

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 23, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara County Offices
Planning & Development Hearing Room – 1st Floor
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Wednesday, March 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Member Cervantez

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, assistant chief counsel; Michael Thomas, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and section managers Harvey Packard and Chris Rose.

Public Forum

3. Public Forum

There were no speaker cards submitted.

Discussion/Informational Items

4. Surface Water Quality Conditions and Agricultural Discharges in the Central Coast Region

[Elaine Sahl, 805/542-4645, Elaine.sahl@waterboards.ca.gov]

The following speakers presented information during this item:

- Dr. Yuzhou Luo, Department of Pesticide Regulation: "Modeling Pesticide Application data, predicating risk to water quality and prioritizing pesticides to monitor at the watershed level."
- Dr. Xin Deng, Department of Pesticide Regulation: "Current pesticide occurrences and trends in surface water of the Central Coast Region"
- Mr. Bryn Phillips, UC Davis Marine Pollution Studies Laboratory at Granite Canyon: "Toxicity and pesticide trends in surface waters of the Central Coast. Test organism sensitivity to currently applied pesticides."

Item 4 was an informational item to provide the board and public an overview of surface water quality conditions, including those related to agricultural discharges. The item included presentations by four speakers who are not Water Board staff, including Department of Pesticide Regulation staff, Granite Canyon Laboratory staff, and Preservations Inc.'s Cooperative Monitoring Program staff. These presentations included discussion on pesticide risk assessment and pesticide monitoring results, monitoring strategies for pesticides, and a summary of surface water quality data collected in agricultural watersheds. Water Board staff provided three presentations, including a summary of ambient surface water monitoring, an assessment of riparian and wetland conditions related to water quality protection, and a summary of how the presented information will be used by staff as they continue to develop draft agricultural order requirements. Board members responded to each of the presentations with questions. Members of the public provided oral comment. Kay Mercer of KMI and Abby Taylor-Silva of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California provided a ten-minute presentation on pesticides and toxicity.

Public Speakers:

- Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and board member of The Central Coast Groundwater Coalition
- Perry Klassen, Central Coast Groundwater Coalition

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Educational Field Trip

5. The field trip to Hansen Agricultural Center, Faulkner Farm at 14292 W. Telegraph Road, Santa Paula for and by AGQ Labs was canceled due to weather.

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BOARD BUSINESS

6. Roll Call
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Absent: Member Cervantez

7. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

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Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Jessica Jahr, assistant chief counsel; Michael Thomas, assistant executive officer, Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; and noted that four section managers were present.

8. Report by Regional Board Members

- Chair Wolff
 - February 21, 2018, meeting at the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors office with First District Supervisor Das Williams and members of Santa Barbara county public works department to discuss the county's efforts in dealing with the mud flow debris in Montecito and the options for removal and disposal. Also in attendance were Mr. Young, Ms. Gray, and Executive Officer John Robertson.
 - March 8, 2018, telephone call with Region 2 board chair, state wide winery order
 - March 9, 2018, meeting San Luis Obispo City fisheries biologist discussing creek health
 - March 19, 2018, meeting with Cal Poly president and dean of College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Science regarding recycled water for Cal poly farms and green areas on the campus
 - Events of Montecito increased communication to at least twice a day with the executive officer and many updates from the office of emergency.
- Vice-Chair Hunter:
 - Provided update regarding environmental justice activities
- Member Young:
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- Member Delgado:
 - Monterey Peninsula Water Project.Update
- Member Gray:
 - February 14, 2018, participated in a Climate Justice Regional Network meeting focused on disadvantaged communities and environmental justice in Santa Barbara County, a collaboration with a number of NGOs
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 - March 16, 2018, Healthy Soils Carbon Farming workshop
- Member Johnston,
 - Nothing to report

9. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609]

Ms. D'Adamo was not in attendance.

10. Approval of **February 8-9, 2018**, Board Meeting minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Hunter
Seconded by: Member Delgado
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: **None**
Absent: **Member Cervantez**
Abstain: **None**
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Uncontested Items

11. Total Maximum Daily Loads for Nitrogen and Phosphorus Compounds in Streams of the Franklin Creek Watershed, Resolution R3-2018-0006
[Larry Harlan, 805/594-6195, Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov]

The Central Coast Water Board Chair removed Item 11 from the uncontested items calendar. Larry Harlan (TMDL Project Lead) and Jennifer Epp (TMDL Program Manager) responded to public comments and questions from the board.

Motion: Member Gray
Seconded by: Vice Chair Hunter
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Nay: **None**
Absent: **Member Cervantez**
Abstain: **None**
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Speakers:

- Ben Pitterle, Santa Barba Channel Keeper
- Steve Shimek, Otter Project and Monterey Coastkeeper

Public Forum

12. Public Forum:

Speakers:

- Claire Wineman, Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and board member of The Central Coast Groundwater Coalition
- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

Discussion/Informational Items

4. Surface Water Quality Conditions and Agricultural Discharges in the Central Coast Region
(continued from Thursday)
[Elaine Sahl, 805/542-4645, Elaine.sahl@waterboards.ca.gov]

The following speaker presented information during this item:

- Ms. Sarah Lopez, Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.: "CMP Monitoring Results – Status & Trends"

See minutes for Thursday's Item 4 for details.

Speakers:

- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Kay Mercer, KMI Inc.

Administrative Items

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

The Executive Officer gave his report and answered questions.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair