

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION R9-2023-0149
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. HENRY D.I. ABARBANEL

WHEREAS, Henry D. I. Abarbanel was appointed to San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on November 23, 2011, and served as Chair of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board from 2014-2018 and from 2019-2021;

WHEREAS, Henry D. I. Abarbanel helped shape the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Practical Vision and led numerous public outreach meetings with local, state, and federal elected officials, agencies, and members of the public to advance the implementation of the Practical Vision;

WHEREAS, Henry D. I. Abarbanel focused the protection of wetlands to achieving a “meaningful net gain” of wetlands and adoption of biological objectives to restore and maintain biological integrity of the rivers and streams of the San Diego Region;

WHEREAS, Henry D. I. Abarbanel brought the science of climate change, sea level rise, and atmospheric rivers to the policy and decisions of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board; and

WHEREAS, Henry D. I. Abarbanel inspired students, colleagues, staff, and the public with his unmatched grasp of science and technology, keen curiosity, sense of humor, and a commitment for question driven monitoring and assessment of waters of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Members of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board honor Henry D.I Abarbanel for his meritorious service to the public; his dedication to improving science and technology; and his steadfast commitment to the public service in the development of sound public water quality policy focused on achieving outcomes, and

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board expresses its deepest condolences to Henry’s family, friends, and colleagues.

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