
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 17, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Video and Teleconference Meeting Only

No Physical Meeting Location

(Authorized by and in furtherance of
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#).)

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Business

1. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,
Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Present: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Johnston

Absent at roll call: Jeff Young (arrived at 12:31 p.m.)

Chair Wolff reviewed remote meeting information and guidelines.

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
matt.keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

Executive Officer Matthew Keeling introduced staff present: Stephanie Yu, staff counsel; Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer; Tammie Olson, clerk to the board; section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, and Angela Schroeter; and Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Resources Control Board liaison.

Mr. Keeling also introduced remote meeting staff coordinators Aaron Katona and Katie DiSimone.

Mr. Keeling announced that Item 14, Consideration of Proposed Resolution No. R3-2020-0035, Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Improve and Clarify Waste Discharge Prohibition Language, had been removed from the agenda.

Senior Engineering Geologist Dominic Roques presented a resolution for David Innis on his retirement. The Board and Mr. Keeling congratulated Mr. Innis.

Approval of the resolution for David Innis

Motion: Member Hunter moved approval

Seconded by: Chair Wolff

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Johnston.

Abstain: none

Absent: Member Young

Motion Carried: 4-0

3. Approval of May 28-29, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Gray moved approval of the minutes

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Johnston.

Abstain: none

Absent: Jeff Young

Motion Carried: 4-0

4. Reports by Regional Board Members

Chair Wolff:

- June 5, 2020, monthly conference call with State Board liaison Dorene D'Adamo and Matthew Keeling.
- June 10, 2020, San Luis Obispo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Act meeting
- June 30, 2020, Conference call with Department of Food and Agriculture Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffit and Matthew Keeling.
- July 2, 2020, Conference call with Assemblyman Cunningham and Matthew Keeling regarding vegetation management and fire risk in the Salinas River bottom in Paso Robles.
- July 6, 2020, monthly chairs call with main topic of homelessness. Vice Chair Gray and Matthew Keeling also attended.
- July 7, 2020, Conference call with Vice Chair Gray, Matthew Keeling, Thea Tryon, and Mary Hamilton to discuss the chairs meeting regarding homelessness.
- July 8, 2020, San Luis Obispo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Act meeting

- July 9, 2020, tour of Salinas River fire scene with City of Paso Robles staff including the mayor and fire chief, Assemblyman Cunningham, and Matthew Keeling.

Attendees discussed the city's emergency vegetation management work. City is concurrently working on a long-term plan for management of the riparian corridor.

Vice Chair Gray:

- Homelessness update report: internal meeting with Mary Hamilton and planning a workshop in October.

Member Hunter:

- Environmental justice update.

Member Johnston:

- Nothing to report

Member Young:

- Arrived after report.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609]

State Board Member D'Adamo gave a full report.

Public Forum

6. Public Forum

There were no speakers. Member Hunter asked for the stats regarding how many were watching right now. Bob Lloyd of AGP reported that there were 36 people watching the Cal Span webcast and 21 attendees on Zoom.

Uncontested Items

7. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2020-0031, Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for Moss Landing Power Plant, Moss Landing, Monterey County [Peter von Langen, 805/549-3688, Peter.VonLangen@waterboards.ca.gov]

There were no Board or public comments or discussion on the item.

Motion: Member Johnston moved approval of Item 7 with the proposed changes detailed in the supplemental sheet.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Johnston.

Absent: Member Young

Motion Carried: 4-0

Waste Discharge Requirements

8. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2020-0004, Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for Cayucos Sanitary District, Cayucos, San Luis Obispo County
[Tamara Anderson, 805/549-3334, Tamara.Anderson@waterboards.ca.gov]

NPDES wastewater permitting staff engineer Tamara Anderson summarized the staff report and recommended approval of the order.

Board members asked questions related to the recycled water management requirements and disposing of Cambria's recycled water reinjection project byproducts through Cayucos Sanitary District's outfall or into constructed wetlands. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Keeling, and the district provided responses.

Public comment:

- Rick Koon, Cayucos Sanitary District, thanked board members and staff and supported the proposed order.
- Roberta Larson, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, explained her initial recycling requirement concerns, agreed that staff adequately responded, and supported adoption.
- Brad Snook, Surfrider Foundation, requested progress towards no ocean outfall by requiring exclusive outfall access and constructed wetlands.
- Delia Bense-Kang, Surfrider Foundation, speaking on behalf of 68 Surfrider Foundation commenters, requested outfall conditions and shared goal for the district and City of Morro Bay working together.
- Steve Allen, Surfrider Foundation and a Cambria resident, supported Surfrider's outfall comments.
- Charles LaSalle, WaterReuse California, thanked staff and supported the proposed order.
- Melanie MacDowell, Surfrider Foundation, acknowledged conservation efforts and supported consideration of related benchmarks and goals.

Motion: Member Hunter moved approval of Item 8

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Member Young.

Motion Carried: 4-0

Watershed Management and Planning

9. Consideration of Proposed Resolution No. R3-2020-0034, Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Include a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Total Phosphorus to Address Cyanobacterial Blooms in Pinto Lake and a TMDL Implementation Plan for the Pinto Lake Catchment, Santa Cruz County [Peter Bonch Osmolovsky, 805/549-3699, Pete.Osmolovsky@waterboards.ca.gov]

TMDL staff geologist Peter Bonch Osmolovsky provided a short presentation and recommended adoption of the resolution to incorporate the TMDL and an associated water quality improvement strategy in the Basin Plan.

Board members and staff discussed phosphorus sources in the watershed, issues concerning implementing the proposed TMDL, and grant-funded projects in the watershed. Speaker Steve Shimek expressed reservations about the efficacy of using the Agricultural Order to implement the TMDLs and had comments concerning regional monitoring for cyanobacteria.

Speakers:

- Mr. Steve Shimek, Executive Director, The Otter Project
 - Concern that the TMDL relies on implementation via the Ag Order to control sediment and nutrient discharges and conduct monitoring to evaluate effectiveness.
 - There is a need for widespread monitoring of toxic algal blooms, not just at Pinto Lake.
 - Described the need for the Ag Order to require reporting on the linkage between nutrients and evidence of algal blooms that can result in impacts to aquatic life from algal toxins and low dissolved oxygen.

Motion: Vice Chair Gray moved approval.

Seconded by: Member Young

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Member Johnston (recused for this agenda item)

Motion Carried: 4-0

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m. Total viewers for the day: Cal-span viewers 80, zoom attendees 43

Friday, July 17, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Friday, July 17, 2020, at 9:01 a.m.

Board Business

10. Roll Call/Introductions

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,
Tammie.Olson@waterboards.ca.gov]

Present: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: none

Chair Wolff reviewed remote meeting information and guidelines.

Executive Officer Matthew Keeling introduced staff present: Stephanie Yu, staff counsel; Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer; Tammie Olson, clerk to the board; section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, and Angela Schroeter.

Mr. Keeling also introduced remote meeting staff coordinators Aaron Katona and Katie DiSimone.

Public Forum

11. Public Forum

- Kay Mercer: asked about the Paso Robles fire
 - Chair Wolff, Member Johnston and Member Hunter all replied to the comment.

Enforcement

12. Enforcement Report

[Thea Tryon, 805/542-4776, Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov]

Thea Tryon presented the enforcement report and answered questions from the board.

13. Stipulated Order Settling Enforcement Actions Associated with Monterey Mushrooms, Inc. Unauthorized Discharges of Wastewater to Tributaries to Elkhorn Slough (Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2020-0048)

[Thea Tryon, 805/542-4776, Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov , and Paul Ciccarelli 916/322-3227, Paul.Ciccarelli@waterboards.ca.gov]

Section Manager Harvey Packard introduced the item and explained that Executive Officer Matthew Keeling and Assistant Executive Officer Thea Tryon

could not advise the Board on this matter as they were involved in negotiating the settlement as part of the Water Board's enforcement team.

Thea Tryon, as lead of the enforcement team, presented an overview of the settlement terms included in proposed order.

The Board had questions regarding how the penalties were calculated and coordinated with other agencies, expressing concern that the penalties were not high enough. The enforcement team provided clarification, and the advisory team supported the proposed penalty. Several Board members also requested further detail on the proposed supplemental environmental project, which was proposed to offset a portion of the civil liability. Heather Lucaks of the Community Water Center, the third party that will be administer the supplemental environmental project for Monterey Mushrooms, Inc., provided additional information on the scope of the proposed project. Several Board members requested regular progress updates from staff on the supplemental project in the upcoming months.

Motion: Member Johnston moved approval with corrections proposed in an email dated July 15, 2020, from the enforcement team.

Seconded by: Member Young

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

Basin Planning

14. Consideration of Proposed Resolution No. R3-2020-0035, Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Improve and Clarify Waste Discharge Prohibition Language
[Steven Saiz, 805/549-3879, Steve.Saiz@waterboards.ca.gov]

Removed from agenda

Administrative Items

15. Executive Officer's Report
[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

The Executive Officer discussed the report.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at **11:59 a.m.** Total Views for today, Cal-span viewers 48, Zoom Attendees 17

Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair

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