
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, Aug 21, 2026

City of Loma Linda

25541 Barton Road

Loma Linda, CA 92354

And via Video and Teleconference (Gov. Code, § 11123.2)

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scandura called the meeting to order with a quorum on Friday, Aug 21, 2026, at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 1. INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

***Indicates that attendance was virtual.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair John Scandura

Vice Chair Gloria Alvarado

Board Member Kristine “Kris” Murray

Board Member Sixto “Al” Lopez

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Board Member Letitia Clark

Board Member William “Bill” Ruh

STAFF PRESENT

Eric Lindberg, Executive Officer

Brian Covellone, Assistant Executive Officer

Vanessa Fuerte, Clerk to the Board

Dan Mefford, Information Technology Specialist I

Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate

Nick Amini, Branch Manager, Surface Water and Agriculture Branch

Jagroop Khela, Branch Manager, Planning, Implementation and Permitting Branch

Alan Kuoch, Branch Manager, Groundwater Protection Branch

Adam Fischer, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

JOHN SCANDURA, CHAIR | ERIC LINDBERG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hero Alexander, Environmental Scientist

STATE WATER BOARD PRESENT

Heraclio Pimentel, Regional Board Counsel

Lori Okun, Attorney

Desta Matsuda, Attorney

COURT REPORTER PRESENT

Marlee Nelson***

SPANISH INTERPRETERS PRESENT

Pepe, Audio Technician

Angelica Ortiz-Cichock, Interpreter

Anabella Tidona, Interpreter

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE PRESENT

Don Ra, District Supervisor of San Bernardino

Arlene Chun, Engineer Manager for San Bernardino County

Ryan Kerns, Chief of Watershed Protection Riverside County

Amanda Carr, Deputy Director of Orange County Public Works

Gregory Newmark, County of San Bernardino

Mark Grey, Principal Technical Director of Southern California

Robert Gonzalez, Teamsters Local 1932

Sarah Spinuzzi, Orange County Coast Keeper

Ray Heimstra, Orange County Coast Keeper

Note: List of public participants compiled from speaker cards and a voluntary sign-in sheet. Not all present are captured on this list.

ITEM 2 BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

The Reappointments of Chair John Scandura and Board Member Al Lopez have both been formally confirmed by the State Senate and each will continue to serve on the Santa Ana Water Board for an additional four-year term.

ITEM 3. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Pollutants in Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, Order R8-2026-0034 (NPDES No. CAS618000)

Hero Alexander provided a presentation on the Tentative Order regulating urban runoff from MS4s in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Which included recent revisions and clarifications, while also addressing unresolved questions and concerns that developed from the previous hearing held on July 24, 2026.

Presentations were made on behalf of the permittees by Amanda Carr, Chris Bland, and Ryan Kearns.

Break: 10:11 a.m.-10:25 a.m.

Break: 12:18 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Board members asked clarifying questions of the permittees and staff. Staff made closing remarks. The board deliberated in open session.

Note that Board members Ruh and Clark recused themselves from this item previously and did not attend this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered a closed session at 12:49 p.m. – 2:01 p.m. to discuss item 3, pursuant to government code section 11126 subdivision C3.

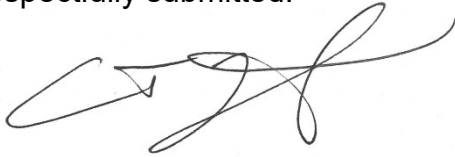
Upon return to open session, the board directed staff to prepare a presentation for the next meeting related to enforcement and penalties for bacteria concentrations above receiving water limits.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned to the next regular Board meeting scheduled for September 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Scandura adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ETL', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

ERIC T. LINDBERG, PG CHG
Executive Officer

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