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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**

February 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 9:52 a.m.

**Zoom Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**

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**Board Member Roll Call and Introductions**

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

The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Board Chair Jayne Powell at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2022.

**State and Regional Water Board Staff Present**

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, David Lancaster, Laurel Firestone, Mary Castaneda, Dan Mefford, Adriana Godinez, Hilda Vasquez, Jose ValledLeon, Reggie Tan, Kai Dunn, and Jose Cortez.

**Virtual Public Attendance**

Frank Cornejo, City of Holtville  
Randy Mayes, Coachella Valley Water District

**Public Forum**

There were no speakers during the public forum.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 11, 2022 Board Meeting

Ed Muzik moved, Nancy Wright seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

JAYNE POWELL, CHAIR | PAULA RASMUSSEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Board meeting.

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

Laurel Firestone provided an update on State Water Board activities.

### **Contested Items for Discussion**

3. R7-2022-0005 - Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Holtville Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, Imperial County [*Jose ValledLeon, WRCE*]

The Chair Administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this Item.

Jose ValledLeon, Water Resource Control Engineer, provided background information on the City of Holtville Municipal Wastewater Treatment plant (Facility) that provides sewerage service to the City of Holtville. The wastewater treatment plant has a treatment (design) capacity of 0.85 million gallons per day (MGD). He explained that at the end of 2016 the Facility upgraded to use a new aeration treatment system which resolved chronic ammonia violations. According to the USEPA requirement, NPDES Permits are required to be renewed every 5 years. Staff proposed adoption of Board Order R7-2022-0005 to renew the 2016 NPDES permit that expired in June of 2021 and was administratively extended. There were no comments received during the public comment period.

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0005 as presented.

4. R7-2022-0001 - Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Mission Springs Water District, Alan L. Horton Wastewater Treatment Plant, Riverside County [*Adriana Godinez, WRCE*]

*\*Item 4 was continued to future Board meeting, and no action was taken on this item.*

5. R7-2022-0009 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Coachella Valley Water District Water Reclamation Plant No. 7, Riverside County [*Reggie Tan, WRCE*]

The Chair Administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this Item.

Reginald Tan, Water Resources Control Engineer, gave an overview of the facility and the proposed order. The presentation covered the background, key permit requirements, newly introduced Nitrogen and interim Total Dissolved Solids limits. He discussed the two comments received during the public comment period and the staff's responses to them. He recommended the board adopt the proposed order with the proposed changes reflected in the response to comments.

Ed Muzik moved, Nancy Wright seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0009 with changes as indicated in the Response to Comments document.

*\*Vice-Chair Muzik left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.*

## **Informational Items**

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

Ms. Rasmussen reported on the following:

- Recruitment efforts to fill several vacancies for Geologists, Engineers, and Supervisors.
- Cancellation of the March 8, 2022 Regional Board Meeting. The next Board Meeting shall be held on April 12, 2022.
- Recent Program activities that include:  
CEQA Scoping meeting held in January for the New River Ammonia and Toxicity TMDL (Rosalyn Fleming)
- Approved conditional settlements for mandatory minimum penalties for effluent violations for the City of Brawley and for the City of Holtville. (Cassandra Owens, Kai Dunn, Maribel Pizano, Jose Figueroa-Acevedo, and Office of Enforcement staff).
- Closure letter issued for the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center for an underground storage tank site (Jessie Bagby).
- Water Quality Certification issued to Westside Canal Battery Storage for an energy storage project located Southwest of El Centro which will be constructed in three phases over ten years (Logan Raub).

### 7. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Board member Wright commented that a Salton Sea Authority meeting held this month which included a presentation by the City Manager of Calexico on the New River Improvement Project, the Calexico Reach. There was a discussion on Proposition 68 funding for the New River Water Quality Public Health and River Parkway Development Program, and she also discussed the first outreach meetings for the Salton Sea North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project held by District Supervisor Manny Perez, Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, Vice President Estrada of Coachella Valley Water District, Executive Director of Salton Sea Authority, Patrick O'Dowd, and Juan Perez, Chief Operating Officer for the County of Riverside. These public meetings will be ongoing.

### 8. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Powell noted that the Form 700 is due by April 1st, and mentioned other required Trainings - Harassment Prevention due March 15, 2022, and Ethics Training due December 31, 2022.

She attended the Chair's monthly call. The main topic was the Clean Water Action section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for statewide restoration projects.

WQCC Meeting – ideas are being solicited for what the Board Members and the Boards would like to see on the agenda for this year’s WQCC meeting.

Lastly, she stated that the March meeting is canceled, and the next Board meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>. It is yet to be determined if that is virtual, a hybrid, or an all-in-person meeting.

### **Closed Session**

9. There was no closed session held.

### **Adjournment**

The Board adjourned and ended the meeting at 9:52 a.m.