

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION  
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Celeste Cantú opened the meeting December 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Room 108, San Diego, California 92108.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members present:**

Celeste Cantú, Board Chair; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Megan Blair, Gary Strawn, and Stefanie Warren (remote).

**Staff present:**

David Gibson, Chris Blank, Jeremy Haas, Vicente Rodriguez

**Staff remote attendance:**

Kelly Dorsey, Brandi Outwin-Beals

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

Vincent Vu (remote), Alex Sauerwein (remote), Office of Chief Counsel; Mayumi Okamoto, Office of Enforcement; Lisa McCann, State Water Resources Control Board; Elise Hicks (remote), California Reporting.

**Public Attendance:**

Present:

Natalie Clagett <i>Coast Law</i>	Phillip Musegaas, Executive Director <i>San Diego Coastkeeper</i>
Jason Giffen, Vice President, Planning & Environment; Stephanie Bauer <i>Port of San Diego</i>	Morgan Rogers, Area Operations Manager <i>South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP)</i>
Paige Copenhaver <i>County of San Diego</i>	

Remote attendance:

Megan Doran, Land Use Environmental Planner <i>County of San Diego</i>	Jared Pache, Community Resident
Chris Helmer, Environmental and Natural Resources Director <i>City of Imperial Beach</i>	Matt O'Malley
Lauren Case	Livia Beaudin, Legal Director <i>Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation (CERF)</i>
Isela Canava, PE Operations; Xochitl Aranda, Chief, Operations and Maintenance Division <i>International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)</i>	

**BOARD MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item 1** – Time Schedule Order: Consideration of a Time Schedule Order to be issued to the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission for Discharges to the Pacific Ocean Through the South Bay Ocean Outfall from the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (Tentative Time Schedule Order No. R9-2023-0189). (*Vicente Rodriguez*)

Chair Cantú gave an opening statement and administered the oath.

Vicente Rodriguez gave the staff presentation and responded to questions from the Board Members and the public.

Morgan Rogers presented on behalf of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) and responded to questions from the Board Members and the public.

Mr. Gibson also responded to questions from the Board Members and the public.

*Chair Cantú called a recess at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.*

The following stakeholders commented on the item:

- Phillip Musegaas, Executive Director, San Diego Coastkeeper
- Jason Giffen, Vice President, Planning & Environment, San Diego Unified Port District
- Chris Helmer, Environmental and Natural Resources Director, City of Imperial Beach

Chair Cantú closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to adopt the proposed Time Schedule Order R9-2023-0189.

**Motion to adopt Amendment No. 5 and Order No. R9-2023-0189:**

- Mr. Strawn

**Second:**

- Dr. Olson

**Aye:**

- Ms. Blair
- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

**Nay:**

- None

**Absent:**

- None

There being no further business, Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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Christina A. Blank  
Executive Assistant

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David W. Gibson  
Executive Officer