

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Henry Abarbanel called the meeting to order on September 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego California 92108.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members present:**

Henry Abarbanel, Ph.D., Chair; Megan Blair; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D.; Gary Strawn; Stefanie Warren.

**Board Members absent:**

Celeste Cantú, Vice Chair; Eric Anderson

**Staff present:**

David Gibson; James Smith; Christina Blank; Leah Lorch; Dulce Romero; Jeremy Haas; Sarah Mearon; Tanya Nelson; Chiara Clemente; Vicente Rodriguez; Frank Melbourn; Ben Neill; Christina Arias; Eric Becker; Wayne Chiu; Laurie Walsh; Lisa Honma; Regan Morey; Jill Harris; Debbie Woodward; Cynthia Gorham; Whitney Ghoram; Cleo Munoz; Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart; Keith Yaeger; Joann Lim; Kelly Dorsey; Alan Monji; Chad Loflen; Nicole Gergans; David Barker; Sean McClain; Helen Yu; Michelle Santillan; Jody Ebsen; Mireiile Garcia.

**Remote attendance:**

Betty Fetscher; Kelly Fuller; Christopher Means; Kristin Schwall; Tony Felix.

**Other present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:**

State Water Resources Control Board—Laurel Firestone; Catherine Hagan, Vincent Vu, Office of Chief Counsel; Ailene Voisin, Office of Public Affairs.

**Public Attendance:**

Alejandra Gavaldón, Ruth Kolb,  
Sean Paver, Sheila Bose, Kyra  
Barboza, Areille Beaulieu  
*City of San Diego*

Carrie Schneider, Tershia d'Elgin,  
Eric Bowlby, Tory Walker  
*San Diego Canyonlands*

Eric Green  
*Enthalpy Analytical*

Michael Welch  
*Michael Welch Consultants*

Amber Baylor  
*South Orange County Wastewater  
Authority*

Tomas Morales

Eleanor Robbins

## **BOARD MEETING**

***Public comments on agenda items were limited to 3 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair.***

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Eric Bowlby, Tory Walker, and Tershia d'Elgin of San Diego Canyonlands presented an update on their Maple Canyon Stream Rehabilitation and Restoration project and responded to Board Member questions.

Alejandra Gavaldón and Sheila Bose of the City of San Diego outlined the city's upcoming actions regarding the project and responded to Board Member questions.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Minutes of Board Meeting:**

- August 14, 2019

#### **Motion:**

- Dr. Olson moved to adopt the proposed minutes

#### **Second:**

- Ms. Blair

#### **MOTION CARRIED:**

- (August 14, 2019)

#### **Aye:**

- Ms. Blair
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Warren
- Chairman Abarbanel

#### **Nay:**

- None

#### **Absent:**

- Celeste Cantú
- Eric Anderson

#### **Abstain:**

- Mr. Strawn

#### **2. Chairman's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports. *These items were for Board discussion only. Public testimony was not allowed, and the Board took no formal action.***

Mr. Strawn thanked the country's military and first responders for keeping the country safe since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, with the approbation of the other Board Members and the audience.

Ms. Firestone provided an update on State Board actions and items for consideration.

Mr. Gibson introduced Dulce Romero, Administrative Officer, and Nisarg Joshi, Student Intern. He also reminded the Board Members of the upcoming Outreach meetings in September and October.

**3. Future Agenda Items: Board members discussed items for possible inclusion on future agendas.**

Board Members requested no future agenda items.

Chair Abarbanel took the following item out of order:

**ACTION ITEM**

6. Resolution of Appreciation for Tomas Morales (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2019-0163). *(David Gibson)*

The Board took no formal action on this item. Chair Abarbanel presented the signed Resolution to Mr. Morales, who then thanked the Board and staff for their environmental work.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

***Presentation slides are available upon request. Please send an email to [sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov)***

4. Modern Monitoring Status Update. *(Sarah Mearon)*

Ms. Mearon and Whitney Ghoram gave the presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Laurie Walsh and Mr. Gibson also responded to Board Member questions.

5. Update on Current Research by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. *(David Barker)*

Mr. Gibson introduced the item, and the following representatives from SCCWRP gave the presentation and responded to Board Member questions. Mr. Gibson also responded to Board Member questions after the presentation. [SCCWRP's research information](#) is available on their website.

- Ken Schiff, Deputy Director;
- Eric Stein, Biology Department Head;
- John Griffith, Microbiology Department Head

There being no further business, Chair Abarbanel adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina Blank  
Executive Assistant

David Gibson  
Executive Officer