

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gary Strawn called the meeting to order on December 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, Room 108, San Diego, California 92108.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

Gary Strawn, Board Chair; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair, Megan Blair, Celeste Cantú

Board Members absent:

Yen Tu

Staff present:

David Gibson, Kelly Dorsey, Chris Blank, Jeremy Haas, Roger Mitchell, Laurie Walsh, Ben Neill, Eric Becker, Chad Loflen, Amy Grove, Chiara Clemente, Melissa Corona, Jimmy Smith, Alan Monji, Frank Melbourn, Brandie White, Kate Buckley, Michelle Santillan, Riley Nolan, Jody Ebsen, Tony Felix, Nicholas White, Lauren Kim, Debbie Woodward, Kaylee Popovich.

Staff remote attendance:

Cleo Muñoz, Carey Kowalski, Christina Arias, Sean McClain, Erin Schmitt, Mireille Lecourtois, Adrian Hinkle.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board

Alex Sauerwein, Eric Gillman, State Water Board Office of Chief Counsel; Julie Macedo, Office of Enforcement; Vinty Siev, Tino Gamboa, Gerardo Rabelo, DIT.

Public Attendance:

Present:

Michael A. Welch
Michael Welch Consultants

Commander Matthew Peters,
U.S. Navy

Julia Richards
San Diego River Conservancy

Remote:

Tara Flint-Silva
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

BOARD MEETING

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments for the Public Forum

BOARD BUSINESS

ITEM 1 –

Minutes of Board Meeting: November 12, 2025

Motion to approve the Minutes from November 12, 2025:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Ms. Cantú

Aye:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Tu

Abstain:

- None

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.*

The State Board liaison, Nichole Morgan, was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Board Members did not share any reports.

Mr. Gibson welcomed Water Resource Control Engineer, Ahlyssa Santillana, and announced the retirements of Kelly Dorsey and Debbie Woodward. He also provided updates that were not in the written Report and responded to Board Member questions and comments. In addition, Chiara Clemente and Kate Buckley responded to Board Member questions regarding the Sanitary Sewer Spills report in the Executive Officer's Report.

ITEM 3 – Transboundary Flows

Mr. Gibson provided updates that did not appear in the written report and responded to Board Member questions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

ITEM 4 – Update on San Diego River Conservancy Mission and Priorities and Water Board Collaboration and Representation. (David Gibson)

Chair Strawn welcomed Julia Richards, Executive Officer for the San Diego River Conservancy and discussed his time as the San Diego Water Board representative. David Gibson introduced the item, and Ms. Richards gave the presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

There were no public comments on this item.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM 5 – Consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0178, Amendment No. 1 to 2nd Revised Cease and Desist Order No. R9-2024-0008, United States Marine Corps, Las Pulgas Landfill, United States Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0178). (Frank Melbourn)

Frank Melbourn introduced the item, and Commander Matthew Peters, United States Navy, Public Works Officer, gave the presentation and responded to Board Member questions. Julie Macedo from the Office of Enforcement and Amy Grove also responded to Board Member questions.

There were no public comments on this matter.

Chair Strawn called for brief recess at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Motion to adopt Order No. R9-2025-0178:

- Ms. Cantú

Second:

- Dr. Olson

Aye:

- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson

Absent:

- Ms. Tu

Abstain:

- None

Chair Strawn adjourned for the closed session at 10:49 a.m. Mr. Sauerwein stated that the Board Members would discuss item 6(j) during the closed session. Chair Strawn reconvened the public meeting at 12:03 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Strawn adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina A. Blank
Executive Assistant

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer