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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Meeting Minutes

#### In-person/Hybrid Meeting

#### Council Chambers

#### City of Culver City

9770 Culver Boulevard.

Culver City, CA 90232

November 10, 2022

Acting Chair Stahl welcomed everyone to the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

He explained the process for participation in the virtual meeting, noting that for those who only want to listen or watch the meeting, the Board's customary webcast was available, and that the Board has Spanish translation services available through the Zoom platform for those who want to listen or participate in the meeting in Spanish. He provided instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting for those wishing to provide comments on an agenda item, and he announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Juan Carlos Juarez, one of the Spanish translators, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting in Spanish.

#### ***Item 1 – Roll Call***

Board Members Present: Norma Camacho, Irma Muñoz, David Nahai, and James Stahl

Note: Michael Méndez joined the meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Marissa Christiansen arrived late at 12:13 p.m.

Staff Present: Renee Purdy, Jenny Newman, Hugh Marley, Helen Rowe, Adriana Nuñez, Sophie Froelich, Tamarin Austin, Jennifer Fordyce, Aurel Agarín, Khalid Abdullah, Susana Lagudis, LB Nye, Russ Colby, Ching-Yin To, Arthur Heath, Adam Taing, Jillian Ly, Jeong-Hee Lim, Steven Webb, Bronwyn Kelly, and Brian Anderson

#### ***Item 2 – Order of Agenda***

Executive Officer Renee Purdy recommended moving Item 6, the Executive Officer's Report to follow Item 12. She stated that there would be no State Water Board update because State Water Board Member Firestone was unable to attend today's meeting. Board Member Méndez will join the meeting via Zoom at approximately 10:30 am to present the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair. She announced for Item 8, Public Forum, Kirk Allen with LA County Department of Public Works was granted additional time to speak. He will provide an update on the Safe Clean Water Program. Because Mr. Allen's update is complementary to Item 13, he was asked to provide his update after Item 13.

There were no objections to the recommendations.

***Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the October 13, 2022, meeting.***

MOTION: Board Member Nahai made a motion to approve the October 13, 2022, draft meeting minutes.

Seconded by: Board Member Camacho  
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea  
Marissa Christiansen - Absent  
Michael Méndez – Absent  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
David Nahai – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea

***Item 5 – Board Member Communications***

- a. Ex Parte Disclosures (Board members identified any discussions they had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.40.)

There were no ex parte disclosures reported by the Board members.

- b. Board Member Reports:

**Board Member Muñoz** reported she met with the USEPA Region IX Regional Administrator, Martha Guzman.

**Board Member Nahai** nothing to report.

**Board Member Camacho** reported on WQCC. She attended the meeting in Sacramento in-person along with the Executive Officer. She mentioned there may be a mid-year Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) meeting in the future.

**Board Member Stahl** reported on October 18, 2022, he attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Council for Watershed Health held at Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

On October 20, 2022, he attended the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) Governing Board meeting.

On October 27 & 28, 2022, he attended the WQCC meeting virtually.

On the evening of October 27, 2022, he attended the Southern California Water Coalition Annual Dinner meeting. The keynote speaker was Dorene D'Adamo, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board. She reported on the state of California water and Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy.

On November 3, 2022, he attended the 60th Anniversary of Recycled Water event at the Water Replenishment District (WRD) of Southern California Albert Robles Center in Pico Rivera.

### ***Item 8 – Public Forum***

#### ***Speakers:***

- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Sunny Wang, City of Santa Monica
- Benjamin Harris, LA Waterkeeper
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

Sunny Wang, Regional Programs Section Manager LB Nye, Asst. Executive Officer Jenny Newman and Executive Officer Renee Purdy responded to Board member comments and questions.

Executive Officer Renee Purdy and Legal Counsel, Adriana Nuñez, responded to comments by Ray Tahir.

### ***Item 4 – Selection of Regional Water Board Officers for the Remainder of 2022***

Acting Chair Stahl asked Board Member Méndez, a member of the Nominating Committee, to present the nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair. Board Member Méndez provided the committee's recommendations: Board Member Camacho for Chair and Board Member Nahai for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Board Member Muñoz made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair for the remainder of 2022.

Seconded by: Board Member Camacho  
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea  
Marissa Christiansen - Absent  
Michael Méndez – Yea  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
David Nahai – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea

**Break 10:43 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.**

***Item 12 – Information Item - Overview of Statewide Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects and Water Quality Enforcement Policy***

**Item introduction:** Renee Purdy, Executive Officer

**Staff Presentation:** Kailyn Ellison and Daniel Kippen, Office of Enforcement

Executive Officer Renee Purdy, Asst. Executive Officer Hugh Marley, Asst. Chief Counsel David Boyers and Chief Deputy Director Jonathan Bishop responded to comments and questions made by Board members.

**Speakers:**

- Ben Harris, LA Waterkeeper

***Items 9 – 11 – Uncontested Items***

MOTION: Board Member Muñoz made a motion to approve uncontested Item 9.

Seconded by: Board Member Stahl

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea  
Marissa Christiansen - Yea  
Michael Méndez – Absent  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
David Nahai – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea

MOTION: Board Member Nahai made a motion to approve uncontested Item 10.

Seconded by: Board Member Muñoz

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea  
Marissa Christiansen - Yea  
Michael Méndez – Absent  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
David Nahai – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea

MOTION: Board Member Stahl made a motion to approve uncontested Item 11.

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen - Yea  
Michael Méndez – Absent  
Irma Muñoz – Yea  
David Nahai – Yea  
James Stahl – Yea

**Lunch Break/Closed Session: 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

***Item 14 – Closed Session***

*Legal counsel, Sophie Froelich, announced the Board was going into closed session to discuss Items 14.l and 14.q.*

*(The Board met in closed session from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.)*

***Item 13 – Update on Statewide and Regional Water Resilience Efforts through Increased Water Recycling: Overview of the Governor’s August 2022 Water Supply Strategy for California, Status of Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Regulations, and Updates on Regional Recycled Water Projects by the City of LA, the Metropolitan Water District and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District***

**Item introduction:** Renee Purdy, Executive Officer

**Speakers:**

- Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board
- Randy Barnard, Technical Operations Section Chief/Manager, State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water
- Rafael Villegas, Program Manager (Operation NEXT), Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
- Hubertus Cox, Division Manager (Hyperion 2035), Los Angeles Sanitation & Environmental (LASAN)
- Martha Tremblay, Assistant Chief Engineer & Assistant General Manager, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
- Bruce Chalmers, Program Manager – Pure Water Southern California, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
- David Pedersen, General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Jennifer West, Managing Director, WaterReuse California
- Bruce Reznik, Executive Director, LA Waterkeeper

Chair Camacho opened the floor for comments and questions from the Board members periodically during the speakers’ presentations.

Speakers responded to comments and questions from Board members.

**Item 8 – Public Forum (cont.)****Speakers:**

- Jacqueline Ayer, Acton Town Council
- Kirk Allen, LA County

Due to the late hour of the Board meeting, Board Member Muñoz requested that Kirk Allen's presentation on the Safe Clean Water Program be postponed to a future Board meeting. Board Member Stahl suggested that Mr. Allen's presentation could be presented with the MS4 program update at the February Board meeting.

**Item 6 – EO Report**

The Executive Officer provided updates on the following items: 1) the DTSC Equitable Community Revitalization Grant Program, 2) the Water Boards Site Cleanup Sub-Account Program (SCAP), 3) the Southern California Salinity Coalition summit held on October 26, 2022, 4) Staff member Megan Kung's research and presentation at the annual CASQA conference on the relationship between race and impervious surfaces and stormwater runoff, and 5) her announcement that she is planning to retire from the Los Angeles Regional Water Board in early 2023.

*The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: [Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov), and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)*

**Written and submitted by Helen Rowe, Board Clerk on:** December 9, 2022

**Signature on File: Helen Rowe**