
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

MEETING MINUTES

Central Coast Regional Water Board
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 25, 2014, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 26, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on September 25, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.

Board Business

1. Roll Call

Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board

Water Board Members Present:

Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair, Monica Hunter, Vice Chair, Bruce Delgado, Russell Jeffries, Michael Johnston, and Michael Jordan.

Water Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Young.

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards:

Executive Officer Ken Harris introduced Tammie Olson, Clerk of the Board, Jessica Jahr, Board Counsel, and Michael Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer.

Lisa McCann, Environmental Program Manager of the Watershed Planning and Protection section, introduced two staff people that were promoted to senior positions on the management team. Dominic Roques, a licensed geologist, will now head up the Storm Water Program and Jennifer Epp will lead the TMDL Unit. Ms. Epp was not at the meeting and will be introduced at the November meeting.

Mr. Harris also announced that Jennifer Epp, Phil Hammer, and John Rohrbough completed the 401 certification for the two Salinas river pilot projects. It was a big effort; staff worked hard and deserve a lot of credit.

Mr. Harris presented David LaCaro the sustained superior accomplishment award. There are only five of these awards given out each year statewide. He received a certificate and a monetary award.

3. Approval of July 31-August 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Board Member Jeffries asked if the approval of the minutes could be broken into separate votes as he was not present for the second day in Santa Barbara.

Motion: Water Board Member Jeffries moved to approve the minutes of July 31, 2014

Second: Water Board Member Delgado

Carried: (6-0) Unanimous

Motion: Water Board Member Johnston moved to approved the minutes of August 1, 2014

Second: Water Board Member Delgado

Carried: (5-0) Approved. Mr. Jeffries abstained

4. Report by Regional Water Board Members

- Water Board Member **Michael Johnston**: On August 28, 2014 went with Mr. Jeffries on a tour of Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.
- Water Board Member **Bruce Delgado**: Will be taking the same tour of the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve on December 12, 2014.
- Water Board Member **Russell Jeffries**: On August 28, 2014 went with Mr. Johnston on a tour of Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.
- Water Board Chair **Jean-Pierre Wolff**: Had a follow-up phone call to Mr. Klassen of the Central Coast Groundwater Coalition. On September 10, 2014, attended the Nipomo ribbon cutting for their wastewater treatment plant. On September 11, 2014, had a conference call with State Water Board, Central Coast Water Board, and City of Santa Barbara regarding the desalination plant and the permits for Santa Barbara. He also had several calls with the State Water Board regarding the changing legislation.
- Water Board Vice Chair **Monica Hunter**: Gave a brief report on the committee for Environmental Justice for Safe Drinking Water.
- Water Board Member **Michael Jordan**: In August he met with Joshua Haggmark, City Santa Barbara, Water Resources Manager (A) regarding recycled water project and they spoke about the desalination plant.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison

Steve Moore gave an overview of several recent State Water Board actions, focusing on drought-related activities.

6. Drought Conditions Update by Regional Liaison to Water Rights Division [Lisa McCann 805/549-3132]

Lisa McCann, Environmental Program Manager of the Watershed Planning and Protection section, gave a summary of drought related activities in the Central Coast Region.

Speakers:

- Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor, District 2
- Jeff Edwards

7. Adoption of the 2015 Board Calendar
[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board 805/549-3140, Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Motion: Water Board Member Jordan moved to approve the 2015 Board Calendar
Second: Water Board Member Hunter
Carried: (6-0) Approved.

8. Uncontested Items

Items 9 and 10 were pulled from the consent calendar to be discussed and voted on. Item 11 was approved on consent.

9. Consider General Waiver for Specific Types of Discharges
[Tom Kukol, 805/549-3689, Tom.Kukol@waterboards.ca.gov]

Board members had questions regarding the item so requested it be pulled from the consent calendar. The questions involved well drilling muds and public notification regarding changes to the general waiver. Staff engineer Tom Kukol answered the Board member's questions.

Motion: Water Board Member Jeffries moved to approve
Second: Water Board Member Jordan
Carried: (6-0) Approved

10. Consider Waste Discharge Requirements for City of San Luis Obispo Reclamation Facility, San Luis Obispo County
[Katie DiSimone, 805/542-4638, Katie.DiSimone@waterboards.ca.gov]

Dr. Wolff had some specific questions pertaining to the City's use of recycled water. Staff engineer Katie DiSimone answered that only a portion of the City's treated wastewater could be recycled because the US Fish and Wildlife Service requires the City to maintain San Luis Obispo Creek flow to support aquatic habitat downstream of the City's discharge location. City of San Luis Obispo Wastewater Division Manager David Hix described locations where recycled water is used within City limits. Mr. Hix also explained that the City has an agreement with Caltrans to use recycled water for dust control and road construction projects in the area. Dr. Wolff thanked Ms. DiSimone and Mr. Hix for answering his questions.

Speakers:

- David Hix, City of San Luis Obispo Wastewater Division Manager

Motion: Water Board Member Hunter moved to approve
Second: Water Board Member Jeffries
Carried: (6-0) Approved

11. Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc. (Order No. 94-36) and enrollment in the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Waste (Order No. R3-2004-0066)
[Tom Kukol, 805/549-3689, Tom.Kukol@waterboards.ca.gov]

Motion: Water Board Member Jordan moved to approve

Second: Water Board Member Johnston
Carried: (6-0) Approved

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Enforcement

13. Options for Enforcement of Los Osos Basin Plan Prohibition and Consideration of Resolution Terminating Individual Cease and Desist Orders
[Harvey Packard, 805/542-4639, Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov]

Section Manager Harvey Packard gave a brief introduction and summary of the staff report. Chair Wolff asked San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Bruce Gibson to discuss County efforts to ensure compliance with the Basin Plan prohibition. Mr. Gibson assured the Board that the County will track compliance with hook up requirements and take appropriate action in cases on non-compliance. Board members Jordan, Hunter, Johnston, and Jeffries asked questions and clarification of Mr. Gibson.

The Board discussed the content of a letter of termination to order holders and whether a blanket notice of violation to the whole prohibition zone would be appropriate.

Speakers:

- Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo District 2, County Supervisor
- Shaunna Sullivan, Los Osos
- Chuck Cesena, Los Osos resident
- Elisabeth Allebe, Los Osos resident
- Bill Moylan, Los Osos resident

Motion: Water Board Member Jeffries moved to adopt the resolution terminating the cease and desist orders

Second: Water Board Member Hunter

Carried: (6-0) Approved

Public Forum

14. Public forum will be heard directly after the lunch break, not before 1:30 p.m. 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. Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should contact the Executive Officer at least one week prior to the meeting. Comments regarding matters that are scheduled for a future meeting will be restricted.

Speakers:

- Sara Iza, City of Santa Barbara/Public Works
- Kira Redmond, Santa Barbara Channel Keeper
- Abby Taylor-Silva, Vice President, Grower Shipper Association
- Clair Wineman, President, Growers Shipper Association

Enforcement

15. Enforcement Report

[Harvey Packard, 805/542-4639, Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov]

Closed Session

16. Discussion of Cases in Litigation, and Personnel Issues. [Staff Counsel Jessica Jahr]

Friday, September 26, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Board Business

17. Roll Call

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

Water Board Members Present:

Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair, Monica Hunter, Vice Chair, Russell Jeffries, Michael Johnston, and Michael Jordan.

Water Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Young and Bruce Delgado

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Discussion/Informational Items

19. Staff update on Los Osos Groundwater Basin Management.

[Lisa McCann, 805/549-3132, Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov]

Section Manager Harvey Packard introduced the item and reviewed the staff report and new information since the staff report, including new legislation. Dr. Hunter asked if the new legislation would require the Interlocutory Stipulated Judgment (ISJ) to include private well owners.

Several Board members asked about the Board's authority to take action. Executive Officer Harris suggested he research the topic and updating the Board in November.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to meet with the ISJ, set up a meeting with State Board staff, evaluate new seawater intrusion data and provide it to the Board, evaluate legal options, and report back in November.

Speakers:

- Jeff Edwards
- Julie Tacker, Los Osos
- Linde Owen, Los Osos
- Chuck Cesena, Los Osos Sustainability Group
- Al Barrow, Los Osos

Watershed Management and Planning

20. Healthy Watersheds Assessment and Web-based Report Card
[Karen Worcester 805/549-3333, Karen.Worcester@waterboards.ca.gov]

Karen Worcester presented the Central Coast Healthy Watersheds Report Card for Board information and discussion. She described the report card approach, and described the broad interest in the approach that has been expressed by other agencies and organizations. She also described opportunities for collaboration in the future that may help to "institutionalize" the project at the State Board. Board members asked about several details of the approach, and expressed interest and enthusiasm for the project. Chairman Wolff asked about data management and IT support capacity at the State Board. No comments were received from the general public on this item.

21. Executive Officer's Report
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., 805/549-3140, Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov]

There was no discussion on this item.

22. Central Coast Water Board Strategic Planning Discussion
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr, 805/549-3140, Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov]

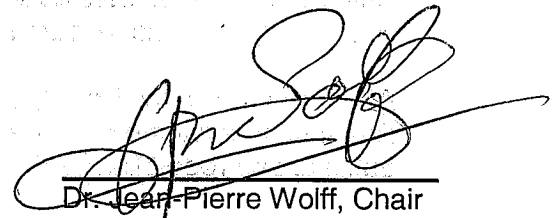
Several items were discussed at the strategic planning; nothing was decided or voted on. Some of the topics included balancing priorities with the drought, nitrates, online data and reporting, and tracking water.

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Closed Session

24. Discussion of Cases in Litigation [Staff Counsel Jessica Jahr]

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:24 p.m. September 26, 2014. The next regularly scheduled Water Board meeting will be held on November 13-14, 2014, in San Luis Obispo.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair