

## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 3, 2025, 9:26 am to 10:23 am

In-Person and Zoom Video/Teleconference Meeting

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#### Introductory Matters

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

Acting Chair Peter Satin called the meeting to order at 9:26 am on June 3, 2025, in Palm Desert, California.

Less than a quorum of Board Members were physically present at the meeting location. However, Board Chair Vivian Perez requested to participate remotely in the meeting.

Legal Counsel David Lancaster addressed the Board on how to proceed under the Bagley-Keene Act (Gov. Code, § 11123.2), which allows a remotely participating Board Member to be included as part of a quorum due based on a physical or mental disability, provided that such participation was approved by the other Board Members that were physically present. As instructed by counsel, Chair Perez provided a brief description of her disability, indicating that she had a physical disability due to being placed on bedrest following a recent surgery.

At Peter Satin's request, a motion was made to approve Chair Perez's remote participation and counting towards the quorum based on physical disability. A roll call vote was taken.

The Board Clerk conducted a roll call of Board Members physically present at the meeting. Peter Satin, Ed Muzik, and Nancy Wright, Azucena Beltran-Serrano and Beatriz Gonzalez were absent.

Roll Call Vote: Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye.

Motion approved.

Acting Chair Peter Satin determined that a quorum was present for the meeting.

VIVIAN PEREZ, CHAIR | MICHAEL PLACENCIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **State and Regional Water Board Staff Present**

Michael Placencia, Cassandra Owens, David Lancaster, Mary Castaneda, Dan Mefford, CJ Jasieniecki, Michael Perez, Emma McCorkle, Ryan Culhane, Logan Raub, Alyssa Duro, Jose Cortez, Adrian Lopez, Kevin Gonzalez, Angela Garcia, Rosalyn Fleming, Samantha Shapiro, Andrea Varela, and Bradley Bowers.

## **Public Attendance**

Nate Smith, City of Banning

## **Remote Public Attendance**

Matt Sanders, Davinci Energy, LLC (Ormat Nevada)  
Debra Krupa, Ormat Nevada  
Autumn DeWoody, Consultant, City of Banning  
Sheldon Hough, Public  
Jose Angel, Public  
Marlee Nelson, Court Reporter

## **2. Public Forum**

There were no Public Speakers.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of April 1, 2025, Board meeting.

Motion to approve Item 3— Minutes for April 1, 2025 public meeting:

Ed Muzik moved, Nancy Wright seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

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

**(Items 4-7)**

Agenda Items 4-7 were voted on together.

## **4. Rescission and Substitution Order for Multiple Facilities, Regionwide**

Substitution of parties under existing orders (e.g., name changes and transfers), and/or rescissions of existing orders.

Affected Orders	Actions
R7-2022-0010 Palm Springs Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation Riverside County	Substitution of Parties under Order
R7-2011-0056 Big River Elementary School Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System San Bernardino County	Substitution of Parties under Order
R7-2019-0018 North Brawley Geothermal Power Plant Imperial County	Substitution of Parties under Order
R7-2023-0017 RIV 10 Replace Existing Rockstone Protection Riverside County	Rescission of Order
R7-2023-0031 GSA Calexico East Border Crossing Station Imperial County	Rescission of Order

Staff Contact: Adrian Lopez, WRC Engineer  
([Adrian.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Adrian.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov))

## 5. Waste Discharge Requirements

Party: City of Banning  
Subject: Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project  
Location: Riverside County  
Staff Contact: Aylssa Duro, Environmental Scientist  
([Alyssa.Duro@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Duro@waterboards.ca.gov))

Speaker: Nate Smith, City of Banning

**6. Waste Discharge Requirements Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program**

Parties: California Department of Corrections  
Subject: Ironwood State Prison Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Location: Riverside County  
Staff Contact: Adrian Lopez, WRC Engineer  
([Adrian.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Adrian.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov))

**7. Waste Discharge Requirements Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program**

Parties: Salton Community Services District  
Subject: Desert Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Location: Imperial County  
Staff Contact: Adrian Lopez, WRC Engineer  
([Adrian.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Adrian.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov))

Motion to approve Items 4-7 as presented:

Nancy Wright moved, Ed Muzik seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

**Contested Calendar of Items for Adoption**

(Item 8)

**8. Waste Discharge Requirements Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program**

Parties: Imperial Community College District  
Subject: Imperial Valley College Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Location: Imperial County  
Staff Contact: Kevin Gonzalez, WRC Engineer  
([Kevin.Gonzalez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kevin.Gonzalez@waterboards.ca.gov))

This item was pulled from the agenda to be heard at a future date.

**Workshop**

**9. Workshop on Proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads for Chloride, Indicator Bacteria, and Toxicity in the Alamo River**

Staff gave a presentation on the proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads for Chloride, Indicator Bacteria, and Toxicity in the Alamo River (TMDL). Staff provided a background description, project overview, and discussed the TMDL process, objectives, the pollutant limitations to be put in place, and informed the attendees that the end of public comment period due on June 16, 2025. Staff addressed questions and comments from the Board and the public.

Speaker: Jose Angel, Public (via Zoom)

The acting Chair thanked staff for an excellent presentation

### **Information Items**

**(No Actions on Items 10-11)**

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

The Executive Officer, Michael Placencia, provided an update on activities and plans for the region. He reported that in the month of March staff coordinated sampling of the New River and also joined Fish and Wildlife staff for sampling in areas of the Salton Sea. In April, staff visited the Species Conservation Habitat to collect water quality samples from two sedimentation ponds. The data gathered will be used to support planning for projects such as beneficial use designation. In May, he attended the State Board's Annual Salton Sea Workshop in Thermal, along with Board staff, and Board Member Wright. Updates and discussions included the species conservation habitat and dust suppression projects. Senior Staff Emma McCorkle gave a presentation on Water Quality Monitoring at the workshop. Additionally, he attended an event at the Species Conservation Habitat, and the New River Improvement Ribbon Cutting in Calexico. State Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel, Board Chair Vivian Perez, County and State officials, and other regional leaders were also in attendance. Lastly, he introduced and welcomed new Regional Board staff Andrea Varela, WRC Engineer and Bradley Bowers, Engineering Geologist.

#### **11. Comments from Board Members**

Member Muzik suggested Patrick O'Dowd, former Executive Officer of the Salton Sea Authority, be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on Salton Sea activities.

Member Wright stated she attended the State Board Annual Salton Sea Workshop held in May. She commended Emma McCorkle, Senior Environmental Scientist, for her presentation at the event and for effectively responding to questions and comments from the public and State Water Resources Control Board.

#### **12. Report from Board Chair, Vivian Perez**

Chair Perez reported that she attended the Ribbon Cutting Event at the New River in May and was truly impressed with the demonstration provided on how the system operates.

**Closed Session**

**13. Closed Session**

No closed session was held.

**Adjournment**

The Board is scheduled to meet later for a Tour of the Sunnylands Center and Gardens Wastewater Treatment Facility located in Rancho Mirage, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Next Board Meeting:

July 1, 2025 at 10:00 am

Location: Hi-Desert Water District  
55-439 29 Palms Hwy.  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284