
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Video and Teleconference Meeting Only

No Physical Meeting Location

(Authorized by and in furtherance of
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#))

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Friday, September 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Friday, September 25, 2020, at 9:02 a.m.

Board Business

6. Roll Call

[[Tammie Olson](#), Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,
Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Present: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Jeff Young

7. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[[Matthew Keeling](#), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

Executive Officer Matthew Keeling introduced:

- Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; Frances McChesney, legal counsel, Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, and Angela Schroeter.
- State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo.

New staff/Retirements

- Senior engineer Jennifer Epp introduced Danial Woldearagay, a new water resources control engineer.
- Ms. Epp introduced and read a retirement resolution for Jon Rokke
 - Speakers:
 - Jennifer Epp, Matt Keeling
 - The Board members thanked Mr. Rokke for all of his work,

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- Howard Kolb, Tammie Olson, Cecile Blancarte, Harvey Packard, John Robertson, Alejandra Celio, and Jose Cortez
- John Robertson, retired executive officer, introduced Howard Kolb and presented a retirement resolution.
 - Speakers:
 - Matt Keeling
 - The Board members thanked Mr. Kolb for all of his work.
 - Katie McNeil, Julia Dryer, Cecile Blancarte, Kristina Olmos, Alejandra Celio, Jon Rokke, Jennifer Epp, Karen Worcester, Chris Rose, Tammie Olson, Alexandra Coblentz, Chris Adair, Harvey Packard

Motion: Member Jeff Young moved to approve both resolutions for Jon Rokke and Howard Kolb

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

8. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 16-17, 2020

Motion: Vice Chair Gray moved to approve minutes

Seconded by: Member Johnston

Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston and Member Young

Motioned Carried: 5 to 0

9. Reports by Regional Board Members

Chair Wolff

- August 7, 2020, monthly conference call with State Board liaison Dorene D'Adamo and Matthew Keeling.
- August 10, 2020, monthly Chairs' call regarding the upcoming Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting in October.
- August 13, 2020, Driscoll's virtual farm tour with Tannis Thorlakson, Soren Bjorn, and Chris Matthews, (grower) Alta Vista Farms.
- August 17, 2020, meeting with ag partners: Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association; Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau.
- August 24, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper.
- September 3, 2020, Cal Poly Executive Board Meeting regarding the fire at Swanton ranch.
- September 8, 2020, monthly Chairs' call.
- September 9, 2020, zoom telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper.

- September 9, 2020, monthly conference call with State Board liaison Dorene D'Adamo and Matthew Keeling.
- September 14, 2020, Abby Taylor-Silva facilitated a virtual meeting with Richard Smith, crop advisor, and Michael Cahn, farm advisor.

Vice Chair Gray

- August 7, 2020, meeting with ag partners: Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association; Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau.
- August 14, 2020, Driscoll's virtual farm tour with Tannis Thorlakson, Soren Bjorn, and Chris Matthews, grower with Alta Vista Farms.
- September 1, 2020, meeting with Sarah Lopez.
- September 4, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper, regarding draft ag order (two separate calls).
- September 9, 2020, Abby Taylor-Silva facilitated a virtual meeting with Richard Smith, crop advisor, and Michael Cahn, farm advisor.

Member Hunter

- Driscoll's virtual farm tour with Tannis Thorlakson, Soren Bjorn, and Chris Matthews, (grower) Alta Vista Farms.
- September 1, 2020, telephone call with Kay Mercer, Provost and Prichard
- September 1, 2020, meeting with ag partners: Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Claire Wineman of Grower-Shipper Association, Norm Groot – Monterey County Farm Bureau, Mark Mason farm advisor.
- September 3, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper.
- September 3, 2020, call with Heather Lukacs and Debbie Ores, Community Water Center.
- September 14, 2020, Abby Taylor-Silva facilitated a virtual meeting with Richard Smith, crop advisor, and Michael Cahn, farm advisor.
- Thanked the stakeholders for reaching out to Board members.

Member Johnston

- July 28, 2020, third-party expectations workshop.
- August 13, 2020, Driscoll's virtual farm tour with Tannis Thorlakson, Soren Bjorn, and Chris Matthews, (grower) Alta Vista Farms.
- August 27, 2020, meeting with Sarah Lopez.
- August 21, 2020, meeting with ag partners: Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association; Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau., and Gail Delihant.
- September 2, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper.
- September 17, 2020, telephone call with Kay Mercer, Provost and Prichard

- September 21, 2020, virtual meeting with Richard Smith, crop advisor, and Michael Cahn, farm advisor.
- Email conversation with Amy Newel, chair of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency.

Jeff Young

- August 14, 2020, Driscoll's virtual farm tour with Tannis Thorlakson, Soren Bjorn, and Chris Matthews, (grower) Alta Vista Farms.
- August 24, 2020, meeting with ag partners: Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association; Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau.
- September 7, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper.
- September 21, 2020, Abby Taylor-Silva facilitated a virtual meeting with Richard Smith, crop advisor, and Michael Cahn, farm advisor.

10. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609]

Ms. D'Adamo gave a full report.

Public Forum

11. Public Forum:

- No speakers

Uncontested Items

12. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2020-0081, Termination of Individual Waste Discharge Requirements Order for Rancho San Marcos Golf Course, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County
[[Howard Kolb](mailto:Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/549-3332, Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov]

Mr. Keeling introduced the uncontested item.

Motion: Vice Chair Gray to approve the uncontested item

Seconded by: Member Hunter

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

Motioned Carried: 5 to 0

Waste Discharge Requirements

13. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2020-0001, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Active Class III Landfills in the Central Coast Region
[[Ryan Lodge](mailto:Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/549-3506, Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov and [Martin Fletcher](mailto:Martin.Fletcher@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/549-3694, Martin.Fletcher@waterboards.ca.gov]

Water Board staff provided an overview of the proposed general order and discussed the landfill program activities regulated, regulatory improvements compared to previous individual waste discharge requirements, the public outreach process, and comments received from interested parties.

The Board had questions regarding landfill gas, landfill lifespans, and closed landfills. The Board also discussed staff outreach to disadvantaged communities. The Board and staff also discussed climate change, disposal of debris from disasters, and landfill flood protection.

Motion: Member Hunter to approve the Proposed Order No. R3-2020-01
Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray
Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston
and Member Young
Motioned Carried: 5 to 0

14. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2020-0020, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Domestic Wastewater Systems with Flows Greater than 100,000 Gallons Per Day.

[[Howard Kolb](mailto:Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/549-3332, Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov], and [[Kelsey Gerhart](mailto:Kelsey.Gerhart@waterboards.ca.gov), (805) 594-6182, Kelsey.Gerhart@waterboards.ca.gov]

Staff summarized the staff report, including public comment, consistent effluent limitations, requirements for all wastewater systems to discharge treated wastewater protective of water quality, and requirements for monitoring to confirm protection of water quality.

The Board and staff discussed the need for additional time for wastewater systems to achieve compliance with the requirements of the general permit, specific requirements for backup systems at the wastewater treatment plants, cost impacts to upgrade or modify existing wastewater systems, and funding opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

Public comment:

- Nicholas DeBar, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Atascadero, had some questions regarding specific effluent standards in Tables 6 and 7 of the general permit. Ms. Epp indicated that compliance with effluent limitations in Tables 6 and 7 are optional with respect to alternative compliance with receiving groundwater quality objectives.

Motion: Member Gray moved approval of Item 14
Seconded by: Member Young
Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and
Member Young
Motion Carried: 5-0

15. Consideration of Proposed Resolution No. R3-2020-0024, Local Agency Management Program for San Luis Obispo County for Implementation of the State Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy.

[[Jon Rokke](mailto:Jon.Rokke@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/549-3892, Jon.Rokke@waterboards.ca.gov]

Staff engineer Jon Rokke reviewed the staff report. The LAMP establishes siting, design, operation, and maintenance criteria for onsite wastewater systems and identifies 20 focus areas within the County where nitrogen pollution is projected to either exceed or come close to the maximum contaminant limit for nitrate nitrogen at community build out. The LAMP requires enhanced treatment for new construction and major repair of OWTS in these focus areas going forward.

Board members asked general questions about the LAMP, which were answered by Jon Rokke and Cheryl Journey, San Luis Obispo County chief building official.

Motion: Member Hunter moved approval of Item 15

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

Administrative Items

16. Executive Officer's Report

[[Matthew Keeling](mailto:Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

Mr. Keeling summarized the written report.

17. Board Calendar 2021

[[Matthew Keeling](mailto:Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

Proposed meeting dates for 2021. Locations to be determined at a later date.

- January 28-29, 2021
- April 15-16, 2021
- June 17-18, 2021
- August 12-13, 2021
- October 14-15, 2021
- December 9-10, 2021

Motion: Vice Chair Gray to approve the above dates

Seconded by: Member Young

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

Motioned Carried: 5 to 0

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Total webcast viewers was 77.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair