
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, July 14, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street - 4th Floor (New Building)
Watsonville**

**Educational Field Trip
Managed Aquifer Recharge Facilities Near Watsonville**

Thursday, July 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2017, at 8:41 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140, Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Present: Chair Wolff, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[John Robertson, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov]

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Jessica Jahr, legal counsel; Michael Thomas, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Thea Tryon, and Angela Schroeter.

3. Approval of May 11-12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Delgado made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Mr. Hubner's comments.

Motion: Member Delgado
Seconded by: Member Gray
Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: **None**
Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter,
MOTION 6-0
CARRIED:

4. Report by Regional Board Members

- Chair Wolff
 - May 25, 2017, California Waterscape, San Francisco Bay area
 - June 6, 2017, San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee addressing Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - June 9, 2017, San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee
 - June 9, 2017, Water Quality Control Committee phone meeting
 - July 5, 2017, City of Morro Bay staff with Water Board staff concerning the wastewater treatment plant in Morro Bay.
 - July 6, 2017, Disadvantaged communities meeting at Water Board office
 - July 6, 2017, Strawberry Commission at the Water Board office
 - July 10, 2017, Morro Bay City staff and Water Board staff regarding the wastewater treatment plant and options to relocate the plant
 - July 11th, 2017, Morro Bay City Council public hearing regarding relocation of plant
- Member Gray
 - Total Nitrate Applied workshop in Santa Maria, sponsored by the Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, Member Young:
 - Nothing to report

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609]

On Friday, Ms. D'Adamo provided a presentation and a report on State Water Resources Control Board activities.

Uncontested Items

6. Terminate Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for Joseph Gallo Farms Feed Lot, Gonzales, Monterey County, Order No. R3-2010-0004
[Sheila Soderberg, 805/549-3592, sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov]
7. Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements and Reissuance of NPDES Permit for Olive Springs Quarry, Soquel, Santa Cruz County, Order No. R3-2017-0018
[Katie Disimone, 805/542-4638, katie.disimone@waterboards.ca.gov]

8. Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nature Quality Company Cold Storage and Vegetable Processing, Santa Clara County, Order No. 95-53
[Cecile DeMartini, 805/542-4782, cecile.demartini@waterboards.ca.gov]

Motion: Member Gray

Seconded by: Member Delgado

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter

Abstain

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Speakers:

- Steve Shimek, Otter Project , Monterey Coastkeeper

Enforcement

9. Informational Item on Cambria Community Services District, Emergency Water Supply Project, Cambria, San Luis Obispo County, Settled Administrative Civil Liability Complaint Order No. R3-2017-0015
[Thea Tryon/ 805-542-4776, Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov]

Thea Tryon, Enforcement Coordinator for the Central Coast Water Board, provided an overview of the resolved administrative civil liability complaint that was issued to Cambria Community Services District for late reporting violations. Staff engineer Jon Rokke and Assistant Executive Officer Michael Thomas and Paul Ciccarelli, counsel with the Office of Enforcement, also addressed the Board.

Speakers:

- Tina Dickason, resident
- Jerry Gruber, General Manager, Cambria Community Services District

10. Cambria Community Services District, Emergency Water Supply Project, Cambria, San Luis Obispo County, Consideration of Cease and Desist Order No. R3-2017-0016
[Jon Rokke/ 805-549-3892, Jon.Rokke@waterboards.ca.gov]

The Executive Officer introduced the item and explained the separation of functions between the Prosecution Team and Advisory Team. The Executive Officer briefly summarized the proposed cease and desist order (CDO) and indicated that the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) had agreed to the terms of the CDO as proposed. Jon Rokke of the Prosecution Team gave a presentation describing the regulatory background and violation history for the CCSD, and provided a detailed review of the CDO's requirements.

Tim Carmel, attorney for the CCSD, indicated the CCSD agreed with the proposed CDO and was likely to close and repurpose the surface impoundment to comply with the CDO. Jerry Gruber, General Manager of the CCSD, and Amanda Rice, CCSD Board of Directors President, summarized the events resulting in noncompliance, efforts to resolve noncompliance, and outlined possible options for disposal of surface impoundments brine and limitations and costs related to trucking wastewater. CCSD representatives requested

that the Water Board and staff consider costs in determining a reasonable timeline for disposal of surface impoundment contained waste.

The Board heard public comment from members of the public and deliberated on Item 10 during closed session. The Prosecution Team, Advisory Team, and CCSD discussed potential revisions to the CDO, including the addition of a compliance date. CCSD staff disagreed with the proposed changes and indicated their Board had only agreed not to contest the CDO as originally proposed. The Board did not revise the CDO and provided the following direction to the Executive Officer:

“Any workplan approval must be of sufficient detail to ensure that all current permit terms will be met at all times. If the pond continues in operation into the rainy season, the workplan must also incorporate the technical requirements of option 1 listed in the CDO. The third requirement may be satisfied by a demonstration that the liner system has not leaked. The second and fourth requirement may be satisfied through a third party who is approved by the Executive Officer, determining that the impoundment currently has the capacity to contain, and prevent inundation from, the 1,000-year, 24-hour precipitation event and that the five-foot separation from the bottom of the surface impoundment will be maintained. The workplan shall include a timeline for removing all wastes from the surface impoundment at the earliest possible date, but not to exceed five years.”

Prosecution Team:

- Thea Tryon
- Jon Rokke
- Paul Ciccarelli, Office of Enforcement staff counsel
- Harvey Packard
- Michael Thomas

Board Advisory Team:

- John Robertson, executive officer
- Jessica Jahr, staff counsel

Cambria Community Services District:

- Jerry Gruber, General Manager
- Carolyn Winfrey
- Tim Carmel, legal counsel
- Amanda Rice, President

Public Speakers:

- Clive Meettrick, Cambria
- Steve Shimek, Otter Project, Monterey Coastkeeper
- Tina Dickason, Cambria
- Constance Higdon Gannon, Executive Director, Greenspace – the Cambria Land Trust
- Mary Webb, President, Greenspace – the Cambria Land Trust
- Christine Heinrich, Cambria
- Robin McDonnell, Cambria
- Becky Steinbruner (comment was read into the record)
- Tom Gray, Cambria
- Barbara Bronson Gray, Director Cambria Community Health Care District
- Cindy Steidel, Cambria

- Ted Key, Cambria
- Dewayne Lee, Cambria
- Karen Dean, Cambria
- Leslie Richards, Cambria

Motion: Member Johnston
Seconded by: Member Gray
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Cervantez, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: **None**
Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter
Abstain: Member Delgado
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Discussion/Informational Items

11. Managed Aquifer Recharge in the Central Coast Region
[Harvey Packard, 805/542-4639, Harvey.packard@waterboards.ca.gov]

Section Manager Harvey Packard introduced Chris Coburn of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County. Mr. Coburn presented information on "Enhancing Groundwater Recharge with Stormwater." The Board discussed the topic.

12. Salinas Basin Agricultural Stewardship Group - Settlement Agreement Implementation Update
[Angela Schroeter 805/542-4644, Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov]

Item 12 was an informational item to update the Board on the status of the implementation of the Replacement Water Agreement with the Salinas Basin Agricultural Stewardship Group (SBASG). Section Manager Angela Schroeter presented a brief update on the status to date, followed by David Costa and Parry Klassen, who made a presentation on behalf of SBASG. Board members discussed the status of the agreement, including how the Salinas Valley Replacement Water Agreement was related to proposed legislation SB 623. State Water Board Office of Enforcement staff members Julie Macedo and Angeles Caliso were also available to answer questions.

Speakers:

- David Costa, Salinas Basin Agricultural Stewardship Group
- Parry Klassen, Coalition for Urban/Rural Environmental Stewardship (CURES)
- Monica Gurmilan, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

13. Leave Blank

Public Forum

14. 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 pending adjudicatory matters will not be permitted.

Speakers:

- Kirk Schmidt, Executive Director, Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
- Steve Shimek, Otter Project, Monterey Coastkeeper

Friday, July 14, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

15. Roll Call / Introductions

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140, Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Present: Chair Wolff, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado (arrived after roll call 8:40), Member Gray, Member Johnston and Mr. Young.

Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Jessica Jahr, legal counsel; Michael Thomas, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Thea Tryon, and Angela Schroeter.

Mr. Robertson also introduced Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Resources Control Board Liaison.

Public Forum

16. Public Forum:

Speakers:

- Becky Steinbruner

Watershed Management and Planning

Comments on Item 17 are limited to oral comments on the changes proposed since the May 13, 2016 hearing.

17. Adopting Total Maximum Daily Loads for Sediment Toxicity and Pyrethroid Pesticides in Sediment in the Lower Salinas River Watershed, Resolution 2016-0003

[Peter Meertens, (805) 549-3869, Peter.Meertens@waterboards.ca.gov]

Project lead Peter Meertens and TMDL Program Manager Jennifer Epp presented information on the proposed TMDL. The item was a continuation of Item 18 from the May 13, 2016 Board meeting. The presentation provided background information on the project, summarized steps taken from the last hearing, presented a project timeline, summarized key stakeholder issues and staff responses, and staff made a recommendation for adoption. As part of the presentation, staff also provided a summary of the pyrethroid Basin Plan amendment recently adopted by the Central Valley Water Board.

Public comment was limited to changes made to the TMDL since the May 2016 hearing on the item and three commenters spoke on the project. Following public comment, the board asked questions of staff and commenters. The board deliberated on the item and then voted to approve the TMDL.

Motion: Member Young
Seconded by: Member Gray
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Gray, and Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: **None**
Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter
Abstain: Member Cervantez
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Speakers

- Theresa A. Dunham, Somach, Simmons & Dunn Attorneys at Law, representing the Pyrethroid Working Group
- Kay Mercer, KMI Consulting
- Abby Taylor-Sylva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

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Uncontested Items

19. Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Update the Turbidity Water Quality Objective Units of Measurement from Jackson Turbidity Units (JTU) to Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), Resolution No. 2017-0014
[Peter Meertens, (805) 549-3869, Peter.Meertens@waterboards.ca.gov]

The board had a brief discussion on the item and then voted to approve the Basin Plan amendment.

Motion: Member Gray
Seconded by: Member Johnston
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: **None**
Absent: Vice-Chair Hunter
Abstain:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Speaker:

- Kay Mercer, KMI Consulting

Administrative Items

20. Executive Officer's Report
[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov]

The Executive Officer gave his report and answered questions.

21. Board Calendar 2018

[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov]

The Board reviewed their calendars and agreed that at the next meeting they would vote on the schedule for 2018.

Friday, July 14, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

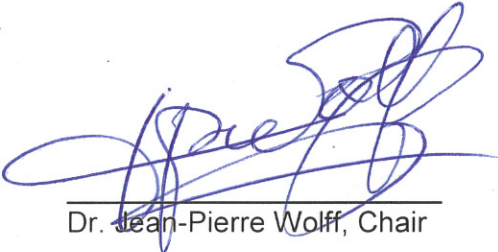
**Educational Field Trip
Managed Aquifer Recharge Projects**

22. Tour of managed aquifer recharge facilities near Watsonville. The tour will include an infiltration basin on private land near Hwy 129 east of Watsonville, PVWMA's Harkins Slough diversion facility, and PVWMA's Harkins Slough infiltration basin.

The board, staff, and, interested parties visited three locations:

1. Kelly Ranch on Highway 129 east of Watsonville. Chris Coburn of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County and landowner Mr. Kelly provided information on a planned recharge basin.
2. Harkins Slough pumping structure. Chris Coburn and Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency General Manager Brian Lockwood discussed operation of the pumping facility.
3. Harkins Slough recharge basin. Mr. Lockwood discussed operation of the basin.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:51 p.m.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair