

State of California
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Minutes of the June 19, 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 9:01 a.m.

1. **Introductions**

Board Members Present at Virtual Board Meeting:

William Ruh, Chair
William P. von Blasingame
Tom Rivera
Daniel P. Selmi
Kris A. Murray
Joseph Kerr

Board Member, Lana Peterson, was not present at the Board Meeting.

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
Julio C Lara, Chief of Wastewater
David G. Woelfel, Chief of Regional Programs
Kevin Heinemann, Information Technology Manager
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate
Daniel Mefford, Information Technology Associate
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; Barry Lee, Orange County Coastkeeper

Item 2. Public Forum:

Virtual Speakers: Barry Lee, Orange County Coastkeeper, regarding non-dairy CAFOs

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

Mr. Sean Maguire introduced himself. Sean talked about the transition to teleworking and about the challenges and our commitment to protecting the environment to protecting human health and ensuring safe drinking water. Mr. Sean Maguire, also, talked about our economy, budget proposal, salary cuts, furloughs, and he mentioned that the Governor will need five percent of all state workers to be reassigned temporarily from six to nine months and be retrained as contact tracers. This will affect all State Board and Regional Boards.

Mr. Sean Maguire said the Drinking Water Community Water Systems survey was developed and was sent out to water purveyors asking about the financial impacts they are experiencing. One of our main functions is the Division of Financial Assistance which provides grants and loans for water systems and for wastewater systems. He said we are working with a couple of other stakeholder organizations to develop a similar survey for wastewater treatment plant and sanitary collection systems.

Mr. Sean Maguire discussed how they are continuing to study and monitor drinking water systems and facilities to detect PFAS and to determine how extensive the problem is. The next phase will be an investigation and he, also, discussed the development of the water resilient portfolio.

Mr. Sean Maguire announced the State Board adopted a formal definition of microplastics in drinking water. Mr. Sean Maguire gave examples of what microplastics are and he said Water Boards will be monitoring how prevalent microplastics are in the environment.

Item 4. Regional Board Meeting Minutes of May 8, 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 Rivera, and the Minutes of the May 8, 2020, Board Meeting was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Board Member, Joe Kerr - Aye, Board Member, Kris Murray - Aye, Board Member, Daniel Selmi - Aye, Board Member, Tom Rivera - Aye, Vice Chair, William von Blasingame - Aye, Chair, William Ruh - Aye.

Item 5. 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 *6. Menifee North Specific Plan Residential Development – Order Number R8-2020-0031

Item *7. Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Double Butte Sanitary Landfill - Order Number R8-2020-0024

Item *8. Renewal of General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Number CAG998001) for Discharges to

Surface Waters that Pose and Insignificant (De Minimis Threat to Water Quality – Order Number R8-2020-0006

Item *9. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA8000383, and Master Reclamation Permit for the City of Corona, Department of Water and Power, Water Reclamation Facility Number 1 - R8-2020-0021

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Murray and it was unanimously carried to approve by roll call vote Orders R8-2020-0031, R8-2020-0024, R8-2020-0006, and R8-2020-0021.

Roll call vote: Board Member, Joe Kerr – Aye, Board Member, Kris Murray - Aye, Board Member, Daniel Selmi - Aye, Board Member, Dr. Tom Rivera - Aye, Vice Chair, William von Blasingame - Aye, Chair, William Ruh - Aye.

Item 10. Underground Storage Tanks Corrective Action Plans

Report on File

Item 11. Underground Storage Tanks Site Closure Report

Report on file.

Item 12. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer, Hope Smythe, covered several items on the Executive Officer Report such as COVID-19 - Request for Relief, Dairy Facility Annual Reports, and the summary of what our actions have been related to the Human Right to Water Resolution that the Board adopted last December. Including, and update of the Ford Facility cleanup operation.

Hope Smythe, briefly discussed budget impacts, salary cuts, furloughs, and volunteering three staff people to work with the California of Public Health for contact tracing.

Board member, Tom Rivera, asked about the Beaumont project, Quail Valley Prohibition Basin Plan Amendment, the Cannabis unit, and how to prepare for the future Poseidon Board Meeting.

Board member, William von Blasingame, asked about onsite inspections and suggested that it would be beneficial to receive early written presentations and powerpoint presentations for the upcoming Board meeting.

Item 13. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

None.

Item 14. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Adjournment – Chair Ruh adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m. to the regular Board Meeting of July 30, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., then adjourned to the regular Board Meeting of July 31, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. This will be video and teleconference meetings. 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 for further updates. Chair Ruh thanked the public.

Respectfully submitted:

HOPE A. SMYTHE
Executive Officer

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