



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 10.34 a.m.

In-Person and Zoom Video/Teleconference Meeting

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1. Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Muzik at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2023.

Ed Muzik, Peter Satin, Beatriz Gonzalez, Jayne Powell, and Nancy Wright were present. Vivian Perez attended the meeting via Zoom.

The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

State and Regional Water Board Staff Present

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, David Lancaster, Kai Dunn, Jose Cortez, Mary Castaneda, CJ Jasieniecki, Dan Mefford, Laurel Firestone, Fatima Alrahem, Reginald Tan, Logan Raub, Michael Perez, and Helen Gout.

Public Attendance

Jay McCormack, Alamo Laundromat
Lillian Garcia, United for Justice Inc.
Roger Mayes, Hi-Desert Water District

Remote Public Attendance

Lidia Sierra, Salton City Resident
Anthony Gradillas, Southern California Gas Company
James Chuang, Southern California Gas Company
Marc Hintzman, Southern California Gas Company
Jason Caskey, Southern California Gas Company
Marvin Free, Alamo Laundromat
Kristyn Abhold, State Board Division of Drinking Water

EDWARD MUZIK, CHAIR | PAULA RASMUSSEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Marlee Nelson, Court Reporter
Marc Gutierrez, Interpreter
Aldo Renteria, Interpreter

2. Public Forum

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

Lidia Sierra, Salton Sea Resident (via Interpreter)

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion to approve Item 3: Beatriz Gonzalez moved, Jayne Powell seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023.

4. Update from the State Water Resources Control Board Liaison, Laurel Firestone

The State Water Board Liaison, Laurel Firestone, presented an update on State Board actions, strategies for statewide and regional activities, and responded to Board member questions.

Uncontested Calendar of Items for Adoption

(Item 5)

5. Waste Discharge Order R7–2023–0020 Southern California Gas Company, Shaver Summit Pressure Limiting Station Redesign Project, Riverside County Staff Contact: Fatima Alrahem, WRC Engineer

Motion to adopt Item 5: Jayne Powell moved, Peter Satin seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2023-0020 as presented.

Contested and Discussion Calendar of Items for Adoption

(Items 6-7)

6. Waste Discharge Requirements Order 2023-0016 Alamo Laundromat Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System, San Bernardino County Staff Contact: Reginald Tan, WRC Engineer

The Chair administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this item.

Staff gave an overview of the background and key permit requirements and discussed the facility's wastewater treatment and disposal process, and pointed out that renovations are taking place before the site's grand opening scheduled to take place in early June 2023. Staff addressed questions from the Board and after a brief discussion, staff recommended that the proposed order be adopted.

Speaker: Jay McCormack, Alamo Laundromat

Motion to adopt Item 6: Peter Satin moved, Jayne Powell seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2023-0016 as presented.

**7. Waste Discharge Requirements Order 2023-0017 California Department of Transportation, Replace Existing Rock Slope Protection Project, Riverside County
Staff Contact: Logan Raub, Environmental Scientist**

The Chair administered the Oath to those intending to speak on this item.

Staff provided relevant information and described the project impacts to waters of the state, permit avoidance, minimization requirements, and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff and Legal Counsel responded to comments and questions from the Board and after a brief discussion, staff recommended that the Board adopt the proposed order.

Motion to adopt Item 7 with a modification: Nancy Wright moved, Jayne Powell seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2023-0017 with changes made to language at the bottom of page 7 as discussed.

Information Items

(No action on items 8-11)

8. Drinking Water Needs Assessment, Kristyn Abhold, Division of Drinking Water

Ms. Abhold provided an overview of drinking water needs assessment. She discussed the Safer Program and Needs Assessment, Risk Assessment for Public Water Systems, State Small Water Systems and Domestic Wells, Cost Assessment update, Affordability Assessment, and addressed questions from the Board.

9. Report from Executive Office, Paula Rasmussen

The Executive Officer, Paula Rasmussen, presented an update on activities and plans for the region.

10. Comments from Board Members

There were no Board member comments.

11. Report from Chair, Ed Muzik

Chair Muzik reported that he attended a Chair's meeting with discussion topics including site clean-up, racial equity, funding for disadvantaged communities and environmental justice, concerns on emergency flooding due to excessive snow, and stormwater recapture. He also welcomed Roger Mayes, a Hi-Desert Water District Board member who was in attendance for the Board meeting.

Closed Session

(Item 12)

12. Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Next Board Meeting:

May 9, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Palm Desert Regional Water Boards Office