

**State of California**  
**Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Minutes of the July 30, 2021 Board Meeting  
Video and Teleconference Meeting  
No Physical Meeting Location  
(Authorized by and in furtherance of  
Executive Order N-08-21)

Chair Ruh called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. **Introductions**

**Board Members Present at Virtual Board Meeting:**

Lana Peterson, Chair  
Kris A. Murray, Vice Chair  
William Ruh  
Joseph Kerr  
Letitia Clark

Board Member Daniel Selmi was not present at the Board meeting.

**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  
Kevin Heinemann, Information Technology Manager  
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate  
Daniel Mefford, Information Technology Specialist I  
Jeannie Aguilar, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Board Clerk  
Valerie Jahn-Bull, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Ken Williams, Chief of Pollutant Investigations  
Terri Reeder, Chief of Basin Planning – Coastal Waters  
Michelle R. Beckwith, Chief of Storm Water - Coastal  
Steven Stephansen, Environmental Scientist  
Celia Pazos, Engineering Geologist  
Maher Zaher, Water Resource Control Engineer  
Erick Burres, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Dorene D'Adamo, State Board Liaison  
Jennifer Fordyce, Assistant Chief Counsel, State Water Board  
Katherine Buddingh, Attorney III, State Water Board

**Also Present at Virtual Board Meeting**

William von Blasingame, former Board Member

**Virtual Public Attendance by Virtual Speaker Cards Received**

Scott Maloni, Poseidon Water.

**Item 2. Public Forum:**

Scott Maloni had questions for the Board in reference to the permit for the Huntington Beach project.

**Item 3. Dr. Tom Rivera's Resolution of Appreciation**

Former Board Member Dr. Tom Rivera was not present at the Board meeting. Chair Peterson presented the accomplishments of Dr. Tom Rivera and his immense leadership and service as a Board member.

**Item 4. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Liaison Report**

This item was presented by Board Member Dorene D'Adamo from State Water Board.

Dorene D'Adamo introduced herself to the Board as our new liaison.

Ms. D'Adamo discussed the significance of the drought. She mentioned the Emergency Declaration Proclamation that the governor issued. Ms. D'Adamo said we are focusing on the management of the state and federal water projects as they struggle with drought. One of the most important actions we have taken is trying to look at preservation of supplies for next year. The governor is encouraging people to voluntarily reduce their usage of water by 15 percent.

Ms. D'Adamo mentioned the integrated report that includes the 303D list of impaired waters and the 305B assessment of surface water quality for water bodies in several regions; Central Coast, Central Valley, and San Diego regions plus high priority listing reclamation recommendations for the Colorado River Basin. The Board is scheduled to consider adoption of this report in January of 2022.

Ms. D'Adamo discussed the Construction Stormwater General Permit. The draft was released in May of this year and is a permit that regulates stormwater discharges associated with construction activities that disturb one or more acres. The permit was adopted in 2009 and expired in 2014 but has been administratively extended until the effective date of a reissued permit.

Ms. D'Adamo said the draft Statewide Municipal Stormwater permit and Time Schedule Order for Caltrans was released by Water Board staff on June 25<sup>th</sup>. This permit was adopted in 2012 and expired in 2018 and has been extended until the effective date of the reissued permit. The draft Time Schedule Order proposed to provide Caltrans up through December 2034 to comply with TMDL requirements.

Water Boards held a workshop on July 7, 2021 on the draft Resolution on Racial Equity. The Board is expected to act on the resolution in the fall.

Ms. D'Adamo advised that Orange County Coastkeeper petitioned the Board regarding the Poseidon's Huntington Beach Desalination Facility permit.

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment released a draft public health goal for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

**Item 5. Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2021 and April 29, 2021**

Chair Peterson asked for a motion for the Minutes of April 23, 2021 and asked Board Clerk Ms. Aguilar for a roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Vice Chair Murray, and the Minutes of the April 23, 2021 Board Meeting was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Roll call vote: Board Member Letitia Clark - Aye, Board Member Joe Kerr - Aye, Board Member William Ruh - Aye, Vice Chair Kris Murray - Aye, Chair Lana Peterson - Aye.

Chair Peterson asked for a motion for the Minutes of April 29, 2021 and asked Board Clerk Ms. Aguilar for a roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Vice Chair Murray, and the Minutes of the April 23, 2021 Board Meeting was unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Roll call vote: Board Member Letitia Clark - Aye, Board Member Joe Kerr - Aye, Board Member William Ruh - Aye, Vice Chair Kris Murray - Aye, Chair Lana Peterson - Aye.

**Item 6. Consideration of the Consent Calendar items are listed with an asterisk**

Chair Peterson asked the Board Members for a motion and asked Board Clerk Ms. Aguilar for a roll call vote.

Item \*7. Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES No. CA0106348) for Los Alamitos Race Course – Order Number R8-2021-0019

Item \*8. Waste Discharge Requirements for Riverside Inland Development, LLC, Veterans Industrial Park 215 Project, City of Moreno Valley, Riverside County – Order Number R8-2021-0038

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Board Member Clark and unanimously carried to adopt Orders R8-2021-0019 and R8-2021-0038 as presented by roll call vote.*

Roll call vote: Board Member Letitia Clark - Aye, Board Member Joe Kerr - Aye, Board Member William Ruh - Aye, Vice Chair Kris Murray - Aye, Chair Lana Peterson - Aye.

**Item 9. Water Boards' Racial Equity Initiative**

This item was postponed.

**Item 10. Clean Water Team Presentation (An Introduction to the Clean Water Team)**

This item was presented by Erick Burres, Senior Environmental Scientist.

Mr. Burres presented the outcomes and mission of the Clean Water Team. The Clean Water Team mission is to build and support the State's Watersheds' Stewardship through citizen/community monitoring in order to reduce and prevent water pollution. The outcomes include unique data sets, enhanced data sets, co-facilitated stewardship, better grants, more SEPs, legal actions to achieve improved/protected water quality and beneficial uses. Also, providing a more environmental and science literate California.

Mr. Burres said the Clean Water Team has over 300 resources online that help individuals and programs understand more about water quality and how to go about putting together a monitoring program. There is a Water Team Toolbox which provides basic instruction on how to put together a monitoring program.

The Clean Water Team supports the development of quality assurance project plans and maintain a library of water monitoring equipment.

Communication consists of email, newsletters, citizen monitoring calendar, surveys and maps. They sponsor events, encourage public participation, provide in person training and have resource information available.

**Item 11. Executive Officer's Report**

Jayne Joy, Assistant Executive Officer, gave an update on the Quail Valley septic system task force. Hope Smythe, Executive Officer had two items in the Executive Officer's Report which include the summary of activity related to the Cleanup and Abatement Order R8-2021-0006 for United El Segundo Inc., and an update on the Newport Bay Caulerpa Prolifera infestation.

**Item 12. Regional Board Member and Executive Officer Communications**

Chair Peterson presented Hope Smythe with a surprise Resolution of Appreciation. Board members expressed their gratitude and admiration to Hope Smythe.

**Closed Session**

There was a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of the new Executive Officer.

**Adjournment** - Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to the regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. This will be a video and teleconference meeting. Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21, recent Board meetings have been presented as video and teleconference meetings with

no physical meeting location, and solely via remote presence. Please follow our website for further updates.

Respectfully submitted:

**JAYNE JOY**  
Executive Officer

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