

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
BOARD**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, July 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Santa Barbara County Offices**

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

**Thursday, July 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m.**

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 9:15 a.m.

**Board Business**

1. Roll Call

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

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

**Absent:** Member Delgado

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

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

Executive officer John Robertson introduced Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; Matthew Keeling, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Thea Tryon, and Angela Schroeter.

3. Approval of May 15-17, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Member Hunter

Seconded by: Member Harlan

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Gray, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Nay:

Abstain: Member Young abstained from the May 17<sup>th</sup> portion of the meeting due to his absence on that day of the meeting.

Absent: Member Delgado

Motion Carried: 6-0

Comments: There was a request that future minutes provide additional details

#### 4. Report by Regional Board Members

##### **Chair Wolff**

- Chair Wolff thanked Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Steve Lavagnino, Chair, for his support with the meeting facilities.
- May 20, 2019, monthly Chair call with the state water board regarding planning the upcoming Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting in October.
- May 21, 2019, telephone call with Wine Institute member Adam Kotin to organize a meeting with state water board representatives for a workshop in the Central Coast region regarding the proposed statewide general winery order's draft requirements.
- May 21, 2019, public meeting at the regional office to provide an update on the trichloroethylene investigation in the Buckley Road area in San Luis Obispo.
- May 23, 2019, meeting at the regional office with state water board representatives regarding the proposed statewide general winery order – helped organize tours for our regional staff, state water board staff, and state water board member Duduk and member D'Adamo.
- May 24, 2019, organized Cal Poly Strawberry Center, Environmental Science – tour and presentations on the reduction of water and pesticide use – for member D'Adamo.
- June 3, 2019 Cal Poly soil and health initiative meeting by the Soil Science Faculty
- June 6, Dr Hunter, Ben Pitterle of Santa Barbara Channel Keeper, regarding Ag 4.0 development.
- June 12, 2019, SGMA, San Luis Obispo county meeting
- July 1, 2019, Hancock College natural resource tour, at Wolff Vineyard for the Irrigated Agriculture students in the program, tour organized by professor Steve Hendrick.
- July 12, 2019, meeting in Sacramento regarding water board and state water board related matters with Vice Chair Gray and the executive officer Mr. Robertson.
- July 13, 2019, attended the San Luis Obispo County Hemp meeting with Adam Hill county supervisor and the Ag Commission.

##### **Vice Chair Gray**

- June 24, 2019, presented to the California Association of Special Districts regarding the overall mandate of state water board and regional water board under Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the constitutes that we serve and the things that we do.

- July 12, 2019, working with staff on the workshop for water and homelessness on October 3, 2019.
- July 12, 2019, meeting in Sacramento regarding water board and state water board related matters.

**Member Hunter**

- June 21, 2019, thanked Ross Clark for organizing the trip to the Moro Cojo Slough, and reported that they also met Pam Krone-Davis Agriculture Water Quality Coordinator Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Central Coast Wetlands Group.
- June 20, 2019, met with the Community Water Center staff for an update on their activities.
- June 6, 2019, meeting with Dr. Wolff, and Ben Pitterle of Santa Barbara Channel Keeper, regarding Ag 4.0 development
- EJ report – mentioned that there was a PBS documentary that aired on the challenges of water in the era of climate change. Of the three locations two were in California, one of them was Tulare valley, and the southern desert area. UCLA project was featured as one of two types of innovated solutions that are going on globally.

**Member Johnston**

- Attended a meeting with Amy Newell, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Board Chair regarding a concern they had regarding AB3030 plan for their basin.

**Member Young**

- June 21, 2019, Educational Field Trip with Member Hunter to Moss Landing to see the Moro Cojo Slough that was organized by Ross Clark. They visited engineered wetland sites.

**Member Harlan**

- Nothing to report

There was a lengthy discussion on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) related matters

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609] Ms. D'Adamo provided a report on state water board activities.

**Uncontested Items**

6. Order No. R3-2019-0083 - Termination of Individual Waste Discharge Requirements for Monarch Grove in San Luis Obispo County and Goleta Water District in Santa Barbara County  
[Howard Kolb, 805/549-3332, [Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Howard.Kolb@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Motion: Vice Chair Gray

Seconded by: Member Harlan

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Gray, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Nay:

Absent: Member Delgado

Motion Carried: 6-0

The order was unanimously approved without comment or questions from the board members or the public.

## **Public Forum**

7. Public forum will be heard directly after the lunch break, **not before 1:00 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 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 pending adjudicatory matters will not be permitted.

- Louis Andaloro, Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council
- Kathy Biala, Citizens for Just Water
- Harvey Biala, Citizens for Just Water
- Theresa Kollerer, Citizens for Just Water
- Troy Ishikawa, Citizens for Just Water
- Michael Baer, Public Water Now

## **Discussion/Informational Items**

8. Site Cleanup Program Update

Greg Bishop, 805/549-3132, [Greg.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Greg.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov)

Site Cleanup Program Manager Greg Bishop provided an overview of how the Site Cleanup Program operates, requires dischargers to conduct investigation and remediation, discussed various investigation and remediation techniques, how cases are prioritized for cleanup efforts, and funding options that are available to address pollutants in soil, soil gas, and groundwater.

9. Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) – Emerging Issue

[Greg Bishop, 805/549-3132, [Greg.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Greg.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov)]

A presentation and discussion on perfluoroalkyl substances was postponed to a future board meeting at the request of the state water board.

10. CAL FIRE Priority Fuel Reduction Projects in the Central Coast Region

[Alexandra Coblentz, 805/542-4786, [Alexandra.Coblentz@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alexandra.Coblentz@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

This was an informational item on Central Coast Water Board staff's involvement with CAL FIRE Priority Fuel Reduction Projects in the Central Coast Region. Staff discussed the Governor's Wildfire State of Emergency Proclamation that initiated immediate implementation of fuel reduction projects for wildfire prevention and described Best

Management Practices to prevent and minimize water quality impacts during fuel reduction activities. Staff clarified that fuel reduction activities in the Central Coast Region is primarily vegetation removal conducted by hand crews, and no work will intersect waterbodies.

The following speakers presented information during this item:

- Fire Captain Fred Tan, Santa Barbara County Fire
- Jason White, Project Manager, South Coast Habitat Restoration

11. California Water Resiliency Portfolio (Executive Order N-10-19)

[Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609, [Dorene.Dadamo@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Dorene.Dadamo@waterboards.ca.gov)]

State water board liaison to the central coast water board, Dorene D'Adamo, provided an overview of the nature of and need for the Governor's Executive Order N-10-19 to develop a water resiliency portfolio in response to climate change induced variability in water resources due to drought, extreme storm events and flooding, aging water supply infrastructure, and increased demand associated with a growing population and economy. Ms. D'Adamo then discussed the Executive Order's nexus to the water board's existing priorities (e.g., flood control, water supply augmentation, safe and affordable drinking, aquatic habitat and species protection, etc.) and its directive to inventory and assess state and local water supply systems and integrated infrastructure and agreements necessary to develop a water supply certainty plan with an emphasis on how the State and regional water boards can better coordinate and improve water management efficiency based on core principles. Ms. D'Adamo then posed a series of questions to the regional water board to stimulate a conversation about its role in the process and solicit recommendations. Regional water board members subsequently provided comments associated with improved coordination between the Division of Drinking water and the regions to prioritize recycled water projects; the availability of and science and policy supporting brine disposal for both coastal and inland advanced potable reuse projects, and better coordination with the Coastal Commission to maintain coastal outfalls; addressing salt and nutrient management planning deficiencies of the Recycled Water Policy; and formal engagement with the regional boards for the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to better facilitate water quality protection, regional monitoring and permitting of groundwater sustainability plan projects.

### **Administrative Items**

12. Executive Officer's Report

[**John Robertson, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, [John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov)**]

The Executive officer gave his report.

#### **Public Speakers:**

- Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean
- Heather Lucas, Community Water Center

13. Board Calendar 2020

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

Motion: Member Young

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Gray, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young..

Nay:

Absent: Member Delgado

Motion Carried: 6-0

**The 2020 Calendar was approved. The locations will be determined by staff.**

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:18 p.m.

**Friday, July 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Board Business**

14. Roll Call

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

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Harlan, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

**Absent:** Member Delgado

**Educational Field Trip**

15. Montecito Debris Flow Recovery

[Mark Cassady, 805/549-3689, [mark.cassady@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mark.cassady@waterboards.ca.gov)]

The tour group will meet in front of the Planning & Development Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. – 1st Floor, 105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. The vans left promptly at 9:15 a.m.  
the Present

Board members, staff, and stakeholders participated in a field trip to several locations impacted by the Montecito debris flow that followed the Thomas Fire. The first location visited was a debris basin on San Ysidro Creek, which exhibited impacts to the creek from the debris flow, as well as work being done to maintain debris basins. At this location, staff provided a summary of the Central Coast Water Board's regulatory involvement during and after the emergency. Santa Barbara County Flood Control District staff described the work the agency conducted in response to the debris flow. The second site visited was a location further downstream on San Ysidro Creek. This site demonstrated the condition of a cleaned-out creek channel and is also the location of the newly planned Randall Road

debris basin. The final stop was at Goleta Beach, where material excavated during the emergency was placed in the surf zone. At each field trip stop, Board members, staff, and stakeholders discussed various topics related to the debris flow and its management.

**Present:**

**Board members**

- Jean-Pierre Wolff
- Jane Gray
- Stephanie Harlan
- Monica Hunter
- Michael Johnston
- Jeff Young

**Staff:**

- Dee Dee D'Adamo
- John Robertson
- Matt Keeling
- Tammie Olson
- Harvey Packard
- Angela Schroeter
- Thea Tryon
- Ali Coblentz
- Greg Bishop
- Phil Hammer
- Mark Cassady
- Dominic Roques
- Stephanie YU

**Others/Public**

- Steve McMasters
- Annalisa Kihra
- John Tanner
- Molly Troup – Santa Barbara Channel Keepers
- Louis Andalaro - Santa Barbara urban creeks council
- Frank Balthis, Santa Barbara Urba crees council
- Jeff Kubran – TW Lands Planning & Development
- Sally Johnson - Woodard and Kern
- Tim Johnson
- Karen Kegg
- Mario Gomez

**Montecito Sanitary District:**

- Thomas Bollay - President
- Diane Gabriel, with Montecito Water district taking own van

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair

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