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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

### **Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**

**No Physical Meeting Location**  
(Authorized by and in furtherance of  
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#).)

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Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Board Business**

1. Roll Call

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

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

**Absent:** none

Chair Wolff announced that Member Mayor Bruce Delgado has resigned from the Board.

Chair Wolff went on to announce the new Board Meeting guidelines for Zoom

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[matt.keeling@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:matt.keeling@waterboards.ca.gov) ]

Executive Officer Matthew Keeling introduced staff present: Stephanie Yu, staff counsel; Chris Moskal, staff counsel; Thea Tryon, the new assistant executive officer; Tammie Olson, clerk to the board; section managers Harvey Packard,

DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | MATTHEW T. KEELING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chris Rose, and Angela Schroeter; and Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Resources Control Board liaison.

Mr. Keeling also introduced the Zoom Team: Harvey Packard, Aaron Katona, Katie DiSimone, and Tammie Olson

Staff Announcements:

Ryan Lodge welcomed new employee Rachel Hohn to the office and the oil field program.

Diane Kukul and Greg Bishop announced Lauren Gordon will be changing departments and is now working for Diane on Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and site cleanup cases.

The Chair acknowledged the good work of Executive Officer Matthew Keeling since he started in the position on April 1.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. January 30-31, 2020

Motion: Vice Gray moved approval of the minutes

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

b. March 5-6, 2020

Motion: Vice Gray moved approval of the minutes

Seconded by: Member Johnston

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Abstain: Member Hunter

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 4-0

4. Reports by Regional Board Members

Chair Wolff:

- March 11, 2020, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) San Luis Obispo County meeting
- April 6, 2020, Chairs call
- April 24, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper, regarding draft ag order.
- May 22, 2020, annual Chairs meeting held on Zoom

Vice Chair Gray:

- March 25, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper, regarding draft ag order.
- Member Hunter:
  - May 13, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper, regarding draft ag order.

Member Johnston:

- May 27, 2020, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper, regarding draft ag order and additional conversation early in April.
- Telephone conversation with San Benito Foods in Hollister.

Member Young:

- Early April, telephone conversation with Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Coastkeeper, regarding draft ag order.

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

Board Member D'Adamo gave a full report.

## **Public Forum**

6. Public Speakers:
  - Steve Shimek, The Otter Project – statements clarifying his ex-parte communications with Board members and the availability of the disclosure documents on the Water Board website.
  - Becky Steinbruner – comments regarding: State Water Board's chromium-six report and relationship to Watsonville area groundwater impacts to school water systems; Santa Cruz Mid County draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and Water Board associated review and oversight of the Pure Water Soquel project.

## **Uncontested Items**

7. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2020-0005, Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo County [Katie Disimone, 805/542-4638, [Katie.disimone@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katie.disimone@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mr. Keeling provided a brief introduction of Item 7, the renewal of California Men's Colony wastewater treatment plant's discharge permit. Ms. Monica Hunter commented that she wanted to remind Mr. Wolff of his opportunities to discuss California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation compliance problems and opportunities for improvement as part of his regular discussions with State officials in

Sacramento. The proposed order was approved without further discussion or comment.

Motion: Member Johnston moved approval of item 7

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

8. Consideration of Draft Revised Order No. R3-2014-0033, Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for City of San Luis Obispo Water Resource Recovery Facility, San Luis Obispo County [Katie Disimone, 805/542-4638, [Katie.disimone@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katie.disimone@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mr. Keeling provided a brief introduction of Item 8, a modification of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) within the City of San Luis Obispo's Water and Resource Recovery Facility's discharge permit. The proposed modification was approved without further discussion or comment.

Motion: Vice Gray moved approval of item 8

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

## **Waste Discharge Requirements**

9. Consideration of General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2020-0006 for the Management and Beneficial Reuse of Petroleum-Impacted Soils on Active Oil Leases and Fee Properties in the Central Coast Region [Ryan Lodge, 805/549-3506, [Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov) and Nicholas Smaira, 805/549-3467, [Nicholas.Smaira@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Smaira@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Water Board staff provided an overview of the proposed Order and discussed the regulated activity, program improvements over the previous waiver process, the public outreach efforts, and comments received. Board member Hunter asked Water Board staff how site operators manage materials if they operate a waste pile management facility, but do not utilize material for beneficial use projects. Staff indicated that materials are hauled to properly permitted facilities for sites that only operate waste piles facilities. Board member Hunter asked about beneficial reuse project monitoring and how staff ensure projects are properly designed and installed. Water Board staff indicated the proposed Order requires an annual Beneficial Reuse Plan to ensure projects are designed and installed properly. No public comment.

Motion: Member Young moved approval of item 9

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

### **Administrative Items**

#### 10. Executive Officer's Report

[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[matt.keeling@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:matt.keeling@waterboards.ca.gov)]

The Executive Officer provided a high-level synopsis of his report focused on the Water Boards' COVID adaptation and response efforts and noted the attached standard programmatic performance tables. Member Young had questions about three of the 401 certification items. Staff agreed to follow-up on his questions after the meeting because knowledgeable staff were not on hand to answer his questions during the meeting.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately **12:01 p.m.**

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair