

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Celeste Cantú called the meeting to order on October 9, 2019 at 9:07 a.m. at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California 92108.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members present:**

Celeste Cantú, Vice Chair; Megan Blair; Gary Strawn; Stefanie Warren.

**Board Members absent:**

Henry Abarbanel, Ph.D., Board Chair; Eric Anderson; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D.

**Staff present:**

David Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, Leah Lorch, Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran, Cleo Munoz, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Regan Morey, Chiara Clemente, Jill Harris, Mike Porter, Ben Neill, Keith Yaeger, Sarah Mearon, Kelly Dorsey, Cynthia Gorham, Wayne Chiu, Christina Arias, Roger Mitchell, Sherrie Komeylyan, Chad Loflen, David Barker, Vicente Rodriguez, Craig Carlisle, Alan Monji, Tanya Nelson, Brandon Bushnell, Fisayo Osibodu.

**Remote attendance:**

Kelly Fuller, Jason DuMond, Betty Fetscher, Hiram Sarabia, Amy Grove, Darren Bradford, Nicole Gergans, Mireille Garcia, Jody Ebsen, Kristin Schwall, Joann Lim.

**Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:**

State Water Resources Control Board – Catherine Hagan, Vincent Vu, Office of Chief Counsel; California Court Reporting – Elise Hicks

**Public Attendance:**

Fred Sandquist, David Hill, Jim Brown  
*Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation*

Michael R. Welch  
*Michael Welch Consultants*

Tershia d'Elgin, Diego Lynch  
*San Diego Canyonlands Maple Canyon  
Project*

Ruth Kolb, Kyra Barboza  
*City of San Diego*

Murray Rowe, Barbara Dove  
*Lake San Marcos Community  
Association*

Matt Little  
*City of San Marcos*

Kerry Stack  
*Hollandia Dairy*

Kyehee Kim, Brianna Martin, Steve Figgins, Jo Ann Weber, Dinna Morris  
*County of San Diego*

Nicolette Rozas  
*Vallecitos Water District*

Nick Buhbe  
*CDC/Great Ecology*

Kasey Skrivseth  
*Enthalpy*

Karen Holman  
*Port of San Diego*

Francesca de Leon, Tyler Huff  
*Wood PLC*

Nick Cochran  
*Weston Solutions*

Alicia Appel  
*City of Escondido*

Raul Hernandez  
*Driscoll, Inc.*

Andy Kohler  
*Pace Water*

Jesse Anderson  
*JE Anderson Sales*

**BOARD MEETING**

***Public comments on agenda items were limited to 3 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair***

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Tershia d'Elgin provided an update on the Maple Canyon project.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**1. Minutes of Board Meeting:**

- [September 11, 2019](#)

**Motion:**

- Ms. Warren moved to adopt the proposed minutes

**Second:**

- Mr. Strawn

**MOTION CARRIED:**

- ([Minutes09112019](#))

**Aye:**

- Ms. Blair
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Ms. Cantú

**Nay:**

- None.

**Absent:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Dr. Olson
- Dr. Abarbanel

**Abstain:**

- None.

- Chairman's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports. *These items were for Board discussion only. Public testimony was not allowed, and the Board took no formal action.***

Ms. Cantú and Ms. Warren invited the public to attend the Environmental Justice Town Hall on October 19 in Chula Vista.

Mr. Gibson presented Superior Accomplishment Awards to Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, and Cleo Muñoz. He also stated that there will be a stakeholder outreach meeting at Padre Dam Municipal Water District on October 23.

- Future Agenda Items: *Board members discussed items for possible inclusion on future agendas***

Ms. Warren asked for a follow-up meeting with Balboa Park officials to discuss, among other items, their low impact development, stormwater management, and water conservation efforts.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- WDR Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 83-09 and Addenda thereto, Waste Discharge Requirements for Julian Sanitation District (Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164). (*Sherrie Komeylyan*)

Mr. Gibson responded to Board Member questions on the Consent Calendar

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:**

- Mr. Strawn

**Second:**

- Ms. Warren

**MOTION CARRIED:**

- (Order No. [R9-2019-0164](#))

**Aye:**

- Ms. Blair
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Ms. Cantú

**Nay:**

- None.

**Absent:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Dr. Olson
- Dr. Abarbanel

**Abstain:**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

***Presentation slides are available upon request. Please send an email to [sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov).***

5. Update on Restoration of Lake San Marcos. *(Sarah Mearon)*

After her presentation, Ms. Mearon introduced Nick Buhbe from CDC and Steve Figgins representative of the public agencies, who also gave presentations and responded to Board Member questions.

Ben Neill responded to Board member questions.

*Acting Chair Cantú called a recess at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m.*

The following stakeholders commented on this item:

- David Hill, Board Member, Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation
- Jim Brown, Board Member, Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation
- Fred Sandquist, President, Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation

**ACTION ITEM**

6. General NPDES Permit Reissuance: General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Boatyards and Boat Maintenance and Repair Facilities Adjacent to Surface Waters within the San Diego Region (Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0008). Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code Section 13287, except that ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board Meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for Board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on September 25, 2019. If the Board does not take action on October 9, 2019, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Chair, or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board Meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated. *(Vicente Rodriguez and Keith Yaeger)*

Acting Chair Cantú gave the hearing statement and administered the oath.

Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Yaeger gave their presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Karen Holman of the Port of San Diego responded to Board Member questions.

Acting Chair Cantú closed the public hearing and called for Board discussion; there was none.

**Motion to approve Order No. R9-2019-0008 with Errata:**

- Mr. Strawn

**Second:**

- Ms. Blair

**MOTION CARRIED:**

- (Order No. R9-2019-0008)  
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**Aye:**

- Ms. Blair
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Ms. Cantú

**Nay:**

- None.

**Absent:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Dr. Olson
- Dr. Abarbanel

**Abstain:**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Acting Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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Christina Blank  
Executive Assistant

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David Gibson  
Executive Officer