

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Celeste Cantú called the meeting to order on August 14, 2024 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; Gary Strawn, and Stefanie Warren. Yen Tu arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members absent:

Megan Blair

Staff present:

David Gibson, Roger Mitchell, Chris Blank, Laurie Walsh, Jeremy Haas, Cailynn Smith, Michelle Santillan, Jimmy Smith, Chad Loflen, Lauren Kim, Abigail Pashina, Brandon Bushnell, Chiara Clemente, Cynthia Gorham, Kate Buckley, Melissa Corona, Ben Neill, Erica Ryan, Eric Becker, Wayne Chiu, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Jody Ebsen, Christina Arias, Christopher Means, Frank Melbourn, Kate Buckley, Vanessa Cacayan, Nicholas White, James Chhor.

Staff remote attendance:

Kelly Dorsey, Roger Mitchell, Heidi Fletcher, Cleo Muñoz, Fisayo Osibodu, Mahsa Izadmehr, Regina Coughlin, Debbie Woodward, Vicente Rodriguez, Lara Quetin, Erin Schmitt, Joann Lim, Hiram Sarabia, Mireille Lecourtois.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board

Nichole Morgan, State Water Resources Control Board; Jennifer Fordyce (remote) Alex Sauerwein, Office of Chief Counsel; Jerri Rabelo, Vinty Siev, DIT; Elise Hicks, California Reporting.

Public Attendance:

Present:

Falk Feddersen, Kim Prather <i>Scripps Institution of Oceanography</i>	Doug Liden <i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>
Dr. Maria Elena Giner, Dr. Gilbert Anaya, Morgan Rogers, Isela Canava, Ramon Macias <i>USIBWC / SBIWTP</i>	Michael Welch <i>Michael Welch Consultants</i>
Karen Holman, Stephanie Bauer <i>Port of San Diego</i>	Camille Locke <i>Resident, Coronado</i>
Sarah Hoey <i>Hotel Del Coronado</i>	Laura Wilkinson Clinton <i>Stop the Sewage</i>
Sarah Davidson <i>Surfrider Foundation</i>	Marvel Harrison <i>MH Consulting</i>

Remote attendance:

Anna Verdugo	Joseph D'Agostino <i>Coronado Cays Home Owners Association (CCHOA)</i>
Ted Kimes, Tom Csanadi, Gary Brown, Dorian Edge, Sandy Brillhart, Jessica McKee, Toni Trinidad, Kristin Hamilton, Veronica Smithy, Kristen Roberson <i>Imperial Beach residents</i>	Katie Robinson-Filipp <i>State Lands Commission</i>
Lance Rogers <i>Law Offices of Lance Rogers</i>	Brian McNeece <i>IBWC Citizens' Forum</i>
Chris Jonsmyr <i>Office of Assemblymember David Alvarez</i>	

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph D'Agostino addressed the Board regarding 401 certification for the Coronado Cays Home Owners Association.

BOARD BUSINESS

Item 1 – Minutes of Board Meeting: May 8, 2024

Motion to adopt the May 8, 2024 minutes:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Mr. Strawn

Aye:

- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Tu
- Chair Cantú

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

Abstain:

- Ms. Warren

Item 2 – Chair's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports. *These items were for Board discussion only. No public testimony was allowed, and the Board took no formal action.*

Nichole Morgan provided updates on recent State Board actions and priorities and responded to Board Member questions and comments.

Mr. Gibson welcomed new employees Dr. Lauren Kim and Riley Nolan to the Wetlands Protection Unit and Advanced Restoration Plans or Water Quality Restoration Plans for the Tijuana River Valley, respectively. He also responded to Board Member questions and provided updates that were not in the written Executive Officer's Report.

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 consent items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda items. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent Board meeting to allow input by interested persons.*

Item 3 – Rescission of Order No. 2001-203, Waste Discharge Requirements for Skate Ranch, Inc., Maurice Carrie Vineyard and Winery, Riverside County (Tentative Order NO. R9-2024-0068). Written comment submittal deadline was May 15, 2024. (*Brandon Bushnell*)

Item 4 – Rescission of Order No. 2001-159, Waste Discharge Requirements for Phillips & Carol J. Baily, Baily Vineyard and Winery, Riverside County (Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0055). Written comment submittal deadline was April 19, 2024. (*Brandon Bushnell*)

Item 5 – Rescission of Order No. 93-43, Waste Discharge Requirements for Kkottongnae Inc., Kkottongnae Retreat Camp, Riverside County (Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0056). Written comment submittal deadline was June 3, 2024. (*Mahsa Izadmehr*)

Item 6 – Waste Discharge Requirements for Greystar, The Terraces Development Project, Riverside County (Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0077). Written comment submittal deadline was July 15, 2024. (*Christopher Means*)

Item 7 – POSTPONED. Tentative Resolution: Delegation of Powers and Duties to the Executive Officer (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2024-0112). (*David Gibson, Alex Sauerwein*)

Motion to approve the consent calendar:

- Ms. Tu

Second:

- Dr. Olson

Aye:

- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Tu
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

Abstain:

- None

Chair Cantú stated that Item 9 had been postponed until the October 9, 2024 Board meeting, and she took the following item out of order:

Item 10 – Tentative Resolution: A Resolution Endorsing the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operational Plan (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2024-0097). (*David Gibson*)

Dave Gibson gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Cantú requested public comments on the item; no public comments were offered.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R9-2024-0097:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Mr. Strawn

Aye:

- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Tu
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Blair

Abstain:

- None

Chair Cantú called a brief recess at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Item 8 – Update from the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission on Time Schedule Order No. R9-2023-0189 Compliance for Discharges from the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Pacific Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall. (*Melissa Corona*)

Melissa Corona introduced the item and the different speakers, and she responded to Board Member questions.

Dr. Maria Elena Giner, Director of the USIBWC gave her presentation and responded to Board Member questions. Dr. Gilbert Anaya, Division Chief, Environmental Services for USIBWC, also presented and responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Cantú called a brief recess at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Doug Liden of the USEPA, and Kim Prather and Falk Feddersen from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, also gave presentations and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the item:

- Paloma Aguirre, Mayor, City of Imperial Beach
- Karen Holman, Port of San Diego
- Philip Musegaas, San Diego Coastkeeper
- Camille Locke, Coronado Resident
- Linda Weaver, Imperial Beach Resident

- Laura Wilkinson Clinton, Coronado Resident
- Sarah Davidson, Surfrider Foundation
- Marvel Harrison, Imperial Beach Resident
- Tom Csanadi, Imperial Beach Resident
- Lance Rogers, Imperial Beach Resident
- Ted Kimes, Imperial Beach Resident
- Katie Robinson-Filipp, State Lands Commission
- Gary Brown, Imperial Beach Resident

ACTION ITEMS

The following item was postponed to the October 9, 2024 Board meeting:

Item 9 – Public Hearing: Complaint No. R9-2024-0090 for Administrative Civil Liability Failure to Comply with Cleanup and Abatement and Water Code section 13267 Order No. R9-2021-0165. For deadlines related to this matter, see the Hearing Procedure.¹

There being no further business, Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina A. Blank
Executive Assistant

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer

¹ [Hearing Procedure R9-2024-0090 \(ca.gov\)](#)