

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Santa Ana Region 8

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### BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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#### **REGIONAL BOARD SENIOR STAFF**

Eric Lindberg, Executive Officer  
Vanessa Fuerte, Clerk to the Board  
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Xinyu (Cindy) Li, Chief of Land Disposal & DOD  
Jessica Law, Chief of Underground Storage Tank and Site Cleanup Program Section  
Mehrnoosh (Mona) Behrooz, Chief of Site Cleanup  
VACANT, Enforcement – Senior Water Resources Engineer (Spec.)  
VACANT, Special Projects – Senior Engineering Geologist (Spec.)  
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Julio Lara, Chief of Wastewater  
Wei Chang, Chief of Recycled Water  
Michelle Beckwith, Chief of General Stormwater Unit  
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Jagroop Khela, Branch Manager – Planning, Implementation and Permitting Branch  
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Kevin Heinemann, Information Technology Manager I  
Daniel Mefford, Information Technology Specialist I  
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate

#### **GENERAL STATEMENT**

The primary duty of the Regional Board is to protect the quality of the waters within the Region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulating and adopting water quality control plans for all

ground and surface water bodies in the region and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on waste discharges. The specific responsibilities and procedures of the Regional Water Quality Boards and the State Water Resources Control Board are outlined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Division 7, California Water Code).

The purpose of this meeting is for the Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the recommendations made by the Executive Officer. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing one week prior to the scheduled meeting and only a summary of pertinent issues should be presented orally. For each matter considered, relevant Regional Board files are incorporated into the record.

A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11400 et seq. and 11513.

### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or NPDES permits pending before the Regional Board, must submit a statement to the board disclosing any contribution of \$250.00 or more to be used in a federal, state, or local election, made by the action supporter or opponent, or his/her agent, within the last twelve months to any Regional Board Member.

Also, all permit applicants and all persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements and/or NPDES permits pending before the Regional Board are prohibited from making contributions of \$250.00 or more to any Board member for three months following a Regional Board decision on the permit application.

### **RIGHT TO PETITION**

Any person affected adversely by a decision of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board), may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review the decision. The petition must be received by the State Board within thirty days of the Regional Board's meeting at which the adverse action was taken. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions will be provided upon request to the Regional Board.

NOTE: The agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the order listed. The Public Forum item will be limited to one hour.