

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region

## **MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP**

December 12, 2019, 9:02 a.m. to 12:08 p.m.  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
73-720 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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### **Roll Call (Board members only) and Introductions**

Nancy Wright, Tom Davis, Ed Muzik, Jayne Powell, and Peter Satin were present. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The workshop was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:02 a.m. on October 12, 2019 in Palm Desert, California.

### **State and Regional Water Board Staff Present:**

Paula Rasmussen, Frank Gonzalez, Katharine Buddingh, Abdi Haile, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Joan Stormo, Kai Dunn, Mary Castaneda, Hilda Vasquez, Cathy Sanford, Francisco Costa, Logan Raub, and Dan Mefford.

### **Others Present**

Sylvia Montenegro, Salton Sea Coalition Citizens Forum  
Lillian Garcia, NBPC Local 2554  
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Patricia Leal, Alianza Community Coachella Valley  
Christian Rodriguez, Alianza Community Coachella Valley  
Daniel Garcia, Alianza Community Coachella Valley

### **Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Buford Crites**

A resolution was presented to Buford Crites expressing appreciation in recognition of his nine years of service as a Colorado River Basin Water Board member.

### **Staff Awards**

Paula Rasmussen, Executive Officer, presented the Superior Accomplishment Award to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff Francisco Costa and Logan Raub.

## **1. Opening Statement – Board Chair**

Chair Wright congratulated Board members Ed Muzik and Jayne Powell on their recent reappointment to the Colorado River Basin Water Board and introduced Paula Rasmussen, the Colorado River Basin Water Board’s Executive Officer, to begin the workshop.

## **2. Workshop on Regional Water Board Priorities/Enforcement**

Introductory remarks were made by Executive Officer Paula Rasmussen stating the purpose of the workshop was to update the Board on key program areas, including on the status of prior priorities and commitments, as well as priorities for the next year in those areas.

Presentations were made by each of the individual managers of the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff on the following topics: Site Cleanup Program, Salt and Nutrient Management, Land Disposal and Landfills, Surface Water Monitoring, Water Quality Standards and Planning, National Pollutant Elimination System and Stormwater Permitting, Section 401 Water Quality Certification, Salton Sea, California-Mexico Border, and the Enforcement Program.

*\*The Board took a short break at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.*

*\*Board Member Ed Muzik left the workshop at 11:00 a.m.*

## **3. Public Comments**

Speaker Cards: Sylvia Montenegro, Salton Sea Coalition Citizens Forum  
Patricia Leal, Alianza Community Coachella Valley  
Christian Rodriguez, Alianza Community Coachella Valley

## **4. Board Direction to Staff**

The Board Chair commended staff for their work on the previous year’s priorities and instructed staff to continue meeting the goals outlined in the staff presentations for the next year. She stated that the Salton Sea and the New River continue to be a top priority for the Colorado River Basin Region.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.