

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 11, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Celeste Cantú opened the meeting October 11, 2023, at 9:10 a.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; Gary Strawn, and Stefanie Warren. Eric Anderson arrived at 9:51 a.m.

**Board Members absent:**

Betty Olson, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Megan Blair

**Staff present:**

David Gibson, Chris Blank, Roger Mitchell, Jeremy Haas, Mahsa Izadmehr, Sarah Mearon, Chad Loflen, Sean McClain, Wayne Chiu, Ben Neil, Eric Becker

**Staff remote attendance:**

Kelly Dorsey, Erin Schmitt, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Brandon Bushnell, Cailynn Smith, Chiara Clemente, Jody Ebsen, Jessica Taylor, Regan Morey, Jimmy Smith, James Chhor, Laurie Walsh, Regina Coughlin, Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran, Amy Grove, Melissa Corona, Melissa Liotta, Vicente Rodriguez, Debbie Woodward, Abby Pashina, Christopher Means, Fisayo Osibodu, Kristin Schwall, Sasha Smirensky, Erica Ryan, Nicholas White, Hiram Sarabia, Mike Porter, Cleo Muñoz, Frank Melbourn

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

Vincent Vu, Alex Sauerwein, Office of Chief Counsel; Sean Sterchi, Megyn Rugh, Division of Drinking Water

**Public Attendance:**

Present:

Michael Welch <i>Michael Welch Consultants</i>	Stuart Morgan, Allison Cantu, Chantry Davis <i>U.S. Navy</i>
Najib Saadeh <i>Genentech</i>	Karen Holman, Kelly Tait, Eileen Maher <i>Port of San Diego</i>
Chris Stransky <i>WSP</i>	Vicki Kalkirtz, Kelly Baker, Cassandra Smith, Mariah Mills <i>City of San Diego</i>
Andrew Hamex <i>Kelly, Dye &amp; Warren</i>	Andrew Meyer <i>San Diego Audubon Society</i>
Dan McKirnan	Mia Gil <i>Viejas Tribal Government</i>

Remote attendance:

Allison Hill <i>Genentech</i>	
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**BOARD MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Andrew Meyer, Director of Conservation for the San Diego Audubon Society, addressed the Board regarding the Mission Bay Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP).

Chair Cantú took the following items out of order.

**Item 2** – Chairman’s, Board Members’, State Water Board Liaison’s, and Executive Officer’s Reports. *These items were for Board discussion only. Public testimony was not allowed, and the Board took no formal action.*

Nichole Morgan, the State Board liaison, was unable to attend the meeting, but she submitted a written report.

Chair Cantú presented Accomplishment Awards to Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart and Sheila Christine McQuaid-Moran.

Mr. Gibson provided an update on border water quality and the status of the International Boundary and Water Commission International Wastewater Treatment Plant, and he responded to Board Member questions about the written Executive Officer’s Report.

Mr. Strawn updated the Board regarding his work to help maintain the trout population in the local river watersheds.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Item 4** – Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Sediment Cleanups in San Diego Bay.  
(Sarah Mearon)

Wayne Chiu provided an introduction and overview of the item, followed by staff presentations by Sarah Mearon, Eric Becker, Sean McClain, and Chad Loflen, all of whom responded to Board Member questions. Mr. Chiu introduced the other speakers.

Karen Holman, Director of Environmental Protection; Kelly Tait, Manager, Environmental Protection; and Eileen Maher, Director of Environmental Conservation, presented on behalf of the Port of San Diego and responded to Board Member questions.

Chantry Davis, Environmental Compliance Division, presented for the U.S. Navy and responded to Board Member questions.

Mr. Chiu presented closing remarks.

**Item 5** – United States Coast Guard Incident Management Activities in San Diego Bay.  
(Chiara Clemente)

This item was postponed to a future Board Meeting.

*Chair Cantú called a brief recess at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:36 a.m.*

## BOARD BUSINESS

**Item 1** – Minutes of Board Meeting: September 13, 2023

**Motion to adopt the September 13, 2023 minutes:**

- Mr. Anderson

**Second:**

- Mr. Strawn

**Aye:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Mr. Strawn
- Chair Cantú

**Nay:**

- None **Absent:**
- Ms. Blair
- Dr. Olson

**Abstain:**

- Ms. Warren

**MOTION CARRIED**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

*\*Items on the consent calendar may be removed at the request of any Board member or person. If an item is removed from the consent items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent board meeting to allow input by interested persons.*

**Item 3** – Rescission of Order Nos. 88-15, 88-75, and 95-86, Waste Discharge Requirements for Shamrock Sand and Rock Corporation Aguanga Plant, Escondido Ready-Mix Concrete, Inc., and the Superior Ready Mix Concrete, L.P. Fallbrook Plant (Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0130). *(Brandon Bushnell)*

### **Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar:**

- Mr. Anderson

### **Second:**

- Ms. Warren

### **Aye:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

### **Nay:**

- None **Absent:**
- Ms. Blair
- Dr. Olson

### **Abstain:**

- None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **ACTION ITEM:**

**Item 6** – Waste Discharge Requirements: Waste Discharge Requirements for Genentech, Inc., Industrial Wastewater Reuse for Irrigation, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0014). *(Mahsa Izadmehr)*

Mahsa Izadmehr gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions. Ben Neill also responded to Board Member questions.

### **Motion to approve Tentative Order No. R9-2023-0014:**

- Mr. Anderson

### **Second:**

- Ms. Strawn

**Aye:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

**Nay:**

- None **Absent:**
- Ms. Blair
- Dr. Olson

**Abstain:**

- None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS**

**Item 7** – Future Agenda Items: Recommended Course of Action and Estimated Staff Hours to Address Action Items from the September 2023 Board Meeting. In addition, Board Members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. (*Kelly Dorsey*)

Board Members did not request any future agenda items.

There being no further business, Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.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