

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

MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 15, 2017

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, and Stefanie Warren.

Staff present: James Smith, Chris Blank, Rachel O'Donovan, Deborah Jayne, Julie Chan, Jeremy Haas, Fisayo Osibodu, David Barker, Laurie Walsh, Carey Nagoda, Sarah Mearon, Kelly Dorsey, Alex Cali, Chiara Clemente, Chad Loflen, Tom Alo, Frank Melbourn, Debbie Woodward, Melissa Valdovinos, Emily Trevino, Wayne Chiu, Sean McClain, John Odermatt, Amy Grove, Roger Mitchell, Bruce Posthumus, Mike Porter, Ben Neill, Rebecca Stark, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Lori Costa, Joann Lim, Lalitha Thotakura, Michelle Santillan, Cynthia Gorham, and Brian McDaniel.

Betty Fetscher, Christopher Means, Darren Bradford, John Anderson, Beatrice Griffey, Christina Arias, Lisa Honma, Lucas Lima, and Cleo Munoz attended remotely.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board - Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez. California Court Reporting - Mason Booker.

Public Attendance: Amber Baylor, South Orange County Wastewater Authority; Steve Steinberg, Shelly Moore SCCWRP; Robert Stone, Betty Zein, Ozone Plus; Dustin Harrison, San Diego River Conservancy; Mulene Noceda, MTS; Chris Helmer, Imperial Beach; Michael Welch; Cecilia Tipton, City of Santee; Adrianna Kripke, Erica Martin, Mo Peran, SDG&E; Mark Russell; Olin Applegate, Larry Walker Associates; Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego; Darcy Kuenzi, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Nicolette Rozas, Vallecitos Water District; Robin Hansen, Jan Bandich, Water Quality Committee; Richard Boon, County of Orange; Allison Vosskuhle, Port of San Diego; Mo Lahsaie, City of Oceanside; Jeffrey Von Voorhies, Nautilus Environmental; Reed Thornberry, Matt Little, City of San Marcos; Rachel Davenport, City of San Diego PUD; Michael Westling, Lake San Marcos Community Association; Eli Whitney, Lake San Marcos; Jeffery Pasek, City of San Diego; Jack Monger, IEA; Chris Crompton, County of Orange; Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego; Blaise Jackson, Vallecitos Water District; Kim Hyde, DLA Piper; Ashley Tuggle, Nick Buhbe, Great Ecology; Kelly Ogawa, MOE; Tom Dede, County of San Diego; Vohn Reaves, Hollandia Dairy; Helen Davies, City of Escondido; Roshan Christoph, Amec Foster Wheeler; Mary Anne Viney, Agua Hedionda Lagoon; Karen Holman,

Port of San Diego; Anthony Santacroce, City of San Diego; Pino Vitti, Citizens' Development Corporation; Jim Brown, Batiquitos Lagoon.

Item 2 - Public Forum

Chris Helmer of the City of Imperial Beach spoke regarding the raw sewage spill from Tijuana into Imperial Beach.

Item 3 - Minutes of Board Meeting: February 8, 2017.

Dr. Olson moved to approve the minutes, 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.

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.

Acting Executive Officer Smith asked for questions regarding the written Executive Officer's Report, and Mr. Melbourn responded to Board Member questions and comments regarding the sewage spill from Tijuana into Imperial Beach. Board Members requested that Mr. Melbourn return in April to provide an update. Mr. Smith highlighted the report on the two Resolutions related to climate change and requested Board Member feedback

Ms. Jayne responded to Chair Abarbanel's request that she provide an update on the Environmental Justice Symposium, now tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2017.

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 impacts of population dynamics on water quality.

Chair Abarbanel requested that Mr. Melbourn return in April to provide an update on the Tijuana sewage spill. He also asked for an information item to discuss the dynamics of climate science. Mr. Morales suggested that the Navy's climate scientists be invited to address Dr. Abarbanel's concerns. Mr. Smith suggested that we revisit this concern after the April Board Meeting, at which time Board staff will present a Resolution on efforts to adapt to climate change.

Consent Calendar: Items 6 through 8 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 - NPDES Permit Amendment: An Order to amend Order No. R9-2012-0012, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Discharge to the Pacific Ocean Through the San Juan Creek Ocean Outfall* (Tentative order No. R9-2017-0013, NPDES No. CA0107417). (*Joann Lim*)

Item 7 - NPDES Permit Amendment: An Order to amend Order No. R9-2012-0015, *Waste Discharge Requirements for San Diego Gas and Electric Company, Palomar Energy Center* (Tentative Order No. R9-2017-0012, NPDES No. CA0109215). *(Ben Neill)*

Item 8 - Tentative Resolution Supporting the Allocation of Resources to Implement the Practical Vision and Operational Plan (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2017-0029). *(David Gibson)*

Mr. Strawn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, 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.

Dr. Abarbanel called a recess at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items):

Item 9 – Information Item: Update on Education and Outreach Efforts of the Storm **Water Copermittees under Order No. R9-2013-0001 (as amended), NPDES No. CAS010266, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region** (Regional MS4 Permit). *(Laurie Walsh)*

Mr. Smith and Ms. Walsh introduced the item.

The following Copermittees made presentations regarding their MS4 Education and Outreach programs and responded to Board Member questions and comments:

- Anthony Santacroce, City of San Diego Public Information Officer
- Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program Coordinator
- Cecilia Tipton, City of Santee Stormwater Program Manager
- Kelly Ogawa, City of Del Mar Clean Water Program
- Richard Boon, Orange County
- Darcy Kuenzi, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Dr. Abarbanel recessed for lunch at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. There were no Closed Session items.

Item 10 - Information Item: Findings of the San Diego Bay Fish Consumption Study. *(Tom Alo)*

This item was postponed to the April meeting.

Item 11 – Tentative Resolution Supporting the Path Forward for Nutrient Load Reductions in Lake San Marcos and the San Marcos Creek Watershed (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2017-0038). *(Sarah Mearon)*

Mr. Smith introduced the Tentative Resolution.

Ms. Mearon provided an overview of the Tentative Resolution and responded to Board Member questions. Ms. Chan also responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the Tentative Resolution:

- Pino Vitti, President, Citizens' Development Corporation (CDC)
- Michael Westling, Lake San Marcos Community Association
- Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego Program Planning Manager
- Helen Davies, City of Escondido Environmental Programs Manager
- Nick Buhbe, Great Ecology, on behalf of CDC
- Blaise Jackson, Scott & Jackson, Counsel for Vallecitos Water District
- Reed Thornberry, City of San Marcos Stormwater Program Manager
- Jim Brown, Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation Board Member

Mr. Morales moved to approve Tentative Resolution No. R9-2017-0038 with errata, 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 12 – Tentative Resolution Supporting Use of the Key Beneficial Uses / Key Areas Concept to Help the San Diego Water Board Focus on What is Most Important (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2017-0030). (*Bruce Posthumus*)

Mr. Smith introduced the Tentative Resolution and responded to Board Member questions.

Mr. Posthumus provided the overview of the Tentative Resolution and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the Tentative Resolution:

- Mary Anne Viney, Agua Hedionda Lagoon
- Robin Hansen, Agua Hedionda Lagoon
- Jan Bandich, Agua Hedionda Lagoon
- Jeffrey Pasek, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department Watershed Manager
- Lesley Dobalian, San Diego County Water Authority

Mr. Strawn moved to approve Tentative Resolution No. R9-2017-0030, and Mr. Morales seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members, Anderson, Morales, Olson, Strawn, and Warren voted "aye," with Chair Abarbanel abstaining. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina Blank
Executive Assistant

James Smith
Assistant Executive Officer
(Acting Executive Officer for the
March 15, 2017 meeting)

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