

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gary Strawn called the meeting to order on October 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, Room 108, San Diego, California 92108.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

Gary Strawn, Board Chair; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair, Megan Blair, Celeste Cantú, and Yen Tu.

Board Members absent:

Stefanie Warren

Staff present:

David Gibson, Chris Blank, Jeremy Haas, Roger Mitchell, Cailynn Smith, Brandon Bushnell, Mahsa Izadmehr, Fisayo Osibodu, Tony Felix, Mireille Lecourtois, Debbie Woodward, Frank Melbourn, Nic White, Eric Becker, Riley Nolan, Josh Hufferd, Christina Arias, Chiara Clemente, Adrian Hinkle, Amy Grove, Kaylee Popovich, Kate Buckley, Chad Loflen

Staff remote attendance:

Kelly Dorsey, Brandie White, Joann Lim, Christopher Means, Jody Ebsen, Melissa Corona, Cleo Muñoz, Wayne Chiu, Hiram Sarabia

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board

Alex Sauerwein, Eric Gillman, State Water Board Office of Chief Counsel; Paul Ciccarelli, Office of Enforcement; Vinty Siev, Tino Gamboa, DIT; Elise Hicks (remote), California Reporting

Public Attendance:

Present:

Joann Lopez, Adrian Tasso, Chris
Luna, Sara Boyer, Rod Woods
Moulton Niguel Water District

Anthony Demler, Kelly Conty
Demler Brothers, LLC

Michael R. Welch
Michael Welch Consultants

BOARD MEETING

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments for the Public Forum

BOARD BUSINESS

ITEM 1 –

Minutes of Board Meeting: September 10, 2025

Motion to approve the September 10, 2025, minutes:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Ms. Tu

Aye:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Tu
- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Warren

Abstain:

- None

ITEM 2 - Chair's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports. *These items were for Board discussion only. No public testimony was allowed, and the Board took no formal action.*

The State Board liaison, Nichole Morgan, was unable to attend.

Ms. Cantú and Ms. Tu attended the Chairs' meeting on October 3 in place of Chair Strawn and Vice Chair Olson, and they provided a summary of that meeting.

Mr. Gibson provided information that was not in the written Report. He also congratulated Riley Nolan, who has moved to the Source Control Unit, working on border water quality and transboundary flow issues. In addition, Mr. Gibson reported that the federal government shut-down has not affected us in any meaningful way.

ITEM 3 – Transboundary Flows

Mr. Gibson responded to Board Member questions and provided updates that did not appear in the written Border Water Quality Update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Items on the consent calendar may be removed at the request of any Board member or person. If an item is removed from the consent items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda items. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent Board meeting to allow input by interested people.*

ITEM 4 – Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements: An Order Rescinding Order No. 88-54, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Granite Construction Company, San Diego County* (Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0125). Written comments for this item were due on September 5, 2025. (*Adrian Hinkle*)

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar item:

- Ms. Blair

Second:

- Ms. Tu

Aye:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Tu
- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Warren

Abstain:

- None

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 5 – Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) in the Matter of Moulton Niguel Water District January 2025 Sanitary Sewer System Spill to Sulphur Creek, Aliso Creek, and Aliso Beach (Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0137). Written comments for this item were due on September 5, 2025. (*Christina Arias*)

Christina Arias gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Rod Woods, District Deputy Manager, Sara Boyer, Regulatory Compliance Manager, and Adrian Tasso, Director of Operations for Moulton Niguel Water District, also responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Strawn asked for public comments, both in person and on Zoom. There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt Order No. R9-2025-0137:

- Ms. Blair

Second:

- Ms. Tu

Aye:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Tu
- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Warren

Abstain:

- None

ITEM 6 – Tentative Resolution: A Resolution Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration Regarding Potential Environmental Impacts for Waste Discharge Requirements for Demler Brothers LLC, Pine Hill Egg Ranch and Pullet Farm, Ramona, San Diego County (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2025-0054). Written comments on this item were due on June 20, 2025. *(Mahsa Izadmehr)*

ITEM 7 – Waste Discharge Requirements for Demler Brothers LLC, Pine Hill Egg Ranch and Pullet Farm, Ramona, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0012). Written comments on this item were due on June 20, 2025. *(Mahsa Izadmehr)*

Items 6 & 7 were heard and considered together, but the Board voted on each item separately.

Mahsa Izadmehr gave the staff presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Anthony Demler from Demler Brothers, LLC, gave the discharger presentation and responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Strawn asked for public comments, both in person and on Zoom. There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2025-0054:

- Ms. Cantú

Second:

- Dr. Olson

Aye:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Tu
- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Warren

Abstain:

- None

Motion to adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0012:

- Ms. Blair

Second:

- Ms. Tu

Aye:

- Ms. Blair
- Ms. Cantú
- Dr. Olson
- Ms. Tu
- Chair Strawn

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- Ms. Warren

Abstain:

- None

There being no further business, Chair Strawn adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina A. Blank
Executive Assistant

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer

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