

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Celeste Cantú called the meeting to order on November 9, 2022 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, Gary Strawn, and Stefanie Warren.

Board Members absent:

Megan Blair

Staff present:

David Gibson, Jeremy Haas, Roger Mitchell, Chris Blank, Sarah Mearon, Tom Alo, Brandon Bushnell, Fisayo Osibodu, Wayne Chiu, Chad Loflen, Ben Neill, Jody Ebsen.

Remote attendance:

Chiara Clemente, Sasha Smirensky, Brian McDaniel, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Vicente Rodriguez, Christopher Means, Mahsa Izadmehr, Cailynn Smith, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Kristin Schwall, Sean McClain, Erica Ryan, Eric Becker, Alan Monji, Christina Arias, Cleo Muñoz, Regan Morey, Frank Melbourn, Laurie Walsh, Abby Pashina, Sherrie Komeylyan, Amy Grove.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:

Vincent Vu, Alex Sauerwein, Office of Chief Counsel.

Public Attendance:

Nick Buhbe <i>Citizens' Development Corp.</i>	Vicki Kalkirk, Kelly Baker <i>City of San Diego</i>
Karen Holman, Kelly Tait <i>Port of San Diego</i>	Barry Snyder, Chris Stransky <i>WSP</i>
John Adriany SIMLG	Livia Beaudin Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation (CERF)
Mitch Silverstein <i>Surfrider</i>	

BOARD MEETING

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Livia Beaudin, from the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation, and Mitch Silverstein, from Surfrider, addressed the Board regarding fireworks debris at Sea World.

BOARD BUSINESS

Item 1 – Minutes of Board Meeting: September 14, 2022

Motion to adopt the September 14, 2022 minutes:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Mr. Strawn

Aye:

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

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

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.*

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

Chair Cantú, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Strawn updated the Board regarding WQCC. Chair Cantú and Mr. Strawn complimented Mr. Gibson on his presentation.

Mr. Abarbanel reported to the Board regarding a meeting he had with SCCWRP in September, and he stated that there will be another meeting in the San Diego Water Board offices on December 8, 2022.

Fisayo Osibodu from the San Diego Water Board staff, responded to Board Member questions regarding sanitary sewer overflows. Nick Buhbe, from Citizens

Development Corp., responded to Board Member questions regarding the aeration pilot study in Lake San Marcos.

Mr. Gibson asked the Board to join him in congratulating staff member Whitney Ghoram, who recently retired, on 36 years of dedicated service to the Board. He also stated that San Diego Water Board staff had published a success story regarding the San Diego Bay with the Association of Clean Water Administrators.

Item 3 – Tentative Resolution: Resolution in Support of the Proposed 2023 Board Meeting Schedule (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2022-0156). *(David Gibson)*

Mr. Gibson introduced the item and responded to Board Member questions and comments.

Motion to adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2022-0156:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Ms. Warren

Aye:

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

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

Abstain:

- None

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 4 – Waste Discharge Requirement Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 94-41, Waste Discharge Requirements for Nazar and Lauren Najor, Live Oak Springs Resort, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2022-0120). *(Brandon Bushnell)*

Item 5 – Waste Discharge Requirements Amendment: Non-substantive Typographical Error Correction Amendment No. 1 to Order No. R9-2022-0030, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Preserve at Torrey Highlands LLC, Torrey Highlands Office Project, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2022-0164). *(Alan Monji)*

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar:

- Mr. Abarbanel

Second:

- Dr. Olson

Aye:

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

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

Abstain:

- None

ACTION ITEM

Item 6 – Tentative Resolution: Resolution in Support of the Strategic Water Quality Assessment Approach for San Diego Bay (Resolution No. R9-2022-0019). (*Wayne Chiu*)

Wayne Chiu gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the item:

- Karen Holman, Port of San Diego
- Chris Stransky, WSP
- Barry Snyder, WSP
- Brian Hitchens, Geosyntec

Motion to adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2022-0019 with amendments:

- Mr. Strawn

Second:

- Mr. Abarbanel

Aye:

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

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

Abstain:

- None

Chair Cantú called a brief recess at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Item 7 – Sediment Quality Objectives Update. *(Tom Alo)*

Tom Alo gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

Item 8 – Future Agenda Items: Recommended Course of Action and Estimated Staff Hours to Address Action Items from the September 2022 Board Meeting. In addition, Board Members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. *(Kelly Dorsey)*

Board Members did not identify any future agenda items.

There being no further business, Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina A. Blank
Executive Assistant

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer