
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**Central Coast Water Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo**

And via Video and Teleconference

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Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Friday, July 21, 2023, at 9:01 a.m. at the Central Coast Water Board office, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo.

Board Business

1. Roll Call
[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,
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Present: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Member Hunter, Member Harlan, and Member Rodriguez

Absent: none

2. Introductions
[Harvey Packard, Section Manager, 805/542-4639,
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Mr. Packard introduced the following staff: Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; and Sophie Froelich legal counsel.

Member Harlan reported that she and Section Manager Harvey Packard visited the Buckley Road neighborhood subject to today's item on Wednesday, July 19.

Enforcement

3. Consideration of a proposed resolution ratifying a voluntary cleanup and abatement agreement between the Central Coast Water Board Cleanup Team and the County of San Luis Obispo and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in lieu of a draft cleanup and abatement order addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport

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[Harvey Packard, Section Manager, 805/542-4639, Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov; Amber Sellinger, Engineering Geologist, 805/549-3886, Amber.Sellinger@waterboards.ca.gov].

Mr. Packard introduced the Board's Advisory Team, which included Harvey Packard, section manager; Amber Sellinger, engineering geologist; and Sophie Froelich, legal counsel. Mr. Packard provided brief introductory and background remarks.

Greg Bishop, senior engineering geologist with the Central Coast Water Board's Cleanup Team, introduced the rest of the Cleanup Team: Matthew Keeling, executive officer; Angela Schroeter, section manager; Dean Thomas, engineering geologist; Dan Kippen, legal counsel from the State Water Board Office of Enforcement; and Stephanie Yu, legal counsel from the State Water Board Office of Chief Counsel. Mr. Bishop then provided a presentation regarding the history and current status of PFAS pollution at and around the airport and overview of the voluntary agreement and written comments received. Mr. Bishop answered questions from the Board.

San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg addressed the Board.

San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport Manager Courtney Johnson and CALFIRE Assistant Regional Chief Jackie Williams also addressed the Board. The Board had various questions for Ms. Johnson, Chief Williams, and CALFIRE Unit Chief John Owens.

The Board then heard public comments. Speakers were generally in support of the voluntary agreement, with some reservations associated with implementation timing, community engagement, reimbursement of costs incurred installing treatment systems, full treatment, etc., and talked about the effects of PFAS pollution on their water supplies and requested the Board ensure that the responsible parties take appropriate action to resolve their concerns. The Board and staff engaged in discussion with various speakers.

Public speakers included Paul Rhys, Mike Oliveira, Dawn Sirois, Dean Nicolds, Mike Johnson, Steven Pontius, Kathy Borland, Wayne Peterson, JoAnn Tarkington, David Gray, Marge Barinka, and David Smith.

After deliberation and discussion, the Board asked the parties to propose language in the resolution regarding the Airport Parties' (San Luis Obispo County and CALFIRE) consideration of reimbursement to property owners and residents of funds spent on filters and reverse osmosis systems to remove PFAS, the creation of a community advisory group to provide input to the Water Board and Airport Parties during the voluntary agreement implementation process, and the implementation of a community health survey by the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Health.

The parties and advisory team jointly crafted language amending the resolution to address the Board's requests.

The proposed language was displayed on the viewing screens, as follows:

- E. At the public meeting, the Airport Parties affirmed the following:
 - a. That they will consider the Central Coast Water Board's request to provide reimbursement to those who installed PFAS treatment systems after learning of the presence of PFAS above RLs (as that term is defined in the Voluntary Agreement) in their wells as a result of the investigations conducted by the Airport Parties. The Airport Parties agreed to report back to the Central Coast Water Board concerning this request at a public meeting as soon as practicable.
 - b. The Airport Parties agreed to include within the Public Participation Plan the formation of a community advisory group.

- F. At the public meeting, the Central Coast Water Board recommended that the County consider generating a health survey by the Department of Public Health for those who may have been impacted by Airport Related PFAS, (as that term is defined in the Voluntary Agreement). The County will update the Executive Officer as to the County's response.

Motion: Member Rodriguez moved to ratify the voluntary settlement agreement via adoption of the resolution as amended with the added Paragraphs E. and F.

Second: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, and Member Rodriguez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Sophie Froelich announced the Board was entering into closed session to discuss a personnel matter, and Chair Gray closed the public portion of the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

After completion of the closed session, Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Jane Gray, Chair