

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Celeste Cantú called the meeting to order on March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Room 108, San Diego, California 92108.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

Celeste Cantú, Board Chair; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Henry Abarbanel; Eric Anderson, and Stefanie Warren

Mr. Abarbanel left the meeting at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Board Members absent:

Megan Blair, Gary Strawn

Staff present:

David Gibson, Chris Blank, Regina Coughlin, Jimmy Smith, Fisayo Osibodu, Eric Becker, Chad Loflen, Roger Mitchell, Jeremy Haas, Ben Neill, Debbie Phan, Michelle Santillan, Wayne Chiu, Brandon Bushnell, Sean McClain, Cynthia Gorham, Amy Grove, James Chhor, Melissa Corona,

Remote attendance:

Kelly Dorsey, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Chiara Clemente, Laurie Walsh, Mahsa Izadmehr, Tino Gamboa, Vicente Rodriguez, Chris Means, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Carey Kowalski, Tony Felix, Jessica Taylor, Cleo Muñoz, Erica Ryan, Debbie Woodward, Kristin Schwall, Lisa Honma, Regan Morey, Frank Melbourn,

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:

Vincent Vu, Alex Sauerwein, Office of Chief Counsel; Nichole Morgan (remote), State Water Board Liaison (remote); Randy Barnard, Sean McCarthy, Kilian Colin, Jacob Boerboom, Mitchell Martinez, Helene Baribeau, Omar Khan, Chun Huang, Jeanne Sabin, Manuel Delgado (remote), Sean Sterchi, Ashley Dummer, Sarah Mahdi, Christopher Thomas, Megyn Rugh (remote), Trevor Gresham (remote), Tuba Ertas (remote), William Dibiase (remote), Division of Drinking Water; Elise Hicks, California Reporting.

Public Attendance:

Michael R. Welch <i>Michael Welch Consultants</i>	Kate Buckley, Rolf Shottz <i>WSP</i>
Katie Payne <i>Enthalpy Analytical</i>	Kimberly O’Connell <i>U.C. San Diego</i>
Dr. Marty Ralph <i>Scripps Institution of Technology Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes</i>	Tom Stinson (remote) <i>District Representative, Assemblymember Marie Waldron</i>
Cesar Solis (remote) <i>District Representative, Congressman Scott Peters</i>	Cristina Torres (remote) <i>Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians</i>
Moana Alo (remote) <i>District Representative, Assemblymember Shirley Weber</i>	Morgan Rogers (remote) <i>International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)</i>
Andrew Meyer (remote) <i>San Diego Audubon Society</i>	

BOARD MEETING

Public comments on agenda items were limited to 3 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair

PUBLIC FORUM

Andrew Meyer of the San Diego Audubon Society updated the Board regarding wetlands restoration for the west end of Mission Bay.

BOARD BUSINESS

Item 1 – Minutes of Board Meeting: February 8, 2023

Motion to adopt the February 8, 2023 minutes:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Ms. Warren

Aye:

- Mr. Abarbanel
- Mr. Anderson
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

- Mr. Strawn

Abstain:

- None

Item 2 – Chairman's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports. *These items were for Board discussion only. Public testimony was not allowed, and the Board took no formal action.*

Chair Cantú took this item out of order.

Nichole Morgan, the State Board liaison, provided an update on recent State Board actions and priorities.

Chair Cantú presented a Sustained Service Award to Roger Mitchell for acting as "Executive Producer" for the remote meetings during the pandemic.

Mr. Gibson responded to Board Member questions and provided an update on the scheduled public workshop regarding the Shipyards on March 22.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Items on the consent calendar may be removed at the request of any Board member or person. If an item is removed from the uncontested items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent board meeting to allow input by interested persons.*

Item 3 – Waste Discharge Requirement Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 95-34, Waste Discharge Requirements for Outdoor World RV Park, Inc., Outdoor World Retreat & RV Park (aka Boulevard KOA) (Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0008). *(Brandon Bushnell)*

Item 4 – Waste Discharge Requirements Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 94-93, Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of San Diego, Potrero Park near Potrero (Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0002). *(Mahsa Izadmehr)*

Item 5 – NPDES Permit Amendment: An Order Amending Order No. R9-2021-0001, NPDES No. CA0108928, Waste Discharge Requirements for the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall (Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0009). *(Vicente Rodriguez)*

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar:

- Ms. Warren

Second:

- Mr. Anderson

Aye:

- Mr. Abarbanel
- Mr. Anderson
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair
- Mr. Strawn

Abstain:

- None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 6 – Atmospheric Rivers and Hydrometeorology with Dr. Marty Ralph, Director of the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. *(Jimmy Smith)*

Jimmy Smith provided an introduction and overview of the item, and introduced Dr. Ralph, who gave the main presentation. Dr. Ralph also responded to Board Member questions and comments.

Chair Cantú called a recess at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Item 7 – Division of Drinking Water Update and Introduction. *(David Gibson)*

David Gibson introduced Randy Barnard and Sean McCarthy, who lead the San Diego office of the Division of Drinking Water. Mr. Barnard and Mr. McCarthy gave a presentation regarding DDW's upcoming actions and priorities, as well as accomplishments over the past year. Mr. Barnard and Mr. McCarthy also responded to Board Member questions and comments.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

Item 9 – Future Agenda Items: Recommended Course of Action and Estimated Staff Hours to Address Action Items from the February 2023 Board Meeting. In addition, Board Members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. *(Kelly Dorsey)*

Chair Cantú took this item out of order.

Mr. Abarbanel requested an update on SCCWRP's modeling of Orange County Water District's wastewater management plan.

ACTION ITEM:

Item 8 – NPDES Permit Reissuance: Waste Discharge Requirements for the University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Discharge to the Pacific Ocean (Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0004, NPDES No. CA0107239). (*Fisayo Osibodu*)

Chair Cantú gave an opening statement and administered the oath. Mr. Abarbanel recused himself from this item and left the meeting room and building for the remainder of the meeting. Fisayo Osibodu gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions and comments. In addition, Brandi Outwin-Beals, the NPDES Unit Supervisor; Kimberly O’Connell, U.C. San Diego’s Environmental Affairs Manager; and Katie Payne, representing the City of San Diego responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Cantú called a recess at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Counsel Alex Sauerwein presented language from a revised errata sheet.

Motion to approve Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0004, NPDES No. CA0107239 with revised errata:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Ms. Warren

Aye:

- Mr. Anderson
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair
- Mr. Strawn

Abstain:

- None

Recused:

- Mr. Abarbanel

There being no further business, Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina A. Blank
Executive Assistant

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer

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