CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tomas Morales called the meeting to order on August 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California 92108.

ATTENDANCE:

**Board Members present:**

Tomas Morales, Chair; Henry Abarbanel, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Eric Anderson, Board Member; Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Board Member; Gary Strawn, Board Member; Stefanie Warren, Board Member.

**Staff present:**


**Remote attendance:**

Rachel O'Donovan, Kimberly McMurray-Cathcart, Kristin Schwall, Melissa Corona, Fisayo Osibodu, Lalitha Thotakura, Tony Felix, Joann Lim, Jody Ebsen, Hiram Sarabia.

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


**Public Attendance:**

Clint Boschen  
*Tetra Tech*

Todd Snyder, Jo Ann Weber, Heather Krish, Victor Avina  
*County of San Diego*

Mary Vondrak  
*City of Laguna Beach*

Grant Sharp, Rita Abellar, Cindy Rivers  
*County of Orange*

Renee Anderson, Barry Pulver  
*Residents of San Diego Region*

Victor Kalkirtz, Rachel Davenport, Ruth Kolb, Gail Ryan, Alejandra Gavaldon, Kris Michell, Kris McFadden, Arielle Beaulieu  
*City of San Diego*

Kelly Tait, Karen Holman  
*Port of San Diego*

Tim Klein, Michelle Hallack  
*Alta Environmental*

Nick Popaditch, Jessica Palmer, Norma Ramirez  
*U.S. Navy*

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Neil Mohr of Republic Services provided an update on the Sycamore Landfill expansion project.

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes of Board Meeting: June 20, 2018

Motion: Mr. Anderson moved to adopt the proposed minutes.
Seconded by: Mr. Strawn
MOTION CARRIED: [June 20, 2018]
Aye: Dr. Abarbanel
    Mr. Anderson
    Dr. Olson
    Mr. Strawn
    Ms. Warren
    Chairman Morales
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
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.

Mr. Morales reported that the discussion topics for the WQCC in October are almost final.

Dr. Abarbanel summarized a meeting in which he, Mr. Gibson, and Sarah Mearon participated at San Diego State University to discuss the Sage Project, which establishes partnerships with local communities to afford students real-world learning opportunities by working on community-based projects and incorporating that work into their courses. He also provided an update on the Next Generation Monitoring project.
Mr. Gibson provided an update on the Cannabis Program and responded to Board Member questions.

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

Dr. Abarbanel expressed ongoing concern regarding the storage of nuclear waste at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), and requested that Southern California Edison return to provide an update and answer the questions posed in June.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

4. Annual Update on the Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay. *(Wayne Chiu)*
   - **Staff Presentation**  
     Wayne Chiu
   - **Port of San Diego Presentation**  
     Karen Holman, Kelly Tait

   Dan McKirnan also commented on the item.

   *Chair Morales recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.*

   - **Staff presentation**  
     Michelle Santillan
   - **Presentation**  
     Matt O’Malley, San Diego Coastkeeper

   The following stakeholders provided comments on this item:
   - Kris Michell, Chief Operating Officer, City of San Diego
   - Victor Avina, Policy Advisor, County of San Diego, Supervisor Cox’s office
   - Todd Snyder, Watershed Protection Program Manager, County of San Diego
   - Grant Sharp, Manager, South Orange County Watershed Management Area

   Laurie Walsh addressed questions posed by the commenters.

   *Chair Morales recessed for lunch and Closed Session at 12:30 p.m.*  
   *Ms. Hagan indicated that the Board would discuss Item Nos. 6 (k) and (l) and Item 7 during Closed Session. Chair Morales reconvened the public meeting at 2:25 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSIONS**  
*Closed Sessions are not open to the Public*

6. Discussion of Ongoing Litigation [Authorized under Government Code §11126, subd. (e)]. The San Diego Water Board may meet in Closed Session to discuss ongoing litigation for the following cases:

   **Civil Actions (Judicial and Administrative, other than Petitions for Review filed with the State Water Board)**


d. Test Claim on California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2010-0016 (NPDES No. CAS0108766) adopted November 10, 2010, County of Riverside, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Cities of Murrieta, Temecula and Wildomar, Co-Claimants, filed with Commission on State Mandates, No. 11-TC-03 (filed November 2011). (Catherine George Hagan)

e. Test Claim on California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2013-0001 (Regional MS4 Permit) filed with Commission on State Mandates by County of San Diego. (San Diego Region Water Permit – County of San Diego, Test Claim No. 14-TC-03 (filed June 2015). (Catherine George Hagan)


Petitions for Review Pending Before the State Water Board¹

None at this time other than those being held in abeyance.

Board Members discussed items (k) and (l) during this Closed Session, but no action was taken.

7. 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, and San Diego Unified Port District Complaint against the United States International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), Surfrider’s Notice of Intent to Sue and the Board’s own Notice of Intent to Sue USIBWC over matters within the San Diego Water Board’s jurisdiction [Authorized under Government Code §11126, subdivision (e)]. (David Gibson)

Board Members discussed this item during Closed Session, but no action was taken.

¹ Petitions for review of San Diego Water Board actions or inactions filed with the State Water Board being held in abeyance by the State Water Board are generally not listed in the agenda. The titles of these matters are available at the San Diego Water Board. Please contact Catherine George Hagan at Catherine.Hagan@waterboards.ca.gov or 619-521-3012 for more information.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Morales adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:  
Christina Blank  
Executive Assistant

Signed by:  
David Gibson  
Executive Officer