

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108
San Diego, California

MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 24, 2015

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Abarbanel called to order the meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) at the Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: Henry Abarbanel, Eric Anderson, Tomas Morales, Betty Olson, Gary Strawn, Stefanie Warren.

Staff Present: David Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, Barry Pulver, Julie Chan, John Anderson, Vicente Rodriguez, Roger Mitchell, John Odermatt, Cynthia Gorham, David Barker, Lori Costa, Alex Cali, Nicole Gergans, Lisa Honma, Ben Neill, Kelly Dorsey, Frank Melbourn, Eric Becker, Laurie Walsh, Chiara Clemente, Jeremy Haas, Chad Loflen, Melissa Valdovinos, Tom Alo, Alan Monji, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Amy Grove, Jody Ebsen, Joann Lim, Lalitha Thotakura, Debbie Woodward, Charles Cheng, Kristin Schwall, Bruce Posthumus, Sarah Mearon, Helen Yu, Leah Anderson, Lucas Lima, Christopher Means.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board – Lori Okun, Adriana Nuñez. California Court Reporting – Valerie Rodriguez.

Public Attendance: Jennifer Casler-Cancales, Latham & Watkins; John Janke, Vulcan Materials Co.; Dennis Sperino, City of Escondido; Nicki Branch, City of Escondido; Vasana Vipatapat, City of Escondido; Timothy Kwak, City of Escondido; John Crow, Navy, NAVFAC SW; Megan Cooper, Coastal Conservancy; Michael Welch; Sander Halvax, BAE Systems; Jim Peugh, San Diego Audubon Society; Kathryn Kriozere, San Diego City Attorney; Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego; Joann Weber, County of San Diego; Karen Holman, Port of San Diego; Kelly Tait, AMEC; Andrew Rosati, Sunroad; Rebecca Schwartz, San Diego Audubon Society; John Adrian, San Diego Port Tenants Association; Katie Greenwood, City of Oceanside; Cindy Lin, USEPA.

Item 2 – Public Forum

Denise Bedder of the San Diego County Water Authority thanked the Board and staff for partnering with the Water Authority to distribute buckets to reuse water that might otherwise be wasted. She also responded to a Board Member question regarding the nonessential turf program.

John Crow of NAVFAC SW provided the Board with the latest version of the Whale Wheel, which is used by ship lookouts to spot and identify the whales. Whale sightings are logged and sonar operations are suspended if whales are in the vicinity.

Sally Roney addressed the Board regarding a dispute with the City of Escondido concerning the MS4 Permit pollution control measures.

Item 3 – Minutes of Board Meeting: May 13, 2015

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Strawn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Item 4 – Chairman’s, Board Members’, State Water Board Liaison’s, and Executive Officer’s Reports. These items are for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.

Ms. Roney responded to the Executive Officer’s Report regarding her comments at the May Board meeting.

Brandi Outwin-Beals and Vicente Rodriguez responded to Board member questions regarding the Executive Officer’s Report.

Mr. Gibson reported on a recent joint Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team/Border 2020 meeting and on several new hires and staff rotations as well as a promotion among the staff. He also stated that he has drafted a memo regarding the Drought Summit held in the San Diego Water Board’s offices on May 11, 2015, stating that he hopes to finalize and circulate the memo in the next few days. He reminded Board members that the Environmental Industrial Association has offered to provide tours of major industrial facilities in the San Diego Region at the end of July.

Dr. Abarbanel provided an update on the ongoing wetlands recovery program throughout the state, and Eric Becker reported on action items identified during the most recent teleconference of all the Regions.

Item 5 – Future Agenda Items: Board members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. *(David Gibson)*

Mr. Strawn requested an update on the Katema cleanup and a workshop on low dissolved oxygen conditions in the San Diego River.

Dr. Olson requested an information item regarding how the Board deals with high levels of naturally occurring elements in groundwater when they interact with other issues.

Consent Calendar: Items 6 through 9 are considered non-controversial issues. (NOTE: If there is public interest, concern, or discussion regarding any consent

calendar item or a request for a public hearing, then the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after all other agenda items have been completed.)

Item 6 – Waste Discharge Requirements Amendment: An Addendum Transferring Responsibility for Order No. 88-66 from Calmat Company (d/b/a Vulcan Materials Company, West Region) to CEMEX Materials Pacific, LLC (Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 88-66). *(Roger Mitchell)*

Item 7 – Waste Discharge Requirements Amendment: An Addendum Transferring Responsibility for Order No. 93-119 from Calmat Company (d/b/a Vulcan Materials Company, West Region) to CEMEX Materials Pacific, LLC (Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 93-119). *(Roger Mitchell)*

Item 8 – Waste Discharge Requirements Amendment: An Addendum Transferring Responsibility for Order No. 88-37 from Calmat Company (d/b/a Vulcan Materials Company, West Region) to CEMEX Materials Pacific, LLC (Tentative Addendum No. 2 to Order No. 88-37). *(Roger Mitchell)*

Item 9 – NPDES Permit Reissuance: BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc., Discharge to San Diego Bay (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0034, NPDES No. CA0109151). *(Kristin Schwall)*

Dr. Olson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items)

Item 10 – Tentative Resolution Supporting the Allocation of Resources to Implement the Practical Vision and Operational Plan (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0085). *(Jimmy Smith)*

James Smith gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Mr. Gibson also responded to Board Member questions.

Mr. Morales moved to adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0085, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Chair Abarbanel called a recess at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Item 11 – Tentative Resolution in Support of Implementation of the Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0086). *(Melissa Valdovinos)*

Melissa Valdovinos gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the Tentative Resolution:

- Jim Peugh, Audubon Society
- Karen Holman, San Diego Unified Port District

Mr. Strawn moved to adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0086 with errata, and Dr. Olson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Item 12 – Tentative Resolution to Support Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems in the San Diego Region (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0041). (*Kelly Dorsey*)

Kelly Dorsey gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the Tentative Resolution:

- Rebecca Schwartz, Audubon Society
- Megan Cooper, California Coastal Conservancy
- George Sutherland, Trout Unlimited
- Jim Peugh, Audubon Society

Mr. Morales moved to adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0041, and Dr. Olson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Chair Abarbanel called a recess at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Item 13 – Public Hearing: City of Escondido, Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF), Escondido, California. (*Vicente Rodriguez*)

Chair Abarbanel opened the public hearing and administered the oath.

Vicente Rodriguez gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the Tentative Orders:

- Mike Welsh, City of Escondido
- Dennis Sperino, City of Escondido

- a. NPDES Permit Reissuance: Intermittent Wet Weather Discharge to Escondido Creek (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0026, NPDES No. CA0108944).

Mr. Anderson moved to adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0026 with modifications and Mr. Morales seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

- b. Time Schedule Order: A Time Schedule Order Requiring the City of Escondido to Comply with Requirements Prescribed in Order No. R9-2015-0026, NPDES No. CA0108944 (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0027).

Mr. Anderson moved to adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0027, and Mr. Morales seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Chair Abarbanel recessed for lunch at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. There was no Closed Session.

Item 14 – Public Hearing: NPDES Permit Reissuance : Groundwater Extraction Discharges to Surface Waters within the San Diego Region (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0013, NPDES No. CAG919003). *(Ben Neill)*

Ben Neill gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions. David Barker and Mr. Gibson also responded to Board Member questions.

Cindy Lin, USEPA, commented on the Tentative Order.

Mr. Strawn moved to adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0013, and Mr. Morales seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Chris Blank
Executive Assistant

David Gibson
Executive Officer