

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2020**

*Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders ([N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#)) to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting occurred solely by remote presence.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Henry Abarbanel called the remote meeting to order on October 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Roger Mitchell gave an opening statement providing information for attendees to participate in the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members present:**

Henry Abarbanel, Ph.D., Board Chair; Celeste Cantú, Vice Chair; Eric Anderson; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D.; Gary Strawn; Stefanie Warren.

**Board Members absent:**

Megan Blair

**Staff present:**

David Gibson, Kelly Dorsey, Chris Blank, Roger Mitchell, Dan Boyd, Laurie Walsh, Fisayo Osibodu, Alan Monji, Keith Yaeger, Vicente Rodriguez, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Ben Neill, Lara Quetin, Christopher Means, Chiara Clemente, Erica Ryan, Elisa Rivera, Eric Becker, Sarah Mearon, Wayne Chiu, Whitney Ghoram, Brandon Bushnell, Chehreh Komeylyan, Jeremy Haas, David Barker, Chad Loflen, Jason DuMond, Tanya Clark, Christina Arias, Sean McClain, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Tony Felix, Mireille Garcia, Jill Harris

**Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:**

Laurel Firestone, State Water Resources Control Board; Catherine Hagan, Vincent Vu, Office of Chief Counsel; Vinty Siev, Division of Information Technology; Marlee Nelson, California Reporters LLC.

**Public Attendance:**

Mike Beanan  
*Laguna Bluebelt Coalition*  
Craig Carlisle

Andrew Meyer, Megan Flaherty, Budd  
Titlow, Chamelle Merrill, Jim Peugh,  
Christie Dunning, Chuck Dunning  
*San Diego Audubon Society*  
Karin Zirk, Adrienne Ferrell, Deborah  
Knight  
*Friends of Rose Creek*

Katrine Czajkowski, Maria Rivera, Molly  
Morissey, Muriel Spooner, John Riedel,  
Kristen Victor, Andrew Smisek, Aryn  
Wilder, Elise Hanson, Andrew Wiese,  
Utaw Cuseo-White, Gwendolyn Dick  
*Concerned Citizens*

Regina Sinsky-Crosby, Tommy Hough  
*ReWild Mission Bay*  
Meghan Martinez  
*California Coastal Conservancy*  
Matt Valerio  
*Dudek*

Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg  
*Coastal Policy Solutions*  
Lesley Handa  
*Handa Ornithology Lab*  
Carolyn Lieberman  
*USFWS*  
Kim Nadel  
*Kim Nadel Gaia Inspired Design and  
Consulting*  
Frank Landis  
*CNPSSD*  
Christina Capella  
*SDPDC*

Patrick McDonough  
*San Diego Coastkeeper*

Laura Hunter  
*Escondido Neighbors United*  
Keli Balo, Johnnie Perkins, Christine  
Leone, Shauna Lorance, Michael  
Hansen, Alyssa Muto  
*City of San Diego*  
Sree Kandhadai  
*High School Student*

Christopher Webb  
*Moffatt & Nichol*

Pamela Heatherington  
*Environmental Center of San Diego*

Ryan Karlsgodt  
*Strategies 360*  
Heather Henter  
*UC San Diego Natural Reserve System*  
Joe Bettles, Edie Munk, Isabelle Kay,  
Heather Henter,  
*UC San Diego*

Laura Walsh, Mitch Silverstein  
*Surfrider Foundation*  
Peg Engel  
*STAY COOL for Grandkids*  
Trish Boaz  
*San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy*  
Rick Bates  
*UNITE HERE Local 30*

Rebekah Loveless  
*Renaissance Project*  
William Tippetts  
*Southwest Wetlands Interpretive  
Association*  
Paul Barnes  
*Shea Homes*

**BOARD MEETING**

***Public comments on agenda items were limited to 3 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair***

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Michael Beanan addressed the Board regarding enforcement actions to halt unpermitted discharges to Aliso Creek.

Ms. Laura Hunter spoke about a potential Administrative Civil Liability for KB Homes and the Oak Creek development.

Mr. Craig Carlisle, Senior Engineering Geologist with the San Diego Water Board, addressed the Board regarding procedures for addressing the Board to present concerns. He also discussed climate change, and he attempted to express concern regarding sand erosion at a Scripps Institution of Oceanography discharge location, but that discussion was terminated, as the Scripps NPDES permit update is a pending matter.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**1. Minutes of Board Meeting:**

- September 9, 2020

**Motion to adopt the minutes:**

- Dr. Olson

**Second:**

- Mr. Strawn

**MOTION CARRIED:**

- September 9, 2020

**Aye:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Dr. Abarbanel

**Nay:**

- None.

**Absent:**

- Ms. Blair

**Abstain:**

- None.

2. 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. Olson reported on the dedication ceremony for the Trampas Canyon Dam and Reservoir, which occurred on Friday, October 9. State Water Board Chair, Joaquin Esquivel, and San Diego Water Board Chair, Henry Abarbanel, both made remarks during the ceremony.

Ms. Firestone provided an update on recent actions taken by the State Board and upcoming State Board actions, and she responded to Board Member questions.

Mr. Gibson reported on the USEPA Inter-Agency Consultation Group meeting on October 1, which he attended with Vice Chair Celeste Cantú. He also updated the Board regarding the Smuggler's Gulch project to install a sediment basin and trash boom, and he indicated that he will participate in a meeting of the Minute 320 Water Quality Workgroup on October 15, during which the participants will discuss binational water quality monitoring coordination and recycled water reuse in Mexico, as well as funding for both projects. Mr. Gibson then responded to Board Member questions.

*Chair Abarbanel called a recess at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:14 a.m.*

3. Future Agenda Items: *Board members discussed items for possible inclusion on future agendas.*

Board Members did not identify any future agenda items.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. Waste Discharge Requirement Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 94-05, Waste Discharge Requirements for All Seasons RV Park, LLC, Mr. Larry Tardie, All Seasons RV Park, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0178). *(Chehreh Komeilyan)*
5. Waste Discharge Requirement Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 93-12, Waste Discharge Requirements for State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0134). *(Brandon Bushnell)*
6. Waste Discharge Requirement Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 94-18, Waste Discharge Requirements for Stephan and Susan Harris, Woods Valley Kampground, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0139). *(Chehreh Komeilyan)*
7. Waste Discharge Requirement Rescission: Rescission of Order No. 94-131, Waste Discharge Requirements for Shiloah Springs Bible Retreat, Inc., Indian Hills Campground, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0187). *(Brandon Bushnell)*

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:**

- Mr. Strawn

**Second:**

- Ms. Warren

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Aye:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Dr. Abarbanel

**Nay:**

- None.

**Absent:**

- Ms. Blair

**Abstain:**

- None.

**ACTION ITEM**

8. Settlement Agreement for Administrative Civil Liability: Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability in the Matter of City of San Diego January 2016 Sanitary Sewer Overflow to Tecolote Creek and Mission Bay (Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0150). (*Christopher Means*)

Chair Abarbanel gave an opening statement. Mr. Means gave the prosecution team's presentation, and Keli Balo, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department Assistant Deputy Director, appeared for the discharger.

The following stakeholders commented on the item:

- Isabelle Kay, UCSD
- Andrew Meyer, Audubon Society
- Rick Bates, UNITE HERE Local 30
- Patrick McDonough, San Diego Coastkeeper
- Gwendolyn Dick, Concerned Citizen
- Regina Sinsky-Crosby, ReWild Mission Bay
- Ryan Karlsgodt, ReWild Mission Bay
- John Riedel, Concerned Citizen
- Muriel Spooner, Concerned Citizen
- Aryn Wilder, Concerned Citizen
- Andrew Wiese, Concerned Citizen
- Carolyn Lieberman, USFWS
- Andrew Smisek, Concerned Citizen
- Heather Henter, UCSD Natural Reserve System

- Rebekah Loveless, Renaissance Project
- Karin Zirk, Friends of Rose Creek
- Rebecca Schwartz-Lesberg, Coastal Policy Solutions
- Pamela Heatherington, Environmental Center of San Diego
- Peg Engel, STAY COOL for Grandkids
- Laura Walsh, Surfrider Foundation
- Lesley Handa, Handa Ornithology Lab
- Joe Bettles, UCSD School of Global Policy
- William Tippets, Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association
- Frank Landis, California Native Plant Society
- Meghan Martinez, California State Coastal Conservancy
- Deborah Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon
- Sree Kandhadai, Concerned Citizen
- Tommy Hough, ReWild Mission Bay
- Molly Morissey, San Diego Audubon Society
- Megan Flaherty, San Diego Audubon Society
- Adrienne Ferrell, Friends of Rose Creek

**Motion to adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0150 with errata:**

- Dr. Abarbanel

**Second:**

- Mr. Strawn

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Aye:**

- Mr. Anderson
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Mr. Strawn
- Ms. Warren
- Dr. Abarbanel

**Nay:**

- None.

**Absent:**

- Ms. Blair

**Abstain:**

- None.

*Chair Abarbanel called a recess at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:41 p.m.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9. Next Generation Monitoring Update. (*Celeste Cantú*)

Chair Abarbanel introduced the item, thanking Ms. Cantú and Dr. Olson for their work on this item, and Ms. Cantú gave her presentation.

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

- Paul Barnes, Shea Homes
- Jim Peugh, San Diego Audubon Society

10. WQCC Discussion Item. (*David Gibson*)

Mr. Gibson introduced the item, and the Board Members discussed the information they wanted to share at the WQCC, and what information they hoped to obtain during the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Abarbanel adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

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Christina A. Blank  
Executive Assistant

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David W. Gibson  
Executive Officer