

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Customer Service Center
9300 Fanita Parkway
Santee, California

MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 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 Padre Dam Municipal Water District Customer Service Center, 9300 Fanita Parkway, Santee, California.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions:

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

Staff Present: David Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, Rachel O'Donovan, Julie Chan, John Odermatt, Alex Cali, Jeremy Haas, Michele Mata, Craig Carlise, John Anderson, Ben Neill, David Barker, Eric Becker, Vinty Siev, Brandi Outwin-Beals

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board – Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez, Charles Delgado. California Court Reporting – Marlee Nelson.

Public Attendance: Brian Metz, Paul Ahn, David Asti – Southern California Edison; Mike Welch – self; Robin Rierdan – LRPC; Rachel Davenport – City of San Diego; Antonia Esteves-Olea – LWA; Toby Roy – SDCWA; Shane Trussell – Trussell Technologies; Gabriela Dow – NVS; Greg Thomas – Rincon Water; George Adrian, Jeffery Pasek – City of San Diego, Public Utilities; Corey Young – Kennedy/Jenks Consultants; Nick Cilic, J.P. Semper – Brown and Caldwell; Eveline Bravo-Ayala – Senator Hertzberg; Richard Gardner – self; Alan Carlisle, Ken Weinberg – Padre Dam; Richard Williamson, Wendy Chambers – City of Carlsbad Municipal Water District; Lori Brown – Constituent Affairs Specialist; Melanie Nally – Biocom; Kimberly Thorner – Olivenhain Municipal Water District; Senator Robert Hertzberg

Item 2 – Public Forum

Lori Brown from Senator Joel Anderson's office spoke on the importance of water conservation and responded to Board Member questions.

Michael Welch spoke to honor Dennis O'Leary, longest running Executive Officer (17 years) as he has recently passed away.

Item 3 – Minutes of Board Meeting: November 18, 2015

This item was postponed until the February 2016 meeting.

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.

Tomas Morales congratulated Dr. Abarbanel and Mr. Anderson on their reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Warren requested an annual enforcement summary. Mr. Gibson responded that staff would provide such an update in the next Executive Officer Report.

Mr. Gibson provided an update on the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team's 5 year action plan, including a new reservoir in Mexico to reuse wastewater. He also reported that, in response to the Board's direction at the previous Board Meeting, planning for 2016 Outreach efforts has begun.

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

Gary Strawn provided an update on the wetlands project, stating that he would like to have a short informational conversation regarding the project. Dave Gibson requested that the San Diego River Conservancy participate in the project.

Tomas Morales would like to see an update regarding outreach to communities we serve but which know very little about us.

Consent Calendar: Items 6 through 8 are considered 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: Master Reclamation Permit Reissuance: Valley Center Municipal Water District, Woods Valley Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0104). *(Alex Cali)*

Item 7: Master Reclamation Permit Reissuance: City of San Diego, North City Water Reclamation Plant, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0091). *(Fisayo Osibodu)*

Item 8: WDR Reissuance: Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Reissuance: TDY Holdings, LLC and TDY Industries, LLC, Post-Closure Maintenance and Monitoring of the Convair Lagoon Sand Cap, San Diego Bay (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0029). *(Tom Alo)*

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Staff members responded to Board Member questions on Item 6. Ms. Warren requested an update on the eel grass restoration efforts in the Convair Lagoon. Chairman Abarbanel commented on item 6 and our total water portfolio.

After Board Member discussion, Gary Strawn moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, and Tomas Morales seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items)

Item 9 – NPDES Permit Reissuance: Southern California Edison, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Discharge to the Pacific Ocean (Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0073, NPDES No. CA0109282). *(Ben Neill)*

Staff member Ben Neill gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Members questions.

David Asti with Southern California Edison also spoke on the item and responded to Board Members questions.

Mr. Morales and Mr. Strawn asked for an update in the future about any changes to the effort of the receiving water flow to the fish population and the natural habitat.

After Board Member discussion, Mr. Morales moved to adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0073 with errata, and Mr. Strawn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Item 10 – Information Item: Update on Surfer Health (Epidemiology) Study and Beach Water Quality and Fecal Indicator Bacteria Testing Methods by the Southern California Coastal Waters Research Project (SCCWRP). *(David Gibson)*

Ken Schiff provided a presentation on the item and responded to Board Member questions. He also responded to questions from staff.

Chairman Abarbanel indicated a desire to host a workshop regarding this Item and possibly invite the drinking water program and the public school systems.

Item 11 – Information Item: Presentation on the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Facility as a Model Facility for Sustainability. *(Alex Cali)*

Alex Cali gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions. John Odermatt and Julie Chan also responded to Board Member questions.

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Item 12 - This item will not be heard before 1:00 p.m. Information Item: Regional Challenges to Maximizing Recycled Water Production and Use to Achieve a Sustainable Local Water Supply. *(John Odermatt and Julie Chan)*

Senator Hertzberg spoke of the importance of recycled water and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders also commented on the item:

- Toby Roy, Southern Orange County Water Authority (SOCWA)
- Betty Burnett, SOCWA
- Allen Carlisle, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Dr. Shane Trussell, Trussell Technologies
- Richard Gardner, concerned citizen
- Kimberly Thorner, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- Melanie Nally, Blocom
- Greg Thomas, Rincon Water

Item 13 - Tour of Padre Dam: A Quorum of the Board will Participate in a Walking Tour of the Padre Dam Facilities and Advanced Water Purification Project. *(David Gibson)*

Item 13 did not take place during the board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

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