
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2016**

**Central Coast Water Board Hearing Room
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo**

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on January 28, 2016, at 9:05 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call **Harvey Packard, Clerk to the Board**

Water Board Members

Present:

Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez Member Delgado, Member Gray,
Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: None

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards **Lisa Horowitz McCann, Interim Executive Officer**

Chair Wolf announced that Ken Harris, former Executive Officer, had taken a new position by request of the Governor as the new Supervisor of the California Department of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources. Lisa Horowitz McCann will be serving as the interim Executive Officer until such time as permanent Executive Officer is appointed.

Chair Wolf introduced a new member of the board, Jane Gray.

Interim Executive Officer Lisa Horowitz McCann introduced Harvey Packard, Acting Clerk to the Board; Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel; Michael Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer; and John Robertson.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
[Lisa Horowitz McCann, Interim Executive Officer 805/549-3140,
Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov]

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: **Member Johnston moved that Jean-Pierre Wolff continue as Chair of the board for the next year.**

Seconded by: **Member Delgado**

MOTION CARRIED:7-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Member Johnston moved that Monica Hunter continue on as Vice-Chair to the Board.

Seconded by: Member Delgado

MOTION CARRIED:7-0

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Approval of the November 19-20, 2015 Board Meeting minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Member Delgado moved to approve the minutes

Seconded by: Member Young

MOTION CARRIED:4-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Delgado, and Member Johnston,

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Member Gray, Member Cervantez, and Member Young

5. Approval of the December 17, 2015 Special Board Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Voce Chair Hunter moved to approve the minutes.

Seconded by: Member Gray

MOTION CARRIED:5-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Gray, and Member Johnston

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Member Delgado and Member Young

6. Reports by Regional Board Members

• Vice-Chair Hunter:

- Gave a report on the state board resolution on human rights to water. She will be attending the Environmental Justice tour on March 7, working with UCLA on

water treatment system. She also recognized staff efforts to work with Department of Drinking Water.

- Board Member Delgado:
 - He was unable to attend the December special meeting, but is supportive of decision on interim Executive Officer. He is also interested in hearing about the Executive Officer selection process

- Chair Wolff:
 - November 23, 2015, toured the Pismo Preserve hosted by the Land Conservancy.
 - December, 1, 2015, Senator Monning's office regarding climate change and the current resources available to the RCDs. El Nino preparation.
 - December 2, 2015, San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting.
 - December 16, 2015, general staff meeting at Central Coast Water Board.
 - January 22, 2016, met in Sacramento with Tom Howard, Executive Director of the State Board, Gordon Burns of the Governor's office, and Ms. Jenny Lester Moffitt, CDFA Deputy Secretary, regarding total nitrogen applied data. They will continue to have quarterly meetings. Lisa McCann, Harvey Packard, and Chris Rose also attended.

- Member Johnston, Member Cervantez, Member Young, and Member Gray
 - Nothing to report

7. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Steven Moore 916/341-5624]
A report was given by Steven Moore.

8. Intentionally left blank

Public Forum

9. Public forum will be heard directly after the lunch break, **not before 1:30 p.m.** Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. Comments will generally be limited to three minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should contact the Executive Officer at least one week prior to the meeting. Comments regarding matters that are scheduled for a future meeting will be restricted.

Speakers:

- Patrick McGibbney, Sierra Club
- Keith Wimer, Sierra Club
- Steve Shimek, the Otter Project/ Monterey Coastkeeper
- Chuck Cesena
- Richard Margetson
- Abby Taylor-Silva
- Kay Mercer

Enforcement

10. Enforcement Report

[Thea Tryon 805/542-4776, Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov]

Several board members had questions about violations at the California Men's Colony and other facilities.

Discussion/Informational Items

11. Transformation and Recovery: Santa Rosa Channel Island, 20 Years after Issuance of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 95-064, Presentation by Kate Faulkner, National Park Service, Channel Islands National Park

[Howard Kolb, 805/549-3332, Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov]

Interim Executive Officer Lisa Horowitz McCann introduced the item and Kate Faulkner of the National Park Service to the Board. Ms. Faulkner discussed the history of the island and long-term grazing management practices that impacted terrestrial habitat and water quality. In the 1800s, sheep were introduced to the island. In the late 1800s sheep were replaced by cattle. In 1998 the cattle were removed.

The removal of cattle improved water quality, reduced soil erosion, increased woody plant species, increased endangered species growth, and improved water capture and retention on Santa Rosa Island. The National Park Service will continue to monitor the island and provide information to the Water Board as requested.

Michael Thomas emphasized that the Water Board goal was improved cattle management to protect water quality, not removal of cattle.

Board members were invited to visit the island.

12. Status of Water Board Programs and Regulations to Protect Water Quality from Cannabis Cultivation Facilities

[Cris Carrigan, Director of Office of Enforcement, (916) 341-5272

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Erin Mustain, Senior Water Resources Engineer in the State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Enforcement, described the Office of Enforcement's efforts in the North Coast, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to regulate cannabis cultivation. Both Regional Water Boards have developed regulatory orders and are implementing them now. Recent state laws require the Regional Water Quality Control Boards to regulate cannabis cultivation.

Board members had questions and comments about how the program would be implemented in the central coast and the status of local agency efforts. Lisa Horowitz McCann explained that we do not yet have staff resources for this effort, though we expect to have some in the next fiscal year, and that we have already started some coordination with local agencies.

Administrative Items

13. Budget and Priorities

[Lisa Horowitz McCann, 805/549-3140, Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov]

Lisa Horowitz McCann and Michael Thomas presented a brief description of the development of the Water Board's Vision, Measurable Goals and priorities. They further explained how the current budget allocates resources aligned with the priorities and, further, that staff implements or directs programs and individual projects per the current priorities.

Board members commented on the priorities and suggested changing the language to "promote" cleanup or protection, rather than "prevent" degradation. They also identified strategies to address sea water intrusion and asked staff to identify the actions currently being implemented, such as promoting and permitting recycled water projects to replenish groundwater. They commented on and asked questions about the staff process for making budget decisions and aligning work with priorities.

Board members requested more information to show what, when and how Board members can provide meaningful budget input, both to help direct distribution of current resources and to seek additional resources for underfunded or new work aligned with priorities.

14. Executive Officer's Report

[Lisa Horowitz McCann, 805/549-3140, Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov]

Lisa Horowitz McCann updated the Board and answered questions regarding the report.

Speakers:

Patrick McGibbney, Sierra Club

Keith Wimer, Sierra Club

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair