

**State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

April 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.

**Zoom Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**

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**Board Member Roll Call and Introductions**

Nancy Wright, Jayne Powell, Ed Muzik, and Peter Satin were present. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:00 a.m. on April 13, 2021.

**State and Regional Water Board Staff Present**

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, Katharine Buddingh, Laurel Firestone, Mary Castaneda, CJ Jasieniecki, Dan Mefford, Hilda Vasquez, Adriana Godinez, Jose Valle DeLeon, Kai Dunn, Reggie Tan, Jose Cortez, Maria Davydova-Flores, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar.

**Virtual Public Attendance**

Christopher Kemp, City of Imperial  
Martin Resnick, Tri-Pointe Homes  
Michael Heishman, Tri-Pointe Homes  
Greg Hohman, Tr-Pointe Homes  
Jeff Chambers, Tri-Pointe Homes  
Brian Petty, Geosyntec/Palm Springs Aerial Tramway  
James Whitmore, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway  
Shawn Hagerty, BBK Law Group/Palm Springs Aerial Tramway  
Margaret Park, Agua Caliente Water Authority

**Public Forum**

There were no public speakers during the Public Forum.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of April 13, 2021 Board Meeting.

Motion: Jayne Powell moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Board meeting.

2. State Water Board Liaison Update [Laurel Firestone, State Water Board Liaison]

Laurel Firestone provided an informational update on various State Water Board activities.

**Contested and Discussion Items**

3. R7-2021-0002 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Imperial, Imperial Water Pollution Plant (NPDES), Imperial, Imperial County [*Jose Valle DeLeon, WRCE*]

Motion: Jayne Powell moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0002 as proposed.

4. R7-2021-0010 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters of the State to Tri-Pointe Homes IE-SD, Inc., Atwell Phase III-V Development Project, Banning, Riverside County [*Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE*]

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0010 as presented.

5. R7-2021-0013 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Valley Station Wastewater Treatment Facility, Palm Springs, Riverside County [*Reggie Tan, WRCE*]

Reggie Tan, Water Resources Control Engineer, provided an overview and regulatory background on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Valley Station Wastewater Treatment Facility. He also provided the reasons for updating the Order and discussed comments received from the discharger and the responses provided.

Speakers: Brian Petty, Geosyntec/Palm Springs Aerial Tramway  
Shawn Hagerty, BBK Law Group/Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0013 with written changes made in Response to Comments, and with verbal modifications to add the word “target” in Finding 41.b and Special Provision F.2.a.iii, as agreed upon by the Discharger and its Counsel.

*\*A short break was taken by the Board 10:18 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.*

### **Workshop**

6. Yucca Valley Septic Tank Prohibition Amendment Workshop [*Maria Davydova-Flores, ES*]

*Board Member Ed Muzik recused himself from this item.*

Maria Davydova-Flores, Environmental Scientist, provided an overview of the proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to revise the Yucca Valley Septic Tank Prohibition. The presentation included key changes to the Prohibition that are proposed under the Amendment. No public comments or questions were submitted. The Amendment is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the Regional Water Board on June 15, 2021 under proposed Resolution R7-2021-0028.

The Board thanked Ms. Davydova-Flores for her presentation and the clarity of the report provided.

*Board Member Ed Muzik returned to the meeting.*

### **Informational Items**

7. Introduction to Agua Caliente Water Authority and its Mission [*Margaret Park*]

Margaret Park, representing the Agua Caliente Water Authority, provided an introduction to the Agua Caliente Water Authority’s organization and mission, including its emphasis on sustainability, water resilience, and preservation of high-quality groundwater.

The Board thanked Ms. Park for her informative presentation.

8. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report [*Paula Rasmussen, EO*]

Ms. Rasmussen reported on the following items:

- Participation of Regional Water Board staff at the State Water Board’s Salton Sea Workshop on April 7, 2021
- Adoption of the Regional Water Board’s Bacteria Provisions Basin Plan Amendment by the State Water Board on March 16, 2021, lead staff on this project was Emma McCorkle, ES

- Development of an Environmental Impact Report under CEQA for the Oberon Renewable Energy Project and the Virtual Scoping Meeting to be held on April 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m. with lead staff Logan Raub, ES
- Issuance of underground storage tank case closure to the Riverside County Facilities Management – Fleet Service Garage site in Blythe, after 13 years of coordinated efforts, with lead staff Phan Le, WRCE
- Ms. Le was the recipient of commendation and thanks from management of the Palo Verde Irrigation District in Blythe for her work with them on successful corrective actions leading to a closure, no further action letter.

#### 9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Vice Chair Powell stated that she attended the State Water Board's Salton Sea Workshop on April 7, 2021, and commented that Paula Rasmussen, EO, gave an excellent presentation at this workshop.

#### 10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Wright mentioned that she also attended the State Water Board's Salton Sea Workshop, which provided a lot of good information. She echoed Vice Chair Powell's comment on Ms. Rasmussen's presentation at the workshop. She also mentioned that she participated in the Chair's monthly call.

#### 11. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e), the Board went into a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation, *Coachella Valley Water District v. State Water Resources Control Bd. et al.*, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2100333. No action was taken by the Board during this Closed Session.

### **Adjournment**

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m. following the conclusion of the Closed Session.

Next Board Meeting/Workshop

May 11, 2021