

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

U.C. Cooperative Extension
Agriculture Center Conference Room
1432 Abbott Street, Salinas

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street - 4th Floor
Watsonville

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 10:15 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Introductions

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

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; Emel Wadhvani, assistant chief counsel, Matthew Keeling, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Chris Rose, Thea Tryon, and Angela Schroeter.

Discussion/Informational Items

3. Agricultural Order 4.0 Requirements Discussion (item continued to Thursday)

[Chris Rose, 805/542-4770, chris.rose@waterboards.ca.gov]

[Elaine Sahl, 805/542-4645, Elaine.Sahl@waterboards.ca.gov]

DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | JOHN M. ROBERTSON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The goals of the item included 1) presenting a framework for Ag Order 4.0 regulatory requirements to the board and public and 2) receiving board direction for staff to develop a draft order. The staff report and presentation included the following five tables outlining conceptual requirement options:

1. Irrigation and nutrient management for groundwater protection
2. Irrigation and nutrient management for surface water protection
3. Pesticide management for surface and groundwater protection
4. Sediment and erosion management for surface water protection
5. Riparian habitat management for water quality protection

Staff included the five tables and a narrative for each table in the staff report but there was insufficient time during the board meeting to present and discuss Table 5. Staff instead provided a presentation and discussion on tables 1-4. In addition, there was insufficient time for the board to provide direction to staff on Ag Order 4.0 content. Staff will continue its presentation and seek the board's input on drafting Ag Order 4.0 at the May 2019 board meeting. The board rescheduled the May 2019 board meeting to May 15-17, 2019.

Oral comment and presentations were provided by interested parties on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, and Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Presentations were given by the following:

Wednesday

- Beth Vukmanic Lopez (Vineyard Team); Laura Brown (California Strawberry Commission); Adam Kotin (Wine Institute); Jane Sooby (California Certified Organic Farmers)
- Dr. Michael Cahn (U.C. Cooperative Extension, Monterey County).
- Kirk Schmidt (Sustainable Ag Water Corp.)
- Jocelyn Bridson (Rio Farms); Richard Smith (U.C. Cooperative Extension, Monterey County); Ramy Colfer (True Organics)
- Nathaniel Kane (Environmental Law Foundation)

Public Comment:

- Ann Myhre (San Ardo)
- John Skardon (Tailwater Systems)

Thursday

- Parry Klassen (Central Coast Groundwater Coalition); Tim Borel (Blanco Farms)
- Sarah Lopez (Central Coast Water Quality Preservation Inc.)
- Debi Ores (Community Water Center)
- Abby Taylor-Silva (Grower-Shipper Association of Central California); Tess Dunham (Somach Simmons & Dunn); Norm Groot (Monterey County Farm Bureau); Claire Wineman (Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties)
- Steve Shimek (Otter Project); Greg Kamman (Kamman Hydrology & Engineering, Inc.); Allan Chartrand (Chartrand Environmental LLC); Michael Golz

(Stanford Environmental Law Clinic, Stanford Law School); Emily Gruener (Stanford Environmental Law Clinic, Stanford Law School); Jessica Jandura (Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Golden State University Law School); Hilary Chen (Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Golden State University Law School)

Public Comment:

- Patricia Wilmore (Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance)
- Mayra Hernandez (Community Water Center)
- Heather Lukacs (Community Water Center)
- Horacio Amezcuita (San Jerardo)
- Cesar Garcia Lopez (Community Water Center)
- Ross Clark (Central Coast Wetlands Group)
- Bill Lipo
- Kari Fisher (California Farm Bureau Federation)
- David Costa (Costa Farms)
- Danilu Ramirez (Farm consultant)
- Stephen Clark (Pacific EcoRisk)
- Helen Kang (Environmental Law and Justice /Golden Gate University)

Public Forum

4. Public Speakers:

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 8:05 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

5. Roll Call

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

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

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See Minutes for Wednesday's session.

Public Forum

7. Public Speakers:
- Becky Steinbruner (Aptos)
 - Amy Newell (Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency)

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, Friday, March 22, 2019, at 8:12 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

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

Present: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado (arrived 8:40), Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston (arrived 8:13), and Member Young.

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

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10. Approval of January 31-February 1, 2019 Board Meeting minutes

Motion:	Vice Chair Gray
Seconded by:	Member Hunter
Aye:	Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, and Member Johnston
Absent:	Member Delgado
Abstained:	Member Young
MOTION CARRIED:	5-0

11. Report by Regional Board Members

- Chair Wolff
 - February 14, 2019, phone conversation State Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo and John Robertson
 - March 4, 2019, monthly Chair call with State Board
 - March 13, 2019, meeting with Abby Taylor-Silva and Kirk Schmidt
 - Phone call with Karen Ross, CDFA, and John Robertson
 - Phone call with Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary for Environmental Protection, Cal EPA, and John Robertson
 - Phone call with Kristi Stauffacher, Governor's Office Appointments Advisor, and John Robertson
 - Lecture at Cal Poly, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Science
 - Lecture at Farm Credit West for the Young Farmers of America

- Vice Chair Gray
 - February 20, 2019, Ag Round Table with Salud Carbajal in Santa Maria
 - March 12, 2019, meeting with Tannis Thorlakson and Tim O'Brien, Driscoll's
 - March 13, 2019, meeting with Kirk Schmidt and Abby Taylor-Silva

- Member Harlan
 - By phone: Beth Vukmanic Lopez and Kevin Merrill of the Vineyard team last week
 - In Person: Jess Brown, Kurt Schmidt and Abby Taylor-Silva, for lunch and a brief conversation

- Member Hunter
 - 3/19 Phone conversation with Abby Taylor-Silva

- Member Johnston
 - February 14, 2019, meeting with Amy Newell, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Board Chair
 - February 21, 2019, Community Water Center in Watsonville, Susana De Anda and Johnathan of their legal team
 - February 22, 2019, Dale Huss, Seamist Farms, Castroville
 - March 13, 2019, Matthew Johnston, brother, head of code compliance for Santa Cruz County
 - March 4, 2019, phone conversation Mark Silberstein, Elkhorn Slough
 - March 18, 2019, Debi Ores, Community Water Center
 - March 19, 2019, Kirk Schmidt

- Member Young
 - March 14, 2019, meeting with Kirk Schmidt and Abby Taylor-Silva
 - March 15, 2019, Phone call with Beth Vukmanic Lopez and Kevin Merrill of the Vineyard Team

- Member Delgado
 - Nothing to report

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

Ms. D'Adamo was not available to provide a report on State Water Resources Control Board activities.

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The discussion was continued from the night before. The board agreed to move the May meeting from May 9-10 to May 15-17, adding a day.

Public Forum

13. Public Speakers:

- No speakers

Permits/Waste Discharge Requirements

14. Update on City of Salinas Stormwater Permit Re-Issuance
[Dominic Roques, 805/542-4780, Dominic.Roques@waterboards.ca.gov]

Water Board staff presented on the status of reissuing the City of Salinas Phase I MS4 Permit. Staff from the City (Heidi Niggemeyer and Jim Sandoval) also spoke, describing the progress the City has made implementing the 2012 permit. Board members asked speakers questions and discussed a range of issues facing municipal stormwater agencies.

No Public Comment.

Field Trip

15. Community Water Center, Watsonville Office [Angela Schroeter, 805/542-4644]

The Board traveled to the Community Water Center's office located at 406 Main Street, Suite 421, Watsonville, for a presentation by Community Water Center staff.

Present: Natale Garcia Grazer, Susana De Anda, Cesar Garcia Lopez, Mayra Hernandez-Torres, Heather Lukacs, and Debi Ores.

Board Members Present: Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 13:55 p.m.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair