
Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

In-Person and Zoom Video/Teleconference Meeting

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Virtual Public Attendance

1. Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Jayne Powell, Ed Muzik, Beatriz Gonzalez, Peter Satin, and Nancy Wright were in attendance. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present. (Vivian Perez arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jayne Powell at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2022.

State and Regional Water Board Staff Present

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, Katharine Buddingh, Mary Castaneda, Dan Mefford, CJ Jasieniecki, Logan Raub, Fatima Alrahem, Lauren Briggs, Jennie Snyder, Kai Dunn, Jose Cortez, Emma McCorkle

Public Attendance

None.

Virtual Public Attendance

Travis McGill, ELM Consulting
Dania Jimmerson, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
James Garcia, State Board Division of Financial Assistance
Laurel Warddrip, State Board Division of Water Quality

2. Public Forum

There were no public speakers.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 12, 2022 https://cawaterboards-my.sharepoint.com/personal/meredith_thompson_waterboards_ca_gov/Documents/Regional Board Assistants/Executive & Chairs Contact Info - PLEASE KEEP YOUR REGION UPDATED!.docx?web=1 Board Meeting

Nancy Wright moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Board meeting.

Contested and Discussion Calendar of Items for Adoption

4. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0007 – Heber Public Utilities Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, Imperial County (NPDES Permit CA0104370) Staff Contact: Jose ValledLeon, WRC Engineer

This item was continued to a future Board meeting.

**Board Member Perez arrived at 9:15 a.m.*

5. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-0016 – Seefried Industrial Properties, Inc., Project Viento, Riverside County Staff Contact: Fatima Alrahem, WRC Engineer

*Board member Nancy Wright recused herself from this item.

*Board member Peter Satin provided a disclosure statement concerning his employer and his ability to be impartial and unbiased.

Staff gave a presentation concerning proposed Order R7-2022-0016, including the permit's authorization and regulation of discharges of fill material to waters of the state during project construction, and the compensatory mitigation required for permanent losses of waters of the state.

Chair Powell recommended two editorial changes to improve clarity in permit language concerning compensatory mitigation.

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 – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Nancy Wright – Recused.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2022-0016 with changes as discussed by the Board.

6. Resolution Order R7-2022-0032 – Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region, Total Maximum Daily Load for Organophosphate and Organochlorine Compounds in Imperial Valley Surface Waters, Imperial County Staff Contact: Lauren Briggs

Staff presented an overview of the proposed amendment adding Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region, also known as the Basin Plan, and background information on the framework for TMDLs in the Clean Water Act. Also discussed were stakeholder involvement and the scientific peer review process, as well as written public comments received and staff responses to those comments. During the hearing, there were no public comments or questions from Board members. Staff recommended adoption of the Resolution and attachments as presented.

Motion: Vivian Perez moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Resolution R7-2022-0032 as presented.

Informational Items

7. Wastewater Consolidation

Dania Jimmerson, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, James Garcia, Division of Financial Assistance, and Laurel Warddrip, Division Water Quality provided a presentation on wastewater consolidation. This included an overview of Senate Bill 1215, key funding aspects, project eligibility, and plans for assessing statewide wastewater needs.

8. Report from Executive Officer, Paula Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen reported the following:

- The State Water Resources Control Board has a plan in place for staff to return to the office with a minimum of two days a week in a telework/hybrid approach to be implemented July 1, 2022.
- She attended the State Water Board's Salton Sea Workshop on April 20, 2022 and provided a status update on activities related to the Salton Sea.
- Pursuant to the Low Threat Closure Policy, an underground storage tank case closure was completed for BNSF Co. for a leaking oil tank located in the Needles railyard (Theresa Illare, ES).

9. Comments from the Board Members

Board member Wright mentioned Mission Spring Water District will hold a Water Reclamation Facility groundbreaking on June 10, 2022.

10. Report from the Board Chair

Chair Powell stated that she participated in the monthly Chair's call, which included discussion on water conservation. She mentioned that she and Ms. Rasmussen, Executive Officer, will attend the in-person Chair's meeting at the State Water Board office on May 20, 2022. Vice-Chair Muzik will participate remotely. She also mentioned that the Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) meeting is scheduled to be held on October 27-28, 2022.

11. Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting:

June 14, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.