

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION  
Board Meeting Room  
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108  
San Diego, California 92108

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Abarbanel called to order the meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) at the Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California 92108.

**Item 1** - Roll Call and Introductions:

Board Members present: Henry Abarbanel, Eric Anderson, Tomas Morales, Gary Strawn, Stefanie Warren.

Board Members absent: Betty Olson

Staff present: Dave Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, John Anderson, John Odermatt, Chad Loflen, Chiara Clemente, Mike Porter, Craig Carlisle, Regan Morey, Jeremy Haas, Debbie Woodward, Betty Fetscher, David Barker, Alan Monji, Eric Becker, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Wayne Chiu, Roger Mitchell, Julie Chan, Sarah Mearon, Carey Nagoda, Michelle Santillan, Cynthia Gorham, Keith Yeager, Frank Melbourn, Jody Ebsen.

Remote Attendance: Laura Samrad, Laurie Walsh, Whitney Ghoram, Christopher Means, Amy Grove, Sherrie Komeylyan, Alex Cali, Christina Arias, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Melissa Corona.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board - Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez. California Court Reporting – Marlee Nelson.

Public Attendance: Barry Pulver; Stephanie Gaines, Jo Ann Weber, *County of San Diego*; Roshan Christoph, John Rudolph, Bill Isham, *AMEC Foster Wheeler*, Dawn Hottenroth, *KMEA*; Vicki Kalkirtz, Ruth Kolb, Jeffrey Pasek, *City of San Diego*; Rebekah Guill, Edwin Quinonez, Matt Yeager, *Riverside County Flood Control District*, Clint Boschen, *Tetra Tech*; Michael Welch, *Michael Welch Consulting*; Vivi Stevens, *City of Carlsbad*; Matt O'Malley, Meredith Meyers, *San Diego Coastkeeper*; Jessica Palmer, Len Sinfield, *U.S. Navy*; Garry Devitt, Emily Andrade, Tim Baird, *Encinitas Unified School District*; Bill Dean, *SWPPP Internship Program*; Neil Mohr, *Republic Services*; Julia Richards, *San Diego River Conservancy*; Paul Hortman, Ashli Desai, *Larry Walker Associates*; Goldy Herbon, *San Diego County Water Authority*; Garth Engelbrin, *Alta Environmental*; Damon Owen, Sheri Distan, *Western Solutions, Inc.*; Mary Anne

Vimey, *Agua Hedionda Lagoon Citizens' Group*; Amanda Masqa; Cindy Rivers, Jacqueline Sedighi, Grant Sharp, *County of Orange*; Trevor Allsop, *Geosyntec*; Devin Saaven, *City of Lake Forest*.

**Item 2** - Public Forum

Neil Mohr, General Manager of Republic Services, Sycamore Landfill, provided a progress report on their expansion project.

Matt O'Malley, San Diego Coastkeeper, provided an update on a Clean Water Act action against the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Mary Anne Vimey, a member of an Agua Hedionda Lagoon Citizens' Group, addressed the Board with a request to perform fecal and coliform bacteria studies in the middle and eastern basins and fish studies in the outer basin.

Chair Abarbanel thanked and complemented both San Diego Coastkeeper and Ms. Vimey's Citizens' Group, emphasizing the importance of their contributions in meeting the Water Board's mission.

**Item 3** - Minutes of Board Meeting:      September 13, 2017  
October 11, 2017  
December 13, 2017

Mr. Strawn moved to approve the September 13, 2017 Minutes, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Strawn, and Warren voted "aye," with Board Member Morales abstaining. The motion passed.

Dr. Abarbanel moved to approve the October 11, 2017 Minutes, and Mr. Strawn seconded the motion. Board Members Abarbanel, Morales, Strawn, and Warren voted "aye," with Board Member Anderson abstaining. The motion passed.

Action on the December 13, 2017 minutes was deferred until a later meeting.

**Item 4** – Chairman's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports. These items were for Board discussion only. Public testimony was not allowed, and the Board took no formal action.

Dr. Abarbanel provided a summary of the Climate Change follow-up meeting held at Scripps Institution of Oceanography on February 9, 2018.

Mr. Gibson introduced the students from Flora Vista Elementary School in the Encinitas Unified School District to explain their work as SWPPP Interns and answer Board Member questions. The presenters were:

- Riley Platenberg
- Riley Kellar
- Bruce Bei
- Oliver Demian
- Jake Saily

Mr. Gibson provided an update on the transboundary sewage flows in the Tijuana River Valley and Imperial Beach areas.

**Item 5** – Future Agenda Items: Board members may discuss items for possible inclusion on future agendas (*David Gibson*)

Ms. Warren asked for an update on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, including the status of the radioactive waste piles.

She also asked that Clear Blue Sea be invited to a future Board Meeting to provide an informational item on the monitoring of the Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch. Chair Abarbanel requested that the invitation include scientists from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Mr. Morales asked that the invitation be extended to the U.S. Navy, as well.

**Item 6** – Approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule (*David Gibson*)

Dr. Abarbanel moved to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule, and Mr. Morales seconded the motion. Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

**Item 7** – Tentative Resolution: 2017 Accomplishments and Tentative Resolution Endorsing the Operational Plan for 2018 (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2018-0013). (*David Gibson*)

Mr. Gibson gave his presentation.

Mr. Strawn moved to approve Tentative Resolution No. R9-2018-0013, and Mr. Morales seconded the motion. Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

*Chair Abarbanel called a brief recess at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:29 a.m.*

**Item 8** – Workshop: Administrative Draft of New Biological Water Quality Objectives. (*Chad Loflen*)

Mr. Gibson introduced the item, and Mr. Loflen gave the staff presentation. Both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Loflen responded to Board Member questions.

*Chair Abarbanel called a brief recess at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.*

Mr. Loflen continued with his presentation and responded to Board Member questions. Mr. Gibson also responded to Board Member questions.

The following stakeholders commented on the item and responded to Board Member questions:

- Matt Yeager, Riverside County Flood Control District
- Cindy Rivers, Senior Environmental Resources Specialist, County of Orange

- Stephanie Gaines, Program Coordinator, County of San Diego Storm Water Program
- Ashli Desai, Larry Walker Associates for the San Diego County Copermittees
- Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego

**Item 9** – Election: Election of Regional Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2018. *(David Gibson)*

Dr. Abarbanel nominated Mr. Morales for Board Chair and himself for Vice Chair, and Ms. Warren seconded the nomination. Board Members Abarbanel, Anderson, Morales, Strawn, and Warren voted “aye.” The motion passed.

*Chair Morales recessed for lunch and Closed Session at 12:45 p.m.. Ms. Hagan stated that the Board would discuss item 11 during Closed Session, but she indicated that the Board would take no action.*

**Item 11** – *Closed Session*—Consideration of Initiation of Litigation. The San Diego Water Board may meet in Closed Session to discuss the City of Imperial Beach, City of Chula Vista, San Diego Unified Port District, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego’s 60-day Notices of Intent to Sue the United States International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) and to consider initiating litigation against the USIBWC over matters within the San Diego Water Board’s jurisdiction [Authorized under Government Code §11126, subdivision (e)]. *(David Gibson)*

This Closed Session was held, but the Board did not take any action.

Chair Morales reconvened the public meeting at 1:28 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Morales adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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Christina Blank  
Executive Assistant

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David Gibson  
Executive Officer