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 December 8, 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:


Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:

Dorene D’Adamo, Paul Hann, Zane Poulson State Water Resources Control Board; Catherine Hagan, Vincent Vu, Lori Okun, Office of Chief Counsel; Elise Hicks, California Reporters LLC.
**Public Attendance:**

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**BOARD MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Barry Pulver addressed the Board regarding the KB Homes Oak Creek housing development.

Dr. Matt Yeager of Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District spoke on behalf of Orange, Riverside, and San Diego County MS4 Copermittes and the City of San Diego to advise the Board that County representatives are available to answer questions regarding Agenda Item 9. When Dr. Yeager’s further comments touched on substantive topics at issue in Agenda Item 9, Chair Abarbanel informed him that the scope of public forum is limited to non-agendized matters.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

1. **Minutes of Board Meeting:**
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   The item was postponed to a later meeting to allow for corrections to the draft minutes noted by Board Member Warren.

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.

   Ms. Firestone was unable to join the meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but Ms. D’Adamo 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 responded to Board Member questions, and he provided updates on IBWC and other Tijuana River Valley issues.

Chair Abarbanel presented Christopher Means an award for superior achievement for his work on the settlement agreement for the sanitary sewer overflow to Tecolote Creek. Mr. Means thanked his co-workers, his supervisor, Chiara Clemente, and the attorneys from the Office of the Chief Counsel for their assistance in the settlement agreement.

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

Ms. Cantú and Ms. Warren requested an update on transboundary pollution flows from Mexico in the Tijuana River Valley.

CONSENT CALENDAR


Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with errata for Item 8:

- Dr. Olson

Second:
- Mr. Strawn

MOTION CARRIED

Aye:
- Mr. Anderson
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
Nay:
- None.

Absent:
- Ms. Blair

Abstain:
- None.

Chair Abarbanel called a brief recess at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

**ACTION ITEM**


Vice Chair Cantú presided over a portion of this item while Chair Abarbanel resolved a technical issue. Mr. Gibson reminded the Board that the public hearing was closed at the November 18, 2020, meeting. Mr. Gibson recommended adoption of the Resolution and identified a draft amendment to address a Board Member concern raised at the November meeting. Vice Chair Cantú reopened the public hearing. Mr. Gibson read the proposed amendment and Mr. Loflen summarized his remarks from the November 18 meeting.

Vice Chair Cantú invited a motion to approve the Resolution with amendment. Mr. Strawn moved to adopt the proposed resolution with the amendment. Ms. Warren seconded the motion. Following Board Member discussion, a roll call vote was held.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. R9-2020-0234, with Amendment:**
- Mr. Strawn

**Second:**
- Ms. Warren

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Ms. Blair

Abstain: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Update on New Wetland Policy. (Eric Becker)

Mr. Becker gave the staff presentation, and Paul Hann from the State Water Board provided an overview of the State’s policy. The speakers responded to Board Member questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Abarbanel adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:       Signed by:

Christina A. Blank          David W. Gibson
Executive Assistant        Executive Officer