
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

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Central Coast Water Board Offices

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

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Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 9:05 a.m.

Board Business

1. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,
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Present: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[John Robertson, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
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Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; Emel Wadhvani, assistant chief counsel; Matthew Keeling, assistant executive officer; Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, Angela Schroeter, and Thea Tryon.

Ryan Lodge introduced Jordan Haserot, Water Resource Control Engineer for the Land Disposal Program.

Jean-Pierre Wolff congratulated Member Johnston on his reappointment.

Member Johnston also congratulated Chair Wolff on his reappointment.

3. Approval of September 19-20, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Member Johnston

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Motion Carried: 6-0

4. Reports by Regional Board Members

All members attended the Water Quality Control Committee (WQCC) in Sacramento in October.

- Chair Wolff
 - October 3, 2019, attended the homelessness workshop, thanked Thea Tryon, Mary Hamilton, Matthew Keeling, and Vice Chair Gray for all their work.
 - October 9, 2019, meeting with County of San Luis Obispo agricultural liaison regarding hemp subcommittee.
 - October 15, 2019, met with Sara Lopez, Preservation Inc, and Abbie Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California.
 - October 18, 2019, WQCC and other meetings with key representatives regarding Central Coast Water Board matters. Met with Office of Governor representatives Kristi Stauffacher and Christine Hironaka; State Board members Joaquin Esquivel, Dorene D'Adamo, and Laurel Firestone; and with new CalEPA Undersecretary Serena Mcilwain.
 - November 11, 2019, spoke on climate adaptation on farming and irrigation technologies at the International Sustainable Agricultural Expo.
 - Conference call with State Board liaison Dorene D'Adamo regarding the topics that would be discussed at this meeting.
- Vice Chair Gray
 - September 23, 2019, met with Abbie Taylor-Silva and Sarah Gomez.
 - October 3, 2019, homelessness workshop report. Vice Chair Gray thanked everyone for their assistance on the workshop and provided a summary of the information presented during the workshop and highlighted the Central Coast Water Board website for homelessness.
- Member Delgado
 - Reported on the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

- Member Hunter
 - October 3, 2019, attended the homelessness workshop, thanked Vice Chair Gray for all her work.
 - October 15, 2019, met with Sara Lopez, Preservation Inc. and Abby Taylor-Silva.
 - Provided Environmental Justice report.

- Member Johnston
 - Attended Assemblymember Mark Stone's annual environmental breakfast at the Moss Landing Research Lab; Jared Blumenfeld, CalEPA, gave a presentation.
 - October 29-30, 2019, WQCC in Sacramento
 - December 5, 2019, met with Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau, and Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California.
 - November 4, 2019, Community Water Center dialog at Watsonville City Hall regarding Pajaro Valley water issues.

- Member Young
 - Appointed by the Santa Barbara City Council to the city water commission. It advises the city on many things that overlap with what the Central Coast Water Board regulates. It is an advisory position only.

Discussion/Informational Items

5. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation in the Central Coast Region
[Diane Kukol, 805/542-4637, Diane.Kukol@waterboards.ca.gov]

Item 5 was an informational item to provide the Board with an overview of SGMA and how water quality issues are addressed by SGMA. The primary emphasis of this item was for guest speakers to inform the Board on (1) administration of SGMA by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Board Office of Research, Planning, and Performance (ORPP) and (2) SGMA implementation by various groundwater management agencies in the region.

Speakers were:

- Gary Peterson, General Manager, Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Craig Altare, Chief of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review Section, Statewide Groundwater Management, DWR
- Natalie Stork and Katherine Dlubac, Groundwater Management Program, ORPP, State Water Board
- Garrett Haertel, Deputy District Engineer, San Benito County Water District

- Brian Lockwood, General Manager, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced the item and informed the Board that SGMA does not define a role for the regional water boards. Prior to introducing guest speakers, Diane Kukol (senior of the ILRP Groundwater Unit) reiterated this fact and reported that Central Coast Water Board staff (Daniel Pelikan and James Bishop, in coordination with State Water Board staff) have been reviewing various groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) and attending advisory committee meetings in the same capacity as members of the general public. The Board engaged each of the speakers in a dialogue to better understand how groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) are required to address water quality concerns in their respective GSPs and how Central Coast Water Board staff comments on GSPs are addressed by GSAs, DWR, and the State Water Board.

The following persons provided public comments:

- Steve Shimek, Otter Project
- Heather Lukacs, Community Water Center

6. Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

[Greg Bishop, 805/549-3132, Greg.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov]

Greg Bishop presented to the Board information on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are a group of man-made chemicals that include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). The presentation included information on uses, chemistry, analytical test methods, human health effects, current regulatory status, exposure pathways, fate and transport, and remediation techniques. The presentation also included a status update on the current State Water Board and the Central Coast Water Board's PFAS groundwater investigations at landfills, airports, and plating facilities and the outreach efforts conducted locally to date. There was also an overview of available drinking water systems sampling results. Representatives of the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water and the Division of Water Quality were present and answered several Board questions.

Public Forum

7. Public Speakers:

- None

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately **5:30 p.m.**

Friday, December 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Friday, December 13, 2019, at 9:05 a.m.

Board Business

8. Roll Call/Introductions

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,
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Present: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Introductions:

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; Matthew Keeling, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, Angela Schroeter, and Thea Tryon.

Seniors introduced new staff, promotions, and retirements:

Dominic Roque – Mike Sandecki, Wildfire and Fire Reduction Engineering Geologist

Matthew Keeling – Administrative staff: Jerilynn Riordan, Staff Services Analyst, and Kimberly Chandler, Associate Governmental Program Analyst.

Angela Schroeter – Melissa Daugherty, promotion to Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist

Mary Hamilton – John Inman, Scientific Aide

Phil Hammer – Kathleen Hicks, Environmental Scientist in the 401 Certification Program

Greg Bishop – Colin Barger, Student Assistant

John Robertson – Mike McKee, retirement

Jean-Pierre Wolff – announced that the Board had hired Matthew Keeling as the new Executive Officer.

9. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Laurel Firestone, 916/341-5627]

Ms. Firestone was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Forum

10. Public Speakers:

- None

Uncontested Items

11. Consideration of proposed Order No. R3-2019-0099, *Termination of Individual Waste Discharge Requirements Orders for Cambria Community Services District Class II Surface Impoundment in San Luis Obispo County; San Jerardo Cooperative, Inc. Wastewater Treatment Plant in Monterey County; and Goleta Sanitary District in Santa Barbara County*
[Jennifer Epp, 805/594-6181, Jennifer.Epp@waterboards.ca.gov]

The Board adopted Order No. R3-2019-0099 with no Board or public comments.

Motion: Member Delgado

Seconded by: Member Johnston

Aye: Vice Gray, Member Delgado, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Chair Wolff (was out of the room at the time of the vote)

Motion Carried: 5-0

12. Consideration of proposed Order No. R3-2019-0046, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Santa Barbara El Estero Water Resource Center Discharge to the Pacific Ocean*. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County
[Peter von Langen, 805/549-3688, peter.vonlangen@waterboards.ca.gov]

Item 12 on the consent calendar was for renewal of the El Estero Water Resource Center NPDES permit. Bruce Delgado requested that the Chair remove the item from the consent calendar to ask general questions about language in the Standard Provisions section of the permit in the and followed up with general questions regarding enforcement options. Michael Johnson asked questions regarding the climate change reports by the City required by the Order. The Order was adopted by the Board unanimously.

Motion: Member Delgado

Seconded by: Vice Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Gray, Member Delgado, Member Hunter, and Member Johnston

Nay:

Abstain: Member Young

Absent:

Motion Carried: 5-0

Discussion/Informational Items

13. Salinas Basin Agricultural Stewardship Group – Status of Interim Replacement Water Settlement Agreement: Year 3
[Angela Schroeter, 805/542-4644, Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov]

Angela Schroeter provided information to the Board on the history of the Salinas Basin Agricultural Stewardship Group (SBASG) and Interim Replacement Water Agreement. As part of Item 13, Parry Klassen, Kayla Cathers, and Courtney Jallo, representing SBASG and the Coalition for Urban/Rural Environmental Stewardship (CURES), provided a presentation to the Board on progress made to implement the agreement during year three of agreement. The Board discussed the need to improve effective outreach and increase the number of small systems and domestic well users receiving interim replacement drinking water in the Salinas Basin. As a next step, the Water Board's team will coordinate with SBASG to discuss how to proceed for the fourth year.

Administrative Items

14. Executive Officer's Report

[John Robertson, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
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No discussion.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately **12:03 p.m.**

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair