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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 29, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

#### **Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**

**No Physical Meeting Location**

(Authorized by and in furtherance of  
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#).)

Video and teleconference recordings of the meetings are currently available on the following website: <https://cal-span.org/static/meetings-RWQCB-CC.php>

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the video and teleconference meeting to order on Friday, January 29, 2021, at 9:02 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 Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[[Matthew Keeling](#), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Executive Officer Matthew Keeling introduced:

- Stephanie Yu, staff counsel; Emel Wadhvani, assistant chief counsel; Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer; Tammie Olson, clerk to the board; and section managers Chris Rose, Harvey Packard, and Angela Schroeter
- Elaine Stahl introduced new staff member Jillian Flavin, Environmental Scientist, Irrigated Lands – Surface Water Section
- Thea Tryon announced that Tamara Anderson is the new enforcement coordinator and was promoted to senior engineer specialist.
- Matt Keeling, executive officer, introduced Chris Rose and presented a retirement resolution.
  - Speakers:
    - The Board members thanked Mr. Rose for all his work.

DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | MATTHEW T. KEELING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Motion: Member Young moved to approve the resolution for Chris Rose  
Seconded by: Member Johnston  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young  
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

3. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair

[\[Matthew Keeling\]](#), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov)

Motion: Member Hunter nominated Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff to serve as Chair for the year 2021  
Seconded by: Member Young  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young  
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Motion: Member Young nominated Jane Gray to serve as Vice Chair for the year 2021  
Seconded by: Member Hunter  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young  
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 11, 23 and 24, October 22 and 23, December 10 and 11, 2020, and January 7 and 8, 2021, sequential meetings to receive oral comment on and discuss draft Agricultural Order 4.0.

Motion: Vice Chair Gray moved to approve the minutes  
Seconded by: Member Hunter  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young  
Motion Carried: 5 to 0

5. Reports by Regional Board Members

Chair Wolff:

- January 4, 2021, Monthly chairs call
- Weekly meeting with the executive officer and Stephanie Yu.

Member Hunter:

- January 4, 2021, meeting with Sarah Lopez of Preservation, Inc.
- January 29, 2021, meeting with Dr. Heather Lukacs of Community Water Center

Vice Chair Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young:

- Nothing to report

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

Ms. D'Adamo was unable to attend the meeting

### **Discussion / Informational Items**

7. Annual Update of Environmental Justice Activities in the Central Coast Region  
[[Angela Schroeter](#), 805/542-4644, [Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Item 7 was an information item to provide the Central Coast Water Board's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Update of Environmental Justice (EJ) Activities in the Central Coast Region. Board member Dr. Monica Hunter moderated the event and affirmed the board's top priorities to implement the human right to water and protect human health, including providing assistance to support disadvantaged communities (DACs). Section Manager and Environmental Justice Coordinator Angela Schroeter described the Central Coast Water Board's strategy to advance EJ goals by improving the alignment of internal regulatory programs to more effectively prioritize EJ and DACs, as well as to leverage external partnerships to increase EJ capacity, provide technical assistance, and improve community engagement. Ms. Schroeter also provided an update on the Central Coast Water Board's Drinking Water Well Testing Program. Dr. Hunter introduced the invited guest speakers, including Adriana Renteria (State Water Board Office of Public Participation), Michelle Frederick (State Water Board Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program), Brandon Bollinger and Reyna Gabriel-Peralta (Community Water Center), and Dr. Yoram Cohen (UCLA Water Resources Group). Staff will continue to provide annual and project-specific updates to the Board on progress towards implementing the human right to water and EJ priorities. As part of these updates, staff will evaluate actions and associated outcomes, address necessary changes in strategy and direction, and report on the effectiveness of our efforts.

8. Salinas Basin Agriculture Stewardship Group – Status of Interim Replacement Water Agreement: Year Four  
[[Angela Schroeter](#), 805/542-4644, [Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov)]

The Board heard an information item on the status of the interim replacement water settlement agreement with the Salinas Basin Agriculture Stewardship Group (SBASG). Parry Klassen and Courtney Jallo (Coalition for Urban Rural Environmental Stewardship), the contractors representing SBASG, gave a presentation to the Board on progress made to provide interim replacement drinking water free of cost to small water system and domestic well users impacted by nitrate pollution in the Salinas groundwater basin. During year four, SBASG modified outreach to include more web-based social media methods, due to COVID-19. As of

January 1, 2021, SBASG is providing interim bottled water to a total of 41 small water systems and 55 individual domestic wells, which includes 1098 residents who have received approximately 217,073 gallons of bottled water. For more information, go to SBASG's website at: [www.salinasbasinstewards.com](http://www.salinasbasinstewards.com).

## **Public Forum**

9. Public forum speakers:

Becky Steinbruner provided comment on potential adverse water quality implications of the Pure Water Soquel project and City of Santa Cruz wastewater treatment facility.

## **Waste Discharge Requirements**

10. Consideration of Order No. R3-2021-0007, Termination of Order 00-12, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Residential On-Site Wastewater Systems Within the Bayview Heights and Martin Tract Areas of Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County [[James Bishop](mailto:James.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/542-4628, [James.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:James.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov), [Harvey Packard](mailto:Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov), 805/542-4639, [Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Harvey.Packard@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Staff provided an overview of Order No. 00-12 and explained that permitting authority for onsite wastewater treatment systems in the Martin Tract and Bayview Heights areas of Los Osos would be subject to the provisions of the San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Management Program (LAMP), once Order No. 00-12 was terminated. The Board asked questions about the requirements in the LAMP relative to Order No. 00-12, depth to groundwater in the area, how many counties still needed to adopt a LAMP, and how many parcels had been developed since Order No. 00-12 was adopted. There was no public comment.

After the Board's vote, San Luis Obispo County wastewater operations manager John Austin provided an update to the Board on the number of parcels in the Los Osos prohibition area that still had not connected to the Los Osos Water Reclamation Facility (LOWRF), the County process for enforcing upon these unconnected parcels, and an overview of LOWRF operations.

Following the County presentation, Board members asked about water quality and seawater intrusion in the Los Osos groundwater basin and requested that a future Board meeting include an informational item on the status of groundwater quality in the Los Osos groundwater basin.

Motion:	Member Jeff Young moved to approve to approve Item 10
Seconded by:	Member Johnston
Roll Call Aye:	Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, Member Johnston, and Member Young
Motion Carried:	5 to 0

### **Administrative Items**

11. Executive Officer's Report

[[Matthew Keeling](#), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

Mr. Keeling summarized the written report. Mr. Keeling and Ms. Tryon updated the Board on other items regarding the recent storm events

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair

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