Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

City of Cypress
5275 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

And via Video and Teleconference (Gov. Code, § 11123.2)

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**CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Scandura called the meeting to order with a quorum on Friday, October 23, 2026 at 9:04 a.m.

**ITEM 1. INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
***Indicates that attendance was virtual.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
Chair John Scandura
Vice Chair Gloria Alvarado
Board Member William "Bill" Ruh
Board Member Letitia Clark***
Board Member Sixto "Al" Lopez

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**
None.

**STAFF PRESENT**
Eric Lindberg, Executive Officer
Brian Covellone, Assistant Executive Officer
Vanessa Fuerte, Clerk to the Board
Dan Mefford, Information Technology Specialist I
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate
Nick Amini, Branch Manager, Surface Water and Agriculture Branch
Alan Kuoch, Branch Manager, Groundwater Protection Branch
Cassidy Lunetta, Environmental Scientist
Lauren Morrison, Environmental Scientist

Julio Lara, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Water Resource Control Engineer
Joanne Lee, Water Resource Control Engineer
Paloma Abell-Orozco, Supervisor I
Adaoha Ollivierre, Water Resource Control Engineer

**STATE WATER BOARD PRESENT**
Heraclio Pimentel, Regional Board Counsel
Desta Matsuda, Regional Board Counsel
Nicole Morgan, State Water Board Liaison

**COURT REPORTER PRESENT**
None.

**SPANISH INTERPRETERS PRESENT**
None.

**ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM**
None.

**ITEM 3. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD LIAISON REPORT**
Nicole Morgan, State Water Resources Control Board Liaison, provided an informational report on current activities and initiatives of the State Water Resources Control Board. The report included updates on matters of statewide significance relevant to water quality management and implementation of Water Board programs.

**ITEM 4. REGIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**
**Motion:** Board Member Ruh moved to adopt the September 11, 2026 Board meeting minutes.
**Seconded by:** Board Member Lopez
**MOTION PASSED**

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| **Aye:** | Board Member Lopez |
| | Board Member Ruh |
| | Vice Chair Alvarado |
| | Chair Scandura |
| **Nay:** | None |
| **Abstain:** | None |
| **Absent:** | Board Member Clark |

**ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING DATES 2027**
**Motion:** Board Member Lopez moved to adopt the Board meeting dates for 2027.
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ruh
**MOTION PASSED**

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| **Aye:** | Board Member Lopez |
| | Board Member Ruh |
| | Vice Chair Alvarado |

Chair Scandura
**Nay:** None
**Abstain:** None
**Absent:** Board Member Clark

**ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ARE LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK**

Item *8. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0106348 for the Los Alamitos Race course; R8-2026-0031

Item *9. Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification For Compass Danbe Centerpointe Project; R8-2026-0039

Item *10. Termination of individual Waste Discharge Requirements; R8-2026-0049

Item 9 was removed from the consent calendar by request of a member of the public and considered separately.

**Motion:** Board Member Ruh moved to adopt Order Number R8-2026-0031 and Order Number R8-2026-0049.
**Seconded by:** Chair Scandura
**MOTION PASSED**
**Aye:** Board Member Lopez
Board Member Ruh
Vice Chair Alvarado
Chair Scandura
**Nay:** None
**Abstain:** None
**Absent:** Board Member Clark

Break: 9:18a.m. – 9:28 a.m.

**ITEM 9. WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR COMPASS DANBE CENTERPOINTE PROJECT; R8-2026-0039**

Cassidy Lunetta summarized the project, proposed mitigation measures, and the requirements contained in the draft Order. Heraclio Pimentel announced one amendment to paragraph one, correcting the discharger's name from "Dande" to "Danbe".

**Public Comment:** Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coast Keeper

**Motion:** Board Member Ruh moved to adopt Order Number R8-2026-0039.
**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Alvarado
**MOTION PASSED**

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| **Aye:** | Board Member Lopez |
| | Board Member Ruh |
| | Vice Chair Alvarado |
| | Chair Scandura |
| **Nay:** | None |
| **Abstain:** | None |
| **Absent:** | Board Member Clark |

Note: Board Member Letitia Clark arrived at the meeting via Zoom at 9:37am

## ITEM 6. ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR SANTA ANA WATER BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2027

**Motion:** Chair Scandura moved to approve nominations for Board Member Lopez and Board member Clark to serve on the nominating committee.
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ruh
**MOTION PASSED**

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| **Aye:** | Board Member Lopez |
| | Board Member Ruh |
| | Vice Chair Alvarado |
| | Chair Scandura |
| | Board Member Clark |
| **Nay:** | None |
| **Abstain:** | None |
| **Absent:** | None |

## ITEM 11. WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SANTIAGO CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; R8 2026-0042

Lauren Morrison presented an overview of the Santiago Creek Dam Improvement Project, including the proposed improvements to the dam infrastructure, outlet tower, spillway facilities, and embankment necessary to meet current seismic and safety standards. Board members asked questions to staff and party representatives.

**Public Comment:** Paul Cook, General Manager of Irvine Ranch Water District
Mike Meredith
Ray Hester, Orange County Coast Keeper
Wendy Tochihara, Recreational angler

**Motion:** Board Member Ruh moved to adopt Order Number R8-2026-0042.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Alvarado
**MOTION PASSED**
**Aye:** Board Member Lopez
Board Member Ruh
Vice Chair Alvarado
Chair Scandura
Board Member Clark
**Nay:** None
**Abstain:** None
**Absent:** None

**ITEM 12. WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, MASTER RECYCLING PERMIT AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT NO. CA8000316 FOR WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY (WRCRWA); R8-2026-0001**

Julio Lara provided a presentation and short video provided from Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority, both explained an overview of the proposed Order, which authorizes the discharge of tertiary treated and disinfected recycled water and stormwater overflow from the regional wastewater treatment plant to multiple receiving waters in the Inland Empire area. Staff answered questions from board members.

**Motion:** Board Member Ruh moved to adopt Order Number R8-2026-0001.
**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Alvarado
**MOTION PASSED**
**Aye:** Board Member Ruh
Vice Chair Alvarado
Chair Scandura
Board Member Clark
**Nay:** None
**Abstain:** Board Member Lopez
**Absent:** None

**ITEM 13. REDEVELOPMENT OF THE DAVIS MUD PIT LANDFILL**

Joanne Lee provided a presentation on the redevelopment of the former Davis Mud Pit Landfill located in the City of Anaheim, Orange County.

**ITEM 14. RACIAL EQUITY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Paloma Abell-Orozco, and Adaoha Ollivierre presented a presentation that shared the status update on the Regional Racial Equity Action Plan, including progress on implementation efforts, ongoing initiatives, and future priorities.

**ITEM 15. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Executive Officer Eric Lindberg provided an informational report to the Board and public regarding ongoing Regional Board activities and matters of regional and statewide interest. Updates included staff activities, public outreach efforts, participation in public meetings, attendance at conferences and events, and public notices.
The Executive Officer also presented program updates and discussed current and emerging water quality issues affecting the region. An update was provided on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, including its adoption in September 2026. These reports will be provided at each Board meeting to keep Board Members and the public informed of ongoing Regional Board activities, program developments, and matters of interest.

**CLOSED SESSION**
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Chair Scandura adjourned the meeting at 12:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Eric Lindberg
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**ERIC T. LINDBERG, PG CHG**
Executive Officer

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