

State of California
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Draft Minutes of the May 15, 2020 Board Meeting
Video and Teleconference Meeting
No Physical Meeting Location
(Authorized by and in furtherance of
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#))

Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

1. **Introductions**

Board Members Present at Virtual Board Meeting:

William Ruh, Chair
William P. von Blasingame
Tom Rivera
Lana Peterson
Daniel P. Selmi
Kris A. Murray

Staff Present at Virtual Board Meeting:

Hope A. Smythe, Executive Officer
Jayne Joy, Assistant Executive Officer
Teresita Sablan, Regional Board Counsel
Ann E. Sturdivant, Division Chief
Mark E. Smythe, Division Chief
Lauma Willis, Division Chief
Terri Reeder, Chief of Basin Planning, Coastal Waters
Julio C. Lara, Chief of Wastewater
Kevin Heinemann, Information Technology Manager
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Assistant
Jeannie Aguilar, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Sean Maguire, State Board Liaison
Maleigh Wood, Legal Counsel, State Water Board
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director, State Water Board
Daniel Ellis, Environmental Scientist, Division of Water Quality
Leslie Hart, Environmental Scientist, Division of Water Quality
Itze Abeyta, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, State Water Board
Mandy Roman, Public Participation Specialist, State Water Board
Ben Neill, Water Resources Control Engineer, San Diego Regional Water Board

Virtual Public Attendance by Virtual Speaker Cards Received

Karl Seckel, Municipal Water District of Orange County; Mike Markus, Orange County Water District; John Kennedy, Orange County Water District; Rob Hunter, MWDOC; Tom Luster, California Coastal Commission; Wendy Hall, Scott Maloni, Poseidon Water; Barbara Boxer, Former U.S. Senator; Cathy Green, Orange County Water District; Brett Barbre, Board Member MWD and MWDOC; Jeff Thomas, Municipal Water District of

Orange County; Kelly Rowe, Orange County Water District; Steve Sheldon, Orange County Water District; Mike Posey, Elected Council Member, City of Huntington Beach; Patrick Brenden, Bolsa Chica Conservancy; Jordan Brandman, City of Anaheim; Tyler Diep, State Assemblyman, 72nd District; Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach; Joe Carchio, Former Mayor of City of Huntington Beach; Zeke Hernandez, Rancho Santiago Community College District; Dr. Allen Bernstein, Mayor City of Tustin; Doug Davert, East Orange County Water District; Chuck Gibson, Santa Margarita Water District; John Hanna, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters; James Fisler, Mesa Water District; Duane Cave, Moulton Niguel Water District; Shawn Dewane, Mesa Water District; Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Water Coastkeeper; Joe Geever, Residents 4 Responsible Desal; Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance; Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper; Brad Coffey, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Don Bentley, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Weikko Wirta, Bolsa Chica Conservancy; Ernesto Medrano, LA-Orange County Building Trades Council; Jose Barrera, League of United Latin American Citizens; Dianne Thompson, Board Member Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce; Shirley Dettloff, Former Mayor Huntington Beach, Amigos de Bolsa Chica, Former California Coastal Commissioner; Paul Shoenberger, Mesa Water District; Andrea Leon-Grossman, Azul; Tanya Navarro, Jeremy Crutchfield, San Diego County Water Authority; Casey Anderson, Orange County Farm Bureau; William Butts, Jeff Farkas, Michael Grant, Wendy Ridderbusch, CalDesal; Esperanza Vielma, EJCW; Lydia Ponce, SoCal 350 and Idle No More SoCal; Molly Basler, Green Dream Campaign; Harvey Wasserman, Solartopia; Ethan Senser, Nicole Levin, Jacob Ruiz, Steve Aceti, California Coastal Coalition; Jim Leach, Santa Margarita Water District; Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors Association; Erin Barry, Orange County Association of Realtors; Doug Mangione, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Tanya Park, Michael McCool, Roger Quintal, Barbara Thomas, South Orange County Economic Coalition; Sarah Wiltfong, Los Angeles Business Federation; DeAndre Valencia, Los Angeles Business Federation; Diego Wuethrich, LA Business Federation; Cynthia Lau, Kelsey Eiben, Orange County Taxpayers Association; Merle Moshiri, Residents 4 Responsible Desalination General; Martha Camacho Rodriguez, See-LA; Susan Jordan, California Coastal Protection Network; Ethan Knox, Gloria Alvarado, Orange County Labor Federation; Vic Leipzig, Former Mayor of Huntington Beach – Board Member Amigos Bolsa Chica; Joyce Endo, Nancy Shrodes, Heal the Bay; Michael Rochmes, Marian Gordon, SoCal 350; Najwa Omar, SoCal 350; Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay; Luis Andres Perez, Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local 582; Carol Kravetz, Climate Reality Project; Sarah Goldzweig, Sunrise Movement Los Angeles; Anna Cummins, The 5 Gyres Institute; Angela Neff, Charles Falzon, Amigos de Bolsa Chica; Sherri Butterfield, Former Mayor of Mission Viejo; Alison Young, The 5 Gyres Institute; Jessica Jones, Jill Cagle, Orange County Wise; Ryan Gallagher, Mills Legal Clinic; Vasuki Nag, Michael Wellborn, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks; Adam Rodell, Brian Genovese, Jean Tietgen, Charles Busslinger, MWDOC; Robert Hunter, MWDOC; Linda Rodriguez, Greenpeace Incorporation; Elizabeth McKirachan, Rupert Barnett, Jenn Lowe, Association of California Cities, Steve LaMotte, Building Industry Association; Conner Everts, Wendy Enrriquez, Rashelle Zelaznik, Emma Hill, Orange County Coastkeeper; Nikki Buffa, Latham and Watkins; Laurie Schick, Brian O'Neill, Jordan Hang, Peter MacLaggan, Poseidon Water; Peter Gevorkian, Nathalie Carrillo, Orange County Coast Keeper; Terrell Koken, Richard Armendariz, Mily Dardis, R4RD; Glenn Brooks, Brooks Works Corporation; Steven Marion, Dave Hamilton, Mariela Santamaria, Orange County Coastkeeper; Mandy Sackett,

Surfrider Foundation; KC Fockler, Surfrider Foundation's Huntington Beach Chapter; Staley Prom, The Surfrider Foundation; Aaron Craddolph, Oscar Rodriguez, Oak View ComUNIDAD; Evelyn Charming, Sierra Club; Dee Dee Brooks, Alex Shepherd, Sharon Koch, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter; Tabitha Smith, Poseidon Water; Max Lochrie, Marisol Ramirez, Mikel Hogan, Residents for Responsible Desalination; Cristina Robinson, Sarah Spinuzzi, Orange County Coastkeeper; Dyana Pena, Donald Schultz, Katie N., Firoozeh Peiman, Rich Gomez, Carpenters Union; Adriana Maestas, Brett Korte, Azul; Baylie Vincent, Poseidon; Jose Trinidad Castaneda, Ramesh Singh, Chapman University; Milsa Vijayadharan, Orange County Coast Keeper; Marcia Hanscom, Leah Garland, Mary Baretich, Residents for Responsible Desalination; Hamid Assian, Kids Kung Fu Moves; Joe Galliani, 350 South Bay – LA; Cassidy Cunningham, Orange County Coast Keeper; Alexandra Noyes, Clayton King, Paul Weghorst, Irvine Ranch Water District; Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League; Marcela Graudins, Javascript, Azul; Mike Rodriguez, Roy Herndon, Marta Segura, Peter Benjamins, Matt Collings, Ryan Sakazaki, CARB; Aaron McCall, Lucinda Solorzano, Arlene Galindo-Jimenez, EJCW; Peter Swan, Irvine Ranch Water District; Patricia Carlos, Regina Zweng, Nag Vasuki, Gregory Foster, Karen Rico, Spanish Interpreter; Rich Lambros.

Live Spanish Interpretation was available to the public through the Zoom application and a court reporter was provided to record the workshop testimony.

Breaks from 11:06 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., 1:50 p.m. to 2:06 p.m., and 4:47 p.m. to 5:02 p.m.

Item 3. Workshop for the Permit Renewal for the Poseidon Resources' Proposed Huntington Beach Desalination Facility

This item was presented by Regional Board Staff, Hope Smythe, Jayne Joy, Terri Reeder, and State Board Staff, Daniel Ellis.

This was a public workshop and no action was taken by the Board. Santa Ana Water Board staff presented a second public workshop to address Regional Board member's questions related to the tentative waste discharge requirements and Water Code Section 13142.5(b) determination for the proposed Poseidon Resources Huntington Beach Desalination Facility. Their presentation focused on the identified need for the desalinated water and the marine life mitigation requirements with a brief review of what was covered in the December 6, 2019 workshop.

Water Agencies gave presentations to assist with questions from the Board Members and public comment was received at the workshop. The workshop received an estimate of 175 speaker cards from the public and the speakers were given the opportunity to address their comments to the Board.

Presenters: Karl Seckel, MWDOC, Mike Markus, Orange County Water District; Tom Luster, California Coastal Commission; Scott Maloni, Poseidon Water.

Regional Board Members asked questions to the presenters and to staff.

Item 2. Public Forum:

None

Adjournment – Chair Ruh adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. to the regular Board Meeting of June 19, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. and announced that the meeting will be video and teleconference only with no physical location due to the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor’s Executive Order N-33-20. Chair Ruh thanked the public.

Respectfully submitted:

HOPE A. SMYTHE
Executive Officer

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