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## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

### State of California California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region

#### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:49 p.m.

#### Zoom Video and Teleconference Meeting Only

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#### Board Member Roll Call and Introductions

Nancy Wright, Jayne Powell, Ed Muzik, Peter Satin, Beatriz Gonzalez, and Vivian Perez were in attendance. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:00 a.m. on October 12, 2021.

#### State and Regional Water Board Staff Present

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, Katharine Buddingh, Sara Simpson, CJ Jasieniecki, Dan Mefford, Adriana Godinez, Logan Raub, Kai Dunn, Jennie Snyder, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Laurel Firestone, Paul Ciccarelli, David Lancaster, and David Boyers.

#### Virtual Public Attendance

Laura Hoffman, SoCalGas  
John Sisser, Rincon Consultants, Inc.  
Robin Murray, Rincon Consultants, Inc.  
Patrick Egle, County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works  
David Drake, San Bernardino County Environmental Management Division  
Rachel Magos, Imperial County Farm Bureau  
Steve Charleton, Imperial Irrigation District  
Jeff Ploud, El Toro Export  
Kari Fisher, California Farm Bureau  
Michael Johnson, MLJ Environmental

NANCY WRIGHT, CHAIR | PAULA RASMUSSEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ron Rubin, member of the public  
Luis Olmedo, Comité Civico del Valle, Inc.  
Arturo Delgado, California Natural Resources Agency

## Public Forum

There were no public speakers during the public forum.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 20, 2021 Board Meeting.

Board Member Gonzalez requested a correction to Item 6 on Page 4.

Jayne Powell moved, Beatriz Gonzalez seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye,  
Ed Muzik – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board meeting with the correction of Board Member Gonzalez.

### 2. State Water Board Liaison Update [*Laurel Firestone, State Water Board Liaison*]

Laurel Firestone provided an informational update on various State Water Board activities.

## Uncontested Items

### 3. R7-2021-0036 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Southern California Gas Company, Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Line 1030/2001W P2 and 2001E P2 Hydrotests Project, Riverside County [*Logan Raub, Environmental Scientistf*]

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye,  
Ed Muzik – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0036 as proposed.

### 4. R7-2021-0037 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for San Bernardino County Flood Control District for the Culvert Replacement – El Rey Avenue Crossing at 29 Palms Channel Project, San Bernardino County [*Kai Dunn, Sr. WRCE*]

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Aye,  
Ed Muzik – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2021-0037 as proposed.

## Informational Items

### 5. Workshop – Draft Imperial Valley Irrigated Lands General Waste Discharge Requirements [Jennie Snyder, WRCE]

Jennie Snyder, WRCE, introduced the item and provided background on the history of the Irrigated Lands Program and an overview of key proposed permit provisions for the draft *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Agricultural Lands for Dischargers that Are Members of a Coalition Group in the Imperial Valley*, including those relating to precedential requirements from State Water Board Order WQ 2018-0002, *In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group*.

Speakers: Rachel Magos, Imperial County Farm Bureau  
Ron Rubin, member of the public  
Luis Olmedo, Comité Civico Del Valle

Ms. Snyder noted that staff will address any oral comments received at the workshop and any written comments received during the public comment period.

No Board action was taken.

*Break from 11:13 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.*

### 6. Administrative Enforcement [Paul Ciccarelli and David Boyers, Office of Enforcement]

David Boyers, Assistant Chief Counsel with the Office of Enforcement, and Paul Ciccarelli, Attorney III with the Office of Enforcement, provided an overview of separation of functions, mandatory minimum penalties and discretionary enforcement legal authorities, the State Water Board's *Water Quality Enforcement Policy* and *Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects*, and options for settlement of administrative civil liability.

### 7. Salton Sea Update [Assistant Secretary Arturo Delgado, California Natural Resources Agency]

Arturo Delgado, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy for the California Natural Resources Agency, provided a program overview and update on the Salton Sea Management Program 10-Year Plan, including progress on implementation of the Species Conservation Habitat Project.

### 8. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report [Paula Rasmussen, EO]

- Recent legislation was approved that allows virtual meetings through the end of January 2020. Future board meetings will continue in the virtual format, although the State Water Board is working on technology to allow an option for in person attendance.

- The Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting will be held in a virtual format on October 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The focus of this year's WQCC meeting is 50 years of the Clean Water Act and Porter Cologne. The Regional Water Board will share a success story at the meeting.
- On October 5th, staff requested external scientific peer review of a proposed Basin Plan Amendment that would establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Alamo River, Imperial Valley drains, New River, and Weist Lake for organophosphate and organochlorine compounds. Staff intends to present the Basin Plan Amendment and TMDLs for Board consideration in April.
- Staff recently sent a letter soliciting tribal consultation for the establishment of TMDLs for ammonia and toxicity in the New River. A CEQA scoping meeting is tentatively planned for mid-November following the completion of tribal consultation.

9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

No comments were made by the Board.

10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Wright added additional support for attendance at the upcoming WQCC virtual meeting on October 21-22.

**Closed Session**

11. There was no closed session held.

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned and ended the meeting at 12:49 p.m.