

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

MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 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, Julie Chan, Laurie Walsh, John Anderson, Nicole Gergans, Lalitha Thotakura, Dat Quach, Amy Grove, Fisayo Osibodu, Barry Pulver, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Chiara Clemente, Jeremy Haas, Eric Becker, Bruce Posthumus, Betty Fetscher, Aaron Buck, Alex Cali, Ben Neill, Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran, Kristin Schwall, Alan Monji, Chad Loflen, Sarah Mearon, Roger Mitchell, Lucas Lima, Carey Nagoda, Debbie Woodward, Kelly Dorsey, Helen Yu, Melissa Valdovinos, Craig Carlisle, Hiram Sarabia, Charles Cheng, John Odermatt.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board – Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez, Fran Spivy-Weber, Max Gomberg. California Court Reporting – Greta Yang.

Public Attendance: Bob Leiter, UCSD; Mo Lahsaie, City of Oceanside; Mike Piker, de maximus; Dr. Craig Barilotti, Sunset Cliffs Association; Robin Gartman, City of San Diego; Ami Latker, City of San Diego; Goldy Herbon, City of San Diego; Chris Stransky, AMEC; Christian Cardenas, IEA; Camilla Ingram, Sunset Cliffs Association; Art Gray, CP Kelco; Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego; Michael Welch; Rebecca Schwartz, San Diego Audubon Society; Catherine Zeelman, USFWS; Karen Holman, Port of San Diego; Rolf Schottle, AMEC; Carly Keen, IEA; Ken Schiff, SCCWRP; Dan McKirnan, Environmental Health Coalition; Sandy Rissman, USFWS; Philip Gibbons, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative; John Holder, WiLDCOAST; Jason Giffen, Port of San Diego; Dr. Daniel Cayan, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

**Item 2** – Public Forum

Dr. Craig Barilotti of the Sunset Cliffs Association (SCA) addressed the Board regarding SCA proposals to improve the water quality at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

**Item 3** – Minutes of Board Meeting: June 24, 2015

Mr. Strawn moved to approve the minutes, 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.

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

Mr. Gibson welcomed new staff members Betty Fetscher, Lalitha Thotakura, and Aaron Buck. In addition, he recognized the NPDES Team—Brandi Outwin-Beals, Ben Neill, Joann Lim, Dat Quach, Kristin Schwall, Michelle Mata, and Vicente Rodriguez—for sustained superior accomplishment.

State Water Board Vice Chair Fran Spivy-Weber reported on the meeting that Governor Brown held with local authorities regarding the reduction in water use in San Diego in response to his drought Executive Order.

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

Dr. Olson requested an information item regarding the data that supports the Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives.

Chair Abarbanel renewed his request for an information item regarding what is necessary for the San Diego Region to achieve zero discharge to the ocean by 2025 or 2030.

***Consent Calendar: Item 6 is considered a non-controversial issue. (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 Modifying Discharge Specifications for County of San Diego Sanitation District, San Pasqual Academy Water Pollution Control Facility, San Diego County (Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2009-0072). (*Fisayo Osibodu*) **THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED**

***Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items)***

**Item 7** – Information Item: San Diego Bay Habitats and Ecosystems. (*Bruce Posthumus*)

Bruce Posthumus provided background information and introduced the guest speakers for this item.

Bill Paznokas of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bryant Chesney of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Andy Yuen of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Eileen Maher of the Port of San Diego gave presentations regarding the importance, characteristics, and condition of San Diego Bay habitats and ecosystems and responded to Board Member questions.

*Chair Abarbanel called a recess at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:58 a.m.*

Mr. Gibson moderated a panel discussion among the above-mentioned guest speakers, Board Members, and staff regarding the protection and restoration of San Diego Bay habitats and ecosystems.

The following stakeholders spoke regarding the item:

- Rebecca Schwartz, San Diego Audubon Society
- Bob Leiter, UCSD Urban Studies and Planning Program
- Dan McKirnan, Environmental Health Coalition
- John Holder, WILD Coast

Mr. Gibson thanked the guest speakers for taking the time to attend the meeting and address the Board.

*Chair Abarbanel recessed for lunch at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:26 p.m. There were no Closed Session items.*

**Item 8** – Information Item: Climate Change Considerations for the San Diego Water Board. (*David Gibson*)

Mr. Gibson introduced the item and provided some background information.

Board Member Warren provided comments regarding the Climate Symposium she attended with several staff members in May.

Dr. Daniel Cayan, Research Meteorologist for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, responded to Ms. Warren's comments and Board Member questions.

Max Gomberg with the State Water Board addressed the item and responded to Board Member questions.

Ken Schiff of the Southern California Coastal Wetlands Research Project updated the Board regarding water quality impacts related to climate change, including a review of the science and the potential impacts of climate change, management actions currently being contemplated, and planning for water quality management, and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the item:

- Bob Leiter, UCSD Urban Studies and Planning Program
- Mo Lahsaie, City of Oceanside
- Phillip Gibbons, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative
- Jason Giffen, Port of San Diego

**Item 8.5** – Information Item: Discussion of Legislators’ Water Quality Summit, July 20, 2015. *(David Gibson)*

Chair Abarbanel reviewed the proposals that came out of the Summit held on July 20, 2015, and he indicated that the Board would have another similar meeting each year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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Chris Blank  
Executive Assistant

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David Gibson  
Executive Officer