

**State of California**  
**Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Minutes of the May 8, 2020 Board Meeting  
Video and Teleconference Meeting  
No Physical Meeting Location  
(Authorized by and in furtherance of  
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#))

Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. **Introductions**

**Board Members Present at Virtual Board Meeting:**

William Ruh, Chair  
William P. von Blasingame  
Tom Rivera  
Lana Peterson  
Daniel P. Selmi  
Kris A. Murray

**Staff Present at Virtual Board Meeting:**

Hope A. Smythe, Executive Officer  
Jayne Joy, Assistant Executive Officer  
Teresita Sablan, Regional Board Counsel  
Ann E. Sturdivant, Division Chief  
Mark E. Smythe, Division Chief  
Lauma Willis, Division Chief  
Cindy Li, Chief of Land Disposal  
Ken Williams, Chief of Underground Storage Tank  
Julio C Lara, Chief of Wastewater  
David G. Woelfel, Chief of Regional Programs  
Kevin Heinemann, Information Technology Manager  
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Assistant  
Jeannie Aguilar, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
Sean Maguire, State Board Liaison

**Virtual Public Attendance by Virtual Speaker Cards Received**

Todd Shibata, Riverside County Waste Resources; Andrea Leon Grossman, Azul; Susan Jordan, Ca Coastal Protection Network; Oscar Rodriguez, Oak View ComUNIDAD; Karl Osmundson, Consultant R Diamante Invest; Adriana Maestas, Orange County Resident; Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coastkeeper; Merle Moshiri, R4RD; Mandy Sackett; Conner Everts; Dave Hamilton, R4RD.

**Item 2. Public Forum:**

Virtual Speakers: Adriana Maestas, Orange County resident; Andrea Leon-Grossman, Director of Azul; Conner Everts; Merle Moshiri, resident of Huntington Beach; Mandy Sackett; Oscar Rodriguez, resident of Huntington Beach; Ray Hiemstra, Associate

Director of Orange County Coastkeeper; Susan Jordan, Director of California Coastal Protection Network.

**Item 3. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Liaison Report**

None.

Chair Ruh asked Ms. Aguilar to let the records show that Vice Chair, William von Blasingame is participating this morning.

**Item 4. Regional Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020**

Chair Ruh asked the Board Members for a motion of the Minutes and asked Ms. Aguilar to do a roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Murray, seconded by Board Member Peterson, and Minutes of January 16, 2020 was unanimously approved by roll call vote*

Roll call vote: Board Member, Kristine Murray - Aye, Board Member, Lana Peterson - Aye, Board Member, Daniel Selmi - Aye, Board Member, Dr. Tom Rivera - Aye, Vice Chair, William von Blasingame - Aye, Chair, William Ruh - Aye.

**Item 5. Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2020**

Chair Ruh asked for a motion of the Minutes and asked Ms. Aguilar to do a roll call vote. Chair Ruh explains that the meeting is remote, therefore, he is requesting a roll call vote to know exactly who is voting.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member, Dr. Rivera, seconded by Board Member Peterson, and Minutes of February 7, 2020 was unanimously approved by roll call vote*

Roll call vote: Board Member, Kristine Murray - Aye, Board Member, Lana Peterson - Aye, Board Member, Daniel Selmi - Aye, Board Member, Dr. Tom Rivera - Aye, Vice Chair, William von Blasingame - Aye, Chair, William Ruh - Aye.

**Item 6. Consideration of the Consent Calendar items are listed with an asterisk**

Chair Ruh asked for a motion and asked Ms. Aguilar to do a roll call.

Item \*7. Waste Discharge Requirements for Cal Mat Company, dba Vulcan Materials, West Division, Corona Quarry Expansion Project, City of Corona, Riverside County – Order Number R8-2020-0018

Item \*8. Amendment of Site-Specific Waste Discharge Requirements Order Number R8-2016-0061 for In Situ Remediation of Groundwater at Former Raytheon Facility in Newport Beach – Order Number R8-2020-0015

Item \*9. Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Badlands Sanitary Landfill – Order Number R8-2020-0003

Item \*10. Waste Discharge Requirements for Toll Brothers Inc., Nakase-Toll Brothers Project, City of Lake Forest, Orange County – R8-2020-0027

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Murray, seconded by Board Member Dr. Rivera and it was unanimously carried to approve by roll call vote Orders R8-2020-0018, R8-2020-0015, R8-2020-0003, and R8-2020-0027*

Roll call vote: Board Member, Kristine Murray - Aye, Board Member, Lana Peterson - Aye, Board Member, Daniel Selmi - Aye, Board Member, Dr. Tom Rivera - Aye, Vice Chair, William von Blasingame - Aye, Chair, William Ruh - Aye.

**Item 11. Waste Discharge Requirements for Rancho Diamante TTM 35393 (332019-28) Residential Development, City of Hemet, Riverside County – R8-2020-0028**

This item was presented by Regional Board staff, David Woelfel.

This Order is for Rancho Diamante Tentative Tract Map 35393 residential development project located in the City of Hemet. It is proposed that 440 residential lots will be constructed on approximately 104 acres, along with four on-site storm water management basins. Waste discharge requirements are required for this project due to impacts to waters of the State estimated at 1.61 acres. Rancho Diamante Development Company submitted a Report of Waste Discharge, the appropriate fees, and CEQA analysis to the Regional Board. This project site lies in the Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and meets the requirements under this plan for mitigation purposes. Staff recommends adoption of Order R8-2020-0028 as presented.

Chair Ruh asked Board Members if they have questions. Vice Chair, William von Blasingame asked what about potential impact to the residents. Board Member, Dr Tom Rivera, asked if the basins would overflow. Dave Woelfel responded to their questions to reassure the Board Members.

Speaker: Karl Osmundson, consultant for Rancho Diamante, addressed the Board Members and said Dave Woelfel answered the questions adequately. According to Karl Osmundson, this project has gone through all the mandatory requirements for approval and has coordinated with all the responsible agencies.

Hope Smythe requested the Board to consider adoption of the waste discharge requirements for this development that will consist of the mitigation proposal that Dave Woelfel presented.

Chair Ruh asked for a motion and roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Murray, seconded by Board Member Selmi*

*opposed by Board Member Rivera, and was carried by the majority of Board Members by roll call vote to approve Order R8-2020-0028*

Roll call vote: Board Member, Kris Murray - Aye, Board Member, Lana Peterson - Aye, Board Member, Daniel Selmi - Aye, Board Member, Dr. Tom Rivera - Nay, Vice Chair, William von Blasingame - Aye, Chair, William Ruh - Aye.

**Item 12. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans**

Report on file.

**Item 13. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report**

Report on file.

**Item 14. Executive Officer's Report**

Hope covered the items on the Executive Officer's Report including an overview of actions and activities due to COVID-19. She will keep the Board informed of further updates.

State Water Board approved the Quail Valley Septic System Basin Plan Amendment to expand exemptions to the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System. Santa Ana Water Board is preparing the administrative record. Once, prepared the administrative records will be sent to the Office of Administrative Law by summer for their approval.

**Item 15. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications**

William von Blasingame, Chair Ruh and Lana Peterson discussed the questions and concerns from the public about controversial issues being held using Zoom meeting or remote meetings. Board Members requested State Council ensure we are compliant with the Governor's guidelines and requested a memo of verification. Board Member, Dr. Tom Rivera, requested an update on the Beaumont project for the next meeting. Vice Chair William von Blasingame thanked staff for their hard work and for having the virtual Board Meeting go smoothly.

**Item 16. Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

**Adjournment** – Chair Ruh adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. to the Special Board Meeting of May 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a video and teleconference meeting. Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, recent Board Meetings have been cancelled or have been presented as video and teleconference meetings with no physical meeting location, and solely via remote presence. Please follow website link. Chair Ruh thanked the public.

Respectfully submitted:

**HOPE A. SMYTHE**

Executive Officer

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