

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gary Strawn called the meeting to order on April 9, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Mission Viejo City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, California 92691

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

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

Staff present:

Laurie Walsh, Roger Mitchell, Chris Blank, Vinty Siev, Brandon Bushnell, Fisayo Osibodu, Mahsa Izadmehr.

Staff remote attendance:

Kelly Dorsey, Jeremy Haas, Joe Whearty, Alex Sauerwein, Jody Ebsen, Wayne Chiu, Melissa Corona, Alan Monji, Riley Nolan, Lauren Kim, Jimmy Smith, Jessica Taylor, Cynthia Gorham, Kate Buckley, Joann Lim, Lisa Honma, Chad Loflen, Christopher Means, Lara Quetin, Sarah Mearon, Chiara Clemente, Ben Neill.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board

Nichole Morgan, for the State Water Resources Control Board; Jennifer Fordyce, Alex Sauerwein (remote), State Water Board Office of Chief Counsel; Vinty Siev, DIT.

Public Attendance:

Present:

Amanda Carr, Grant Sharp, Kim Buss,
Stephanie God, Jesse Aragon, Tracy
Ingebritsen, Kristi Quan
County of Orange/OC Stormwater
Bill Moorhead, Duane Cave, David
Larsen, Laura Rocha, Jesse Cox,
Stephanie Zinn, Sherry Wanninger
Moulton Niguel Water District
Lisa Zawaski
City of Dana Point

Lindsay Leahy, Mike Blazevec, Robert
Grantham, Tricia Butler
Santa Margarita Water District

Hazel McIntosh, Annie Van Leer
City of Mission Viejo

Jeff Neeman
Black & Veatch

Remote attendance:

Kristen Gallacher
City of Laguna Beach
Omar Arredondo
WSP
Mike Beanan
Laguna Bluebelt Coalition
Karen Dennison
San Diego Resident
Brian Elliott
Office of San Diego City Council
President Jo LaCava
Lance Rodgers
Ark Environmental Solutions

Lesley Handa
San Diego Bird Alliance
Aaron Poresky
Geosyntec Consultants
Katie Duffield
HELIX Environmental Planning
Conrad Wear
City of San Diego
Michael Welch
Michael Welch Consultants

Carol Archibald
Sierra Club Seal Society

BOARD MEETING

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

PUBLIC FORUM

The following stakeholders addressed the Board regarding the application of bioactive odor control counteractant and cleaner to the La Jolla Bluffs area:

- Lesley Handa, Lead Ornithologist for the San Diego Bird Alliance
- Brian Elliott, Policy Director for the Office of San Diego City Council President Joe LaCava
- Carol Archibald, Volunteer Docent for the Sierra Club Seal Society

In addition, Mike Beanan, Co-Founder of the Laguna Bluebelt Coalition, addressed the Board regarding recreational breaching of the coastal berm at Aliso Beach.

BOARD BUSINESS

Item 1 – Minutes of Board Meeting: March 12, 2025

Motion to adopt the March 12, 2025, minutes:

- Dr. Olson

Second:

- Ms. Warren

Aye:

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

Nay:

- None

Absent:

- None

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.*

Nichole Morgan provided updates on recent State Board actions and upcoming priorities and responded to Board Member questions and comments.

Chair Strawn congratulated Ms. Cantú on the birth of her granddaughter. Dr. Olson stated that a story on the Tijuana River Valley transboundary flows appeared in the *Indian Times*

Kelly Dorsey and Laurie Walsh responded to Board Member questions regarding the written Executive Officer's Report.

Item 3 – Transboundary Flows

Riley Nolan provided updates and responded to Board Member questions. Kelly Dorsey, Laurie Walsh, and Melissa Corona also responded to Board Member questions.

Chair Strawn called a recess at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 4 – Orange County Presentation on Spill Response Process. *(Laurie Walsh)*

Laurie Walsh introduced the item, and Amanda Carr, Deputy Director of Orange County Public Works gave the presentation.

Chair Strawn asked for public comments, both in person and on Zoom; there were no public comments on the item.

Item 5 – Santa Margarita Water District and Moulton Niguel Water District Updates on Water Supply Diversification Projects. *(Fisayo Osibodu)*

Brandon Bushnell introduced the item.

The following representatives gave the presentation for the Santa Margarita Water District and responded to Board Member questions:

- Robert Grantham, General Manager
- Tricia Butler, Chief Engineer
- Mike Blazevic, Hydrogeologist

The following representatives gave the presentation for the Moulton Niguel Water District and responded to Board Member questions:

- Duane Cave, Board Director
- David Larsen, Director of Infrastructure and Reuse
- Laura Rocha, Resource Director

Chair Strawn asked for public comments, both in person and on Zoom; there were no public comments on the item.

Chair Strawn adjourned for closed session at 12:00 p.m. Jennifer Fordyce stated that the Board would discuss Agenda Item 9, Personnel. The public meeting was reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Strawn adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

These Minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina A. Blank
Executive Assistant

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer