

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Celeste Cantú opened the meeting August 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Room 108, San Diego, California 92108.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members present:**

Celeste Cantú, Board Chair; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Eric Anderson, Megan Blair, Gary Strawn, and Stefanie Warren. Ms. Blair left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

**Staff present:**

David Gibson	Kelly Dorsey
Chris Blank	Cailynn Smith
Abby Pashina	Mahsa Izadmehr
Fisayo Osibodu	Regina Coughlin
Brandon Bushnell	Ben Neill
Joe Whearty	Michelle Santillan
Brandi Outwin-Beals	Chad Loflen
Jeremy Haas	Laurie Walsh
Cynthia Gorham	Melissa Corona
Jody Ebsen	

**Staff remote attendance:**

Roger Mitchell	Joann Lim
Tanya Clark	Debbie Woodward
Vicente Rodriguez	Regan Morey
Alan Monji	Erica Ryan
Jessica Taylor	Sheila Christine McQuaid Moran
Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart	Chiara Clemente
Kristin Schwall	Amy Grove
Tony Felix	Sean McClain
Lara Quetin	James Smith

**Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board**

Vincent Vu, Alex Sauerwein, Office of Chief Counsel; Adriana Renteria (remote), Director, Office of Public Participation; Randy Barnard, Bill DiBiase, Scott Miller (remote), Division of Drinking Water (DDW).

**Public Attendance:**

Present:

Juan Guerro, Amy Dorman, Lisa Celaya <i>City of San Diego Public Utilities Department</i>	Gia Mil (Remote) <i>Viejas Tribal Government</i>
Jerome Pitt (Remote) <i>Ephem/Pi-Squared Environmental</i>	Amber Baylor <i>Southern Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)</i>
Richard Diaz <i>Oak Park Community Council; Eastern Area Community Planning</i>	Vicki Estrada <i>Groundwater San Diego</i>
Sonia Diaz <i>Outdoor Outreach</i>	Doug Owen <i>Stantec</i>

Remote attendance:

Gil Mia <i>Viejas Tribal Government</i>	Jerome Pitt <i>Ephem/Pi-Squared Environmental</i>
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**BOARD MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Richard Diaz addressed the Board regarding Chollas Creek and beneficial uses for underserved communities.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Item 1** – Minutes of Board Meeting: June 14, 2023

**Motion to adopt the June 14, 2023 minutes:**

- Dr. Olson

**Second:**

- Ms. Warren

**Aye:**

- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

**Nay:**

- None

**Absent:**

- None

**Abstain:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Ms. Blair

**Item 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.*

Nichole Morgan, the State Board liaison, was unable to join the meeting due to a schedule conflict, but she submitted a written report.

Mr. Gibson provided an update on transboundary flows and enforcement actions for effluent limit violations from IBWC. Mr. Gibson and Chad Loflen responded to Board Member questions regarding the written report.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Item 3** – Tentative Resolution Honoring the Memory of Henry Abarbanel, Ph.D. (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2023-0149). *(David Gibson)*

David Gibson introduced the item, and Chair Cantú called for a motion and a second to approve the Resolution.

**Motion to approve Tentative Resolution No. R9-2023-0149:**

- Mr. Strawn

**Second:**

- Ms. Warren

**Aye:**

- Mr.

Anderson

- Ms. Blair
- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Chair Cantú

**Nay:**

- None

**Absent:**

- None

**Abstain:**

- None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Item 4** – Pure Water Update, City of San Diego (*Fisayo Osibodu*)

Fisayo Osibodu introduced the item, followed by presentations from Amy Dorman from the City of San Diego and from Scott Miller, Bill DiBiase, and Randy Barnard from the Division of Drinking Water. Ms. Dorman, Mr. Miller, Mr. DiBiase, and Mr. Barnard responded to Board Member questions, along with the following:

- Lisa Celaya, Executive Assistant Director, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
- Juan Guererro, Director, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
- Doug Owen, Stantec, Consultant for the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

*Chair Cantú called a recess at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*

**Item 5** – State Water Board Racial Equity Action Plan (*David Gibson*)

David Gibson introduced the item, followed by a presentation from Adriana Renteria, Director of the Office of Public Participation for the State Water Resources Control Board.

The following people commented on the item:

- Vicki Estrada, Vice President, Groundwater San Diego
- Sonia Diaz, Public Policy Manager, Outdoor Outreach

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS**

**Item 6** – Future Agenda Items: Recommended Course of Action and Estimated Staff Hours to Address Action Items from the June 2023 Board Meeting. In addition, Board Members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. (*Kelly Dorsey*)

Board Members did not request any future agenda items.

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There being no further business, Chair Cantú adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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Christina A. Blank  
Executive Assistant

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David W. Gibson  
Executive Officer