

## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2025, 9:05 am to 10:24 am

In-Person and Zoom Video/Teleconference Meeting

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### Introductory Matters

#### 1. Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Satin at 9:05 am on February 11, 2025.

The Board Clerk conducted a roll call of Board Members physically present at the meeting. Peter Satin, Vivian Perez, Beatriz Gonzalez, Ed Muzik, and Nancy Wright were present. Azucena Beltran-Serrano arrived at 9:11 am.

The Board Chair determined that a quorum was physically present at the meeting location.

#### State and Regional Water Board Staff Present

Michael Placencia, Cassandra Owens, David Lancaster, Mary Castaneda, Dan Mefford, CJ Jasieniecki, Logan Raub, Alyssa Duro, Emma McCorkle, Michael Perez, Angela Garcia, and Jeff Fitzsimmons. Laurel Firestone attended remotely via Zoom.

#### Public Attendance

Andy Malone, West Yost Associates  
Zoe Rodriguez del Rey, Coachella Valley Water District  
Jared Dawson, Coachella Valley Water District  
Sarah Rapolla, Desert Water Agency

## **Remote Public Attendance**

Nancy Del Castillo, United For Justice, Inc.  
Lillian Garcia, United For Justice, Inc.  
Douglas Messier, Southern California Gas Company  
Phillip Crader, Southern California Gas Company  
Ileanna Figueroa, Southern California Gas Company  
Geoff Forner, Vidal Energy Project  
Omar Habbal, Vidal Energy Project  
Victoria Edwards, Vidal Energy Project  
Matt McCaffrey, Vidal Energy Project  
Catrina Gomez, Vidal Energy Project  
Marlee Nelson, Court Reporter

## **2. Public Forum**

Speaker; Nancy Del Castillo, United For Justice, Inc.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of December 10, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion to approve Item 3: Beatriz Gonzalez moved, Nancy Wright seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was passed to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024.

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

The State Water Board Liaison, Laurel Firestone, presented an update on State Board actions, and strategies for statewide and regional activities.

## **5. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for Year 2025**

Chair Satin nominated Vice-Chair Perez for Chair, and Vice-Chair Perez nominated Board Member Gonzalez for Vice-Chair. Both Vice-Chair Perez and Board member Gonzalez accepted the nominations.

Member Muzik proposed that the current Chair and Vice-Chair continue their roles for the remainder of this meeting. The Board concurred.

Motion to approve Item 5: Nancy Wright moved, Ed Muzik seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Peter Satin – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Azucena Beltran-Serrano - Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

Motion passed to approve Item 5.

### **Uncontested Calendar of Items for Adoption**

**(Items 6-7)**

Items 6 - 7 were voted on together.

#### **6. Waste Discharge Requirements Order**

Parties: Southern California Gas Company  
Subject: Exposure Repair Project  
Location: Riverside County  
Staff Contact: Logan Raub, Senior Environmental Scientist  
([Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov))

#### **7. Waste Discharge Requirements Order**

Parties: CDH Vidal, LLC  
Subject: Vidal Energy Project  
Location: San Bernardino County  
Staff Contact: Logan Raub, Senior Environmental Scientist  
([Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov))

Motion to approve Items 6 - 8: Ed Muzik moved, Beatriz Gonzalez seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Peter Satin – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Azucena Beltran-Serrano – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye

The motion was carried to approve Uncontested Orders Items 6 - 8 as presented.

### **Information Items**

**(No Actions on Items 8 - 11)**

#### **8. Salt Nutrient Management Plan Update**

Andy Malone, Principal Geologist, West Yost Associates provided an overview of the Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan. His presentation included background information and an update on the progress of the Development Workplan and Implementation. He addressed Board comments and questions and will continue to provide periodic updates on task completions.

#### **9. Report from Executive Officer, Michael Placencia**

The Executive Officer, Michael Placencia, provided an update on activities and plans for the region. He reported that staff issued supplemental sampling work plans for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at four sites. In November, staff conducted water quality sampling jointly with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and attended a virtual meeting with the Irrigated Land Coalition and stakeholders on fish tissue sampling

updates. He stated that he approved a \$21,552.00 settlement agreement with Verdant & Celia, LLC Fairfield Inn & Suites for permit violations, and that the permittee is now in compliance. He mentioned that the recruitment and selection process is in progress to fill vacancies in the office. Lastly, he reported that the office renovation is almost complete and the target date for staff to return to the office is early March 2025.

#### **10. Comments from Board Members**

Member Muzik thanked Chair Satin for serving as Chair for the previous year and congratulated the new Chair and Vice-Chair on their new roles for the year 2025. The Board echoed his comments.

Member Wright mentioned that the California Water Environmental Association held an awards dinner in January which included various individual and local water agency award recipients. She also suggested the Board take a tour of the Topock Facility within the next year.

#### **11. Report from Board Chair, Peter Satin**

Chair Satin reported that he participated in the monthly Chair's call with the topic of discussions including the wild-fires responses, and the on-going budget negotiations between State Board and Department of Finance.

#### **Closed Session**

##### **12. Closed Session**

No closed session was held.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Next Board Meeting:

March 4, 2025 at 10:00 am

Location: Imperial, Ca.