

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 28-29, 2016

Central Coast Water Board Hearing Room
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on July 28, 2016, at 8:37 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board

Water Board Members

Present: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards
[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov]

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel; Michael Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer; and Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board.

3. Approval of the May 12-13, 2016, Board Meeting minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Hunter moved to approve the minutes of May 12-13, 2016
Seconded by: Member Gray
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

4. Report by Regional Board Members

- Chair Wolff
 - May 18, 2016, one of three speakers at the Center for Sustainability – Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo - Climate Smart Agriculture Symposium. Topic was soil management.
 - May 20, 2016, met with Jenny Lester Moffitt, Deputy Secretary CDFA; and John Robertson.

- May 31, 2016, attended the state wide regional water board chairs' call in preparation for WQCC meeting in Sacramento in October.
- June 1, 2016, San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Council meeting.
- June 2, 2016, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act meeting with San Luis Obispo County – developing sustainable groundwater agencies for the county.
- June 6, 2016, attended the state wide regional water board chairs' call with Mr. Robertson to discuss the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget and priorities.
- June 14, 2016, organized an introductory meeting with RWQCB staff and staff from various departments at County of San Luis Obispo.
- June 15, 2016, San Ardo Oil Field - participated at a Chevron facilities tour with board member Gray, Mr. Robertson, regional and state water board staff.
- June 17, 2-16, met at San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau as member of an independent committee regarding agriculture storm water capturing with Resources Conservation Districts, County Ag Commissioner Office, UC Cooperative Extension, and County Water Resources Division.
- June 19, 2016, attended meeting with San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Division and groundwater basins potential GSA's.

- Vice-Chair Hunter:
 - Reported on environmental justice issues.

- Member Delgado:
 - July 27, 2016, met with Abby Taylor-Silva of Grower-Shipper Association of Central California and Donna Myer regarding the Salinas River Stream Maintenance River Program.

- Member Gray:
 - June 15, 2016, San Ardo Oil Fields Educational Trip with Chair Wolff and water board staff.

- Member Johnston:
 - June 20, 2016, Friends of Pinto Lake – City of Watsonville reported on the Pinto Lake Project

- Member Cervantez, and Member Young:
 - Nothing to report

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Discussion/Informational Items

6. Process and Timing of Efforts to Replace or Renew the Agricultural Regulatory Order [Harvey Packard, 805/542-4369, Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov]

Irrigated Lands Program Manager Chris Rose summarized the staff report through a presentation outlining staff's recommendation for the agricultural order renewal. Public comment included a recommendation that staff develop an agricultural order similar to draft and approved agricultural orders in other regions. Other commenters generally agreed with staff's recommended approach. Water Board member discussion included potential

changes to monitoring and reporting programs that will be implemented in 2017. Water Board members generally agreed with staff's recommended approach as outlined in the staff report and presentation.

Public Comments:

- Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Monterey Coastkeeper
- Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties
- Parry Klassen, Central Coast Groundwater Coalition
- Ben Pitterle, Watershed and Marine Program Director, Santa Barbara Channel Keeper
- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
- Kirk Schmidt, Executive Director, Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
- Darlene Din, Agriculture Consultant

7. Intentionally left blank

Watershed Management and Planning

8. Intentionally left blank

9. Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Revise Beneficial Use Designations and to Make Editorial Changes, Resolution No. R3-2016-0030
[Steve Saiz, 805/549-3879, Steve.Saiz@waterboards.ca.gov]

Steve Saiz, an environmental scientist in the Basin Planning unit, presented a recommendation to the Central Coast Water Board to approve amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan). The presentation covered the following: the motivation for the amendments, the priority issues from 2014, the proposed beneficial use designation amendments, and a summary of the written public comments. Following the presentation, staff responded to questions from the board about the suitability of the Salinas Reclamation Canal as a cold fresh water habitat. Following public comments, the board asked questions to the commenters and to staff. Member Johnston made a motion to adopt the resolution with the notion that the vision language to be added to the Basin Plan is not intended to be a water quality objective.

Motion: Member Johnston moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Basin Plan (Resolution No. R3-2016-0030) with the understanding that the vision statement is included to provide context and not to create water quality objectives or standards.

Seconded by: Member Hunter

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Public Comments:

- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
- Lowell Zolinski, owner, Precision AG Consulting, read by Abbie Taylor-Silva.
- Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Monterey Coastkeeper

Public Forum

10. Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda.

Speakers:

- Gerhardt Hubner, District Administrator South San Luis County Sanitation District

Closed Session

11. The Board may meet in closed session as authorized by Government Code section 11126.
See Item 19

Jessica Jahr, legal counsel for the board, announced that the board had approved a settlement concept to resolve litigation between the Water Board and South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

Friday, July 29, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on July 29, 2016, at 8:36 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

12. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140, Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Water Board Members

Present: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, and Member Johnston

Absent: Member Young (arrived at 8:40)

Public Forum

13. Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda.

Speaker:

- Jeff Edwards, Los Osos Resident
- Julie Tacker, Los Osos Resident
- Mary Webb, Cambria Resident

Enforcement Items

14. Cease and Desist Order No. R3-2015-0015, David Robertson; Centrally Grown, Inc.; Centrally Grown Holdings, LLC
[Ryan Lodge 805-549-3506, Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov]

Motion: Member Johnston moved to adopt the proposed Cease and Desist Order.

Seconded by: Member Gray

MOTION CARRIED:7-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Discussion/Informational Items

15. Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program Clean Water Action Section 401 Water Quality Certification [Jon Rohrbough, 805-549-3458, Jon.Rohrbough@waterboards.ca.gov]

Jon Rohrbough, a water resource control engineer in the 401 certification unit, presented information to the Central Coast Water Board about the Salinas River 2016-2025 Stream Maintenance Program and the draft water quality certification for the Program. The presentation covered the following: a description of the project, a description of the public and certification process followed by staff, and staff's plan for the certification to be issued by the Executive Officer. Following the presentation, staff responded to questions from the Board about the project and certification conditions.

Representatives from the project design partners, including the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, The Nature Conservancy, the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County, and the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, presented additional information to the Board about the project, and responded to questions from the Board.

Following public comment, the Board asked questions of the commenters and staff.

Speakers:

- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
- Shaunna Juarez, Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- Abby Hart, The Nature Conservancy
- Paul Robins, Resource Conservation District of Monterey County
- Melissa Duflock, landowner
- Darlene Din, Salinas River Channel Coalition
- Donna Meyers, Conservation Collaborative
- Steve Shimek, The Otter Project

16. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Steven Moore 916/341-5624]

State Board Member Moore provided a report on State Water Resources Control Board activities.

Administrative Items

17. Executive Officer's Report

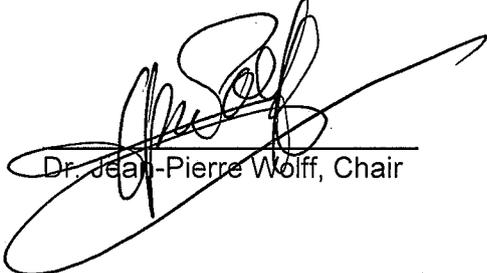
[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov]

Mr. Robertson briefly described the Executive Officer's report.

18. Administrative Discussion – 2017 Board Calendar

[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov]

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:20 p.m.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair