



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.

In-Person and Zoom Video/Teleconference Meeting

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1. Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Jayne Powell, Ed Muzik, Beatriz Gonzalez, Vivian Perez, Peter Satin, and Nancy Wright were in attendance. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jayne Powell at 9:00 a.m. on June 14, 2022.

State and Regional Water Board Staff Present

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, David Lancaster, Mary Castaneda, Dan Mefford, CJ Jasieniecki, Kai Dunn, Jose Cortez, Jose Valle de Leon, Scot Stormo, Reginald Tan, Laurel Firestone and Andrew Tauriainen attended via Zoom.

Public Attendance

Trebor Wood, Chandler Garnet, LLC
Kaedie Kita, Granite Construction Co.

Virtual Public Attendance

Richard Haywood, SoCal Edison
Laura Fisher, Heber Public Utility District
Eduardo Gonzalez, Heber Public Utilities District
Matthew Renaud, Coachillin Energy Company, LLC
Mike Buckantz, Chandler Garnet, LLC
Jennifer Fieber, Chandler Garnet, LLC
Gary Johnson, Granite Construction, Co.

JAYNE POWELL, CHAIR | PAULA RASMUSSEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2. Public Forum

Speaker: Brad Anderson, resident, City of Rancho Mirage.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 10, 2022

Nancy Wright moved, Vivian Perez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Absent, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Board meeting.

4. Update from State Water Resources Control Board Liaison, Laurel Firestone

**This item was heard after the Contested and Discussion calendar items.*

Laurel Firestone provided updates on State Water Board activities.

Uncontested Calendar of Items for Adoption

The Board Chair asked for a motion to move item 7 to the Uncontested calendar to be voted on together with the other uncontested items.

Motion to move item 7 to Uncontested calendar: Nancy Wright moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to move Item 7 -Order R7-2022-0007 to the Uncontested calendar.

**Items No. 5, 6 & 7 were voted on together.*

5. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0014 and Monitoring Reporting Program – Hi-Desert Water District

Staff Contact: Adriana Godinez, WRC Engineer

Motion for adoption: Ed Muzik moved, Beatriz Gonzalez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0014.

6. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0029 – Southern California Edison Amboy Multiple “TDs” Project

Staff Contact: Kai Dunn, Senior WRC Engineer

Motion for adoption: Ed Muzik moved, Beatriz Gonzalez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0029.

Contested and Discussion Calendar of Items for Adoption

**7. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0007 and Monitoring Reporting Program – Heber Utilities District (NPDES Permit No. CA0104370)
Staff Contact: Jose Valle de Leon, WRC Engineer**

**This item was moved to the Uncontested calendar.*

Motion for adoption: Ed Muzik moved, Beatriz Gonzalez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0007.

**8. Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R7-2022-0033 – Closed Landfills
Staff Contact: Zakary Owens**

The Chair Administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this Item.

Staff provided an overview of the types of facilities that are qualified for enrollment in the proposed Closed Landfill General Order. The presentation covered the prescriptive requirements of Title 27 for solid waste disposal facilities that are in the closed phase of the facilities life, and discussion of 13 closed landfills that are currently qualified for enrollment in the General Order. Also discussed was the criteria for enrollment, requirements applicable during enrollment, and the process the Regional Water Board would implement to enroll the facilities in Proposed Order R7-2022-0033, and the criteria and process for termination. Public comments were received and addressed in the Regional Water Board's responses to comments. A brief discussion was held, and questions from the Board were addressed.

Motion for adoption: Ed Muzik moved, Beatriz Gonzalez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0033 with revisions identified in change sheet.

**9. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0028 and Monitoring Reporting Program – Coachillin Energy Company, LLC
Staff Contact: Scot Stormo, Engineering Geologist**

**Board member Nancy Wright recused herself from this item.*

The Chair Administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this Item.

Staff provided an overview regarding the updated Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) and Monitoring Reporting Program (MRP). Staff indicated that the existing permit was being updated primarily due to a change in the name of the Discharger, and the wastewater treatment system was constructed at an alternate location rather than the location anticipated when the pre-construction WDR and MRP were issued. Staff also indicated that other issues at the facility would be addressed in the future using a different regulatory mechanism. Questions from the Board and the Discharger were addressed by staff. After a brief discussion, Board member Satin requested that staff revisit this item in a couple years

Speaker: Matthew Renaud, Senior Consultant NV5, Coachillin Energy Company, LLC

Motion for adoption: Peter Satin moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Recusal.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0028 with revisions identified in the change sheet.

10. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0010 and Monitoring Reporting Program – Chandler Garnet, LLC
Staff Contact: Reginald Tan, WRC Engineer

*Board Chair Jayne Powell recused herself from this item.

Vice-Chair Muzik administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this item.

Staff provided an overview of the proposed order that covered the proposed inert debris engineered fill operation, inert waste materials and the location of the proposed operation as it pertains to the order, and discussed the public comments received.

Motion for adoption: Nancy Wright moved, Vivian Perez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Recusal, Ed Muzik – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0010 as presented to the Board.

Informational Items

11. Report from Executive Officer, Paula Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen reported the following:

- The July 1st plan for staff to return to the office is still tentative and will include a hybrid approach with telework options.
- The Water Board's Chairs meeting was held on May 20th in Sacramento, Chair Powell and Ms. Rasmussen were both in attendance.

- Staff participated in a webinar with the Pacific Institute that focused on water quality projects relating to the Salton Sea. Regional Board staff presented information regarding our activities and plans relating to the Salton Sea. (Emma McCorckle).
- Staff participated in an Eastern Coachella Valley Taskforce Meeting that provided updates regarding drinking water systems, drinking water quality, and unlicensed mobile homes. Representatives at the meeting included USEPA, elected officials, the State Water Board, Riverside County, and CalEPA.
- Mission Springs Water District held a groundbreaking ceremony at its Regional Water Reclamation Facility on June 10th. Board Members Wright and Satin participated in the event.
- A Southern California Edison project was enrolled in the statewide General Order for dredge and fill activities. The project is in the Chuckwalla Valley (Kai Dunn).
- The BNSF Railway Company enrolled in the State Water Board General Order for 401 Water Quality Certifications. The project will replace a bridge located near Ibis that is nearing its structural life expectancy (Kai Dunn).

12. Comments from the Board Members

Vice-Chair Muzik requested an update on the New River Improvement Project in Calexico. He also inquired about funding options for wastewater projects for disadvantaged communities.

Board member Wright thanked Board member Satin and Ms. Rasmussen for attending the Mission Springs Water District groundbreaking ceremony for the Regional Plant. She stated that the project is moving along quickly and suggested a visit to the facility once the project is completed.

Board member Satin expressed his pleasure in attending the groundbreaking ceremony at the Mission Springs Water District facility and was very impressed with the project overall and stated that he was thankful for the invitation to attend.

Board member Gonzalez stated she attended the Eastern Coachella Valley Taskforce Meeting. She conveyed that the meeting was very informative and appreciated that Ms. Rasmussen participated in this meeting as well.

13. Report from the Board Chair

Chair Powell expressed her thanks to the Board for participating in various local community events to show the Regional Board's presence and support.

She provided the Board with highlights from the Chair's meeting held in Sacramento on May 20th. Additionally, she mentioned that a legal training session is scheduled to be part of the Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) meeting, to be held on October 27th and 28th. She encouraged the Board members to start making reservations and travel arrangements if planning to attend

14. Closed Session

The Board members went into a closed session at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12:01 p.m. to adjourn the meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Next Board Meeting:

September 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.