

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
Board Meeting Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108
San Diego, California

MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Abarbanel called to order the meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) at the Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: Henry Abarbanel, Eric Anderson, Tomas Morales, Betty Olson, Gary Strawn.

Board Members absent: Stefanie Warren

Staff Present: David Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, Rachel O'Donovan, Fisayo Osibodu, John Odermatt, Jody Ebsen, Cynthia Gorham, Nicole Gergans, Jeremy Haas, Julie Chan, Sean McClain, Debbie Woodward, Darren Bradford, John Anderson, Hiram Sarabia-Ramirez, Lori Costa, Craig Carlisle, Chiara Clemente, Frank Melbourn, Alan Monji, Kelly Dorsey, Alex Cali, Laurie Walsh, Mike Porter, David Barker, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Amy Grove, Sue Pease, Chad Loflen, Lisa Honma.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board – Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez, Fran Spivy-Weber. California Court Reporting – Mary Anne Young.

Public Attendance: Laura Hunter, Escondido Neighbors United; Tom Lambert; Mark McPherson, San Diego County DEH; Scott Rosecrans, San Diego County; Michael Welch; Llew Munter, San Diego County DEH; Steve Braband, Biosolutions, Inc.; Jennifer Casamassima, City of San Diego Public Utilities; Tom Gardner, Republic Services; Len Yamamoto, CB&I Federal Services; Ryan Wann, San Diego County AWM; Amanda Nelson, City of Del Mar; Mark Radelow, Sudberry Properties, Inc.; Ed Modiano, De Maximus; Toby Roy, San Diego County Water Authority; Matt Riha, Riverside County Environmental Health; Bonnie Diezking, Riverside County Environmental Health; Richard Williamson, Rancho California Water District; Kelly Tait, AMEC Foster Wheeler; Cary Lowe.

Item 2 – Public Forum

Laura Hunter and Ed Modiano spoke about the Chatham Brothers Barrel Yard Plume in Escondido. Sean McClain, Engineering Geologist in the Central Cleanup Unit, responded to Board Member questions about the discharge.

Item 3 – Minutes of Board Meeting: March 16, 2015

Mr. Strawn moved to adopt the minutes, and Dr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all Board Members present voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Item 4 – Chairman’s, Board Members’, State Water Board Liaison’s, and Executive Officer’s Reports. These items are for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.

Fran Spivy-Weber provided an update to the Board regarding State Board activities.

Mr. Morales summarized a meeting with San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, County Supervisor Greg Cox, and County Supervisor Ron Roberts regarding water quality issues affecting the City and County of San Diego.

The Board discussed having a meeting of the water authorities in the Region and the MS4 Permit Copermittees to discuss ways to achieve the Governor’s mandated 25 percent reduction in water use.

Mr. Gibson bid farewell to departing Environmental Scientist Lilian Busse, and he provided an update on the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team activities.

Item 5 – Future Agenda Items: Board Members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas. No action will be taken. *(David Gibson)*

Mr. Strawn requested an information item regarding the Padre Dam Advanced Treatment Facility.

Consent Calendar: Item 6 is considered a non-controversial issue. (NOTE: If there is public interest, concern, or discussion regarding any consent calendar item or a request for public hearing, then the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after all other agenda items have been completed.)

Item 6 – Waste Discharge Requirements for Amendment: Modification of Order No. 99-74, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Sycamore Landfill, Inc., A Subsidiary of Republic Services Inc., Sycamore Landfill, San Diego County (Tentative Addendum No. 3 to Order No. 99-74). *(Amy Grove)*

Mr. Morales moved to approve Addendum No. 3 to Order No. 99-74, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, and Strawn voted “aye.” The motion passed.

Chairman Abarbanel called a recess at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items):

Item 7 – Update on Implementation of the Practical Vision and Operational Plan for 2015.
(David Gibson)

Mr. Gibson gave the staff presentation and answered Board Member questions and comments.

Item 8 – Basin Plan Amendment: A Tentative Basin Plan Amendment to incorporate the *State Water Quality Control Policy for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy), to change nitrate water quality objectives for groundwater basins in the San Diego Region, and to make necessary non-substantive changes to the Basin Plan (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0008). (Jody Ebsen and Fisayo Osibodu)

Jody Ebsen gave an overview of the item and responded to Board Member questions.

Fisayo Osibodu gave a presentation regarding onsite wastewater treatment systems and responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the Tentative Resolution:

- Scott Rosecrans, County of San Diego
- Toby Roy, San Diego County Water Authority
- Matt Riha, County of Riverside
- Richardson Williamson, Rancho California Water District
- Cary Lowe, resident of San Diego

Staff and Mr. Gibson recommended that the Board approve the Tentative Resolution with all errata.

Chairman Abarbanel recessed for lunch at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:42 p.m. There was no Closed Session.

Chairman Abarbanel closed the public hearing. Mr. Anderson moved to adopt Resolution No. R9-2015-0008 with all errata, and Dr. Olson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Olson, and Strawn voted “aye.” The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Chris Blank
Executive Assistant

David Gibson
Executive Officer