

Board Member Roll Call and Introductions

Nancy Wright, Jayne Powell, Ed Muzik, Peter Satin, and Sahara Huazano were present. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The virtual meeting via Zoom was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:00 a.m. on September 3, 2020.

State and Regional Water Board Staff Present

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, Katharine Buddingh, Laurel Firestone, Mary Castaneda, Sara Simpson, Dan Mefford, Jose Cortez, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Adriana Godinez, Emma McCorckle, and Reggie Tan.

Virtual Public Attendance

Nancy Nichols, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
Arden Wallum, Mission Springs Water District
Steve Ledbetter, Mission Springs Water District
Danny Friend, Mission Springs Water District

Public Forum

There were no public speakers during the Public Forum.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 24, 2020 and July 9, 2020 Board Meetings.

Motion: Jayne Powell moved, Sahara Huazano seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Sahara Huazano – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of June 24, 2020 and July 9, 2020 Board meetings.

2. State Water Board Liaison Update [Laurel Firestone, State Water Board Liaison]

Laurel Firestone provided an informational update on various State Water Board activities. She reported that there were challenges to the operator certification testing due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. She mentioned that the SAFER Advisory Group, which meets about four times a year to outline a plan on how the funds received each year will be utilized, has open seats for a two-year appointment term. She noted that applications can be found on the SAFER website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer. She also commended Regional Water Board staff on the presentation provided at the State Water Board's Salton Sea Virtual Workshop held last month. She noted that there was direction given to State Water Board staff to work with the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer to provide support and assist in moving forward with TMDLs and other tasks related to the Salton Sea.

Uncontested Items

Items 3 and 4 were voted on together. Item 5 was pulled from the uncontested items calendar for discussion and voted on separately.

3. **R7-2016-0013-01** – Consideration of adoption of Amendment to Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Blythe, Owner/Operator, Blythe Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, Blythe, Riverside County [*Adriana Godinez, WRCE*]
4. **R7-20196-0019-01** - Consideration of adoption of Amendment to Cease and Desist Order for Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Mountain Station Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System, Riverside County [*Reggie Tan*]

Motion: Jayne Powell moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Sahara Huazano – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Orders R7-2016-0013-01 and R7-2019-0019-01.

5. **R7-2020-0028** – Consideration of adoption of Non-Regulatory Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to Update Bacteria Water Quality Objectives for Waters Designated for Water Contact Recreation [*Emma McCorkle, ES*]

This item was removed from the uncontested items calendar by Chair Wright.

Emma McCorkle, Environmental Scientist, provided an update on the proposed Basin Plan Amendment, explaining the basis for the amendment and giving an overview of the changes to the Basin Plan.

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Jayne Powell, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Nancy Wright – Aye, Jayne Powell – Aye, Sahara Huazano – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye.

The motion was carried unanimously to adopt Resolution R7-2020-0028.

Contested and Discussion Items

6. **R7-2020-0026** – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Agricultural Lands for Dischargers that are Members of a Coalition Group in the Coachella Valley, Riverside County [*Jennie Snyder, WRCE*]

This item was continued to a future meeting and no Board action was taken.

7. **R7-2020-0011** – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Mission Springs Water District, Owner/Operator, West Valley Water Reclamation Facility, Desert Hot Springs – Riverside County [*Adriana Godinez, WRCE*]

Chair Wright recused herself from this item and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Powell, who opened the public hearing on the permit.

Adriana Godinez, Water Resources Control Engineer, provided an overview of Mission Springs Water District's proposed new West Valley Wastewater Reclamation Facility and the permit requirements for the facility. She explained how the supply water for the proposed facility would be from a different subbasin than the receiving water, and outlined special provisions added to the permit to address concerns regarding TDS concentrations in the effluent. She also discussed public comments received and responses to those comments.

Speaker Cards: Arden Wallum, Mission Springs Water District
Steve Ledbetter, TKE Engineering

Arden Wallum, Mission Springs Water District and Steve Ledbetter, TKE Engineering, also provided a presentation to the Board.

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Peter Satin seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Jayne Powell – Aye, Ed Muzik – Aye, Peter Satin – Aye, Sahara Huazano – Aye, Nancy Wright – Recused.

The motion was carried to adopt Order R7-2020-0011 with changes in response to comments and verbal Errata.

Chair Wright rejoined the meeting.

Informational Items

8. **Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report [*Paula Rasmussen, EO*]**

Ms. Rasmussen reported that Regional Water Board staff Maria Davydova participated in the State Water Board's Virtual Salton Workshop and gave a presentation on the role of the Regional Water Board in the Salton Sea activities, including the role of the Basin Plan and the TMDLs related to the Salton Sea. She stated that there will be a Triennial Review Workshop as part of the next Board Meeting on October 8th, as well as a CEQA Scoping

Meeting on September 23rd to discuss the development of TMDLs in the Imperial Valley. She mentioned that Regional Water Board staff participated in a meeting in August with stakeholders regarding the development of a salt and nutrient management plan (SNMP) for the Coachella Valley groundwater basins. She noted that Wildermuth Environmental Incorporation is the consultant who will develop the SNMP and the groundwater monitoring plan. She also mentioned that a Notice of Applicability (NOA) was issued to the Coachella Valley Water District authorizing the district to act as the administrator for the Recycled Water Program. She added that staff will be participating in an upcoming meeting with CalEPA and other stakeholders regarding the New River Improvement Project. Lastly, she noted a correction on the EO Report page 5, item 8 – namely, that the date should be corrected May 31, 2020, not May 31, 2019.

9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Vice Chair Powell asked for clarification on on-going activities relating to Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Monitoring (PFOS). Ms. Rasmussen explained these activities in more detail and stated that she would provide the Board with an update a future meeting.

Board member Muzik asked for clarification on abstaining vs. recusing as it pertained to Chair Wright for Item 7. Ms. Buddingh, Legal Counsel, explained the difference for clarification.

Board member Satin thanked the staff for excellent presentations provided in the meeting. Board member Muzik echoed his comments.

10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Wright mentioned that the Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) is scheduled for October 27-28, 2020 via remote access. She noted that the State Water Board encourages all Board members to participate if possible. She stated that the next Regional Board Meeting is on October 8th via Zoom, and added that meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until the end of the year, unless otherwise instructed.

11. Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Next Board Meeting/Workshop

October 8 – 9:00 a.m.
Location TBD

November 12, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Location TBD