oceanside Ocean Outfall

10. The Board collectively decided to post-pone action on all four permits. The Board instructed staff to meet with the dischargers to discuss and attempt to reach consensus on costs differences between the existing and proposed monitoring requirements.

Course of Action: Ben Neill will direct and coordinate the meetings. If practicable, the permit reissuances will be brought to back to the Board for consideration at a special meeting in January 2020. If not, the items will be scheduled at the next appropriate regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Hours needed to complete request: 40 hours

Estimated Completion Date: June 2020