

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

**Minutes of the June 13, 2025 Board Meeting**

California Air Resources Board

4001 Iowa Avenue

Riverside, CA 92507

And via Video and Teleconference (Gov. Code, § 11123.2)

Vice Chair Scandura called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Closed Session: 11:42 a.m.- 12:32 p.m.

Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

**Item 1. Introductions and Declaration of Quorum**

\*\*\*Indicates that attendance was virtual.

Board Members Present at Board Meeting

Kris A. Murray, Chair (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

John Scandura, Vice Chair

William "Bill" Ruh, Board Member\*\*\*

Gloria Alvarado, Board Member

Sixto "Al" Lopez, Board Member

Board Members Absent at Board Meeting

Letitia Clark, Board Member

Staff Present at Board Meeting

Jayne Joy, Executive Officer

Eric Lindberg, Assistant Executive Officer

Jessica Baenre, Clerk to the Board

Nick Amini, Branch Manager, Surface Water and Agriculture Branch

Gerardo Rabelo, Information Technology Supervisor II

Alfredo Duran, Information Technology Specialist I

Cindy Li, Senior Engineering Geologist

Gondge Chen, Water Resources Control Engineer

Jessica Law, Engineering Geologist

Claudia Tenorio, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Hossein Shahrokhnia, Environmental Scientist

Patricia Hannon, Engineering Geologist

Joanne Lee, Water Resource Control Engineer

Gabby Pocius, Engineering Geologist

Mona Behrooz, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer

Brian Covellone, Senior Engineering Geologist

Maher Zaher, Water Resources Control Engineer

Victor Gonzalez, Engineering Geologist

Pamela Ybarra, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer  
Michael Kashak, Environmental Scientist

State Water Board Present at Board Meeting

Heraclio Pimentel, Regional Board Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel  
Jennifer Fordyce, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel  
David Boyers, Assistant Chief Counsel  
Catherine Hawe, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel  
David Lancaster, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel\*\*\*  
Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Board Liaison, State Water Resources Control Board\*\*\*

Public Attendance Present at Board Meeting

Public attendees were present but did not sign the sign-in sheet.

**Item 2. Public Forum**

None.

**Item 3. State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Liaison Report**

State Water Board Member Dorene D'Adamo provided an update on the following:

Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Thanked those who attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee conference on May 1 and May 2, 2025, and mentioned that the meeting recordings and materials are posted online.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

On May 6, 2025, the State Water Board adopted proposed amendments to the policies for implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The State Water Board is currently reviewing the annual intended use plan for both funds. Additionally, a staff workshop on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund will be held on June 17, 2025.

2025 Report of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water

On June 17, 2025, the State Water Board, the California Air Resources Board, the Energy Commission, and the California Utilities Commission will provide information on the 2025 Report on the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water intake structures.

Mitigation Funds

On June 3, 2025, the State Water Board and representatives from the Ocean Protection Council and the State Coastal Conservancy presented an information item on once-through cooling interim mitigation funds and on program expenditures. The State Water Board will accept informal public feedback through June 21, 2025.

Coachella Valley

In May 2025, the State Water Board held a Board meeting in Coachella Valley. At the Board meeting, the Salton Sea Management Program (Phase One) was discussed.

### Delta Conveyance

The Administrative Hearings Office continues the hearings on the Delta Conveyance Project.

### Draft Cross-Connect Control Policy

The State Water Board will consider adopting revisions to the draft Cross-Connect Control Policy Handbook next week.

### San Joaquin Valley

On April 17, 2025, the State Water Board conducted a public meeting to discuss the proposed identification of the East Orosi Community Services District as a designated sewer system. The State Water Board also identified the Tulare County Resource Management Agency as a proposed sewer system administrator for the Community Services District. In August 2025, the State Water Board will certify a funding agreement with Tulare County to execute funding for this project.

### Sustainable Groundwater Management

The State Water Board put two basins on probation and, are currently looking at two more basins for probation (the Kaweah Subbasin and the Kern County Subbasin).

Chowchilla Subbasin: the subbasin and groundwater sustainability agencies have made substantial changes to their groundwater sustainability plans. On June 3, 2025, the State Water Board officially returned the subbasin to the Department of Water Resources.

Board Members asked questions and provided comments.

### **Item 4. Racial Equity**

None.

### **Item 5. Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2025**

Chair Murray asked the Board Members for a motion and asked Board Clerk Ms. Baenre for a roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Board Member Alvarado, and the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2025 were approved as presented by roll call vote.*

Roll call vote: Board Member Lopez- Aye, Board Member Alvarado- Aye, Board Member Ruh- Aye, Vice Chair Scandura- Aye, Chair Murray- Aye.

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

Item \*7. Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Badlands Sanitary Landfill, Riverside County; R8-2025-0006

Item \*8. Rescission; R8-2025-0020

Item \*9. Waste Discharge Requirements for Enhanced In-Situ Bioremediation of Groundwater at the Former Raytheon Facility of Orange County, 500 Superior Avenue, Newport Beach; R8-2025-0031

Item \*10. Waste Discharge Requirements for Rider Street and Patterson Avenue Project, Community of Mead Valley, Riverside County; R8-2025-0042

Item \*11. Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Chino Valley Tank Wash, LLC, Ontario, San Bernardino County; R8-2025-0053

Executive Officer Joy mentioned that a late comment letter was received for item 10 that relates to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of the document. Ms. Joy stated that the Santa Ana Water Board is not the responsible party and feels it is legally acceptable to move forward with this item.

Chair Murray asked the Board Members for a motion and asked Board Clerk Ms. Baenre for a roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Board Member Lopez, and Order Number R8-2025-0006, Order Number R8-2025-0020, Order R8-2025-0031, Order Number R8-2025-0042 and Order Number R8-2025-0053 were approved as presented by roll call vote.*

Roll call vote: Board Member Lopez- Aye, Board Member Alvarado- Aye, Board Member Ruh- Aye, Vice Chair Scandura- Aye, Chair Murray- Aye.

**Item 12. Waste Discharge Requirement for In-Situ Remediation of Groundwater at Centrilift Facility, 5421 Argosy Avenue, Huntington Beach; R8-2025-0032**

This item was presented by Santa Ana Waterboard staff Mona Behrooz, Supervisor of the Site Cleanup Program and Gabby Pocius, Engineering Geologist.

This presentation provided the status of environmental investigation and remediation at a high-profile site in Huntington Beach. The subject site called Centrilift Facility has been under the Santa Ana Waterboard's oversight for three decades. Ms. Behrooz and Ms. Pocius' presentation focused on the statement of the problem, nature of contaminant release and proposed groundwater remediation.

Ms. Pocius recommend that the Board adopt proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order Number R8-2025-0032 and the Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Board Members provided comments and asked questions.

Chair Murray asked the Board Members for a motion and asked Board Clerk Ms. Baenre for a roll call vote.

*Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Board Member Alvarado, and Order Number R8-2025-0032 was approved as presented by roll call vote.*

Roll call vote: Board Member Lopez- Aye, Board Member Alvarado- Aye, Board Member Ruh- Aye, Vice Chair Scandura- Aye, Chair Murray- Aye.

**Item 13. 2024 Enforcement Policy Update (Information item)**

This item was presented by State Water Board Office of Enforcement staff, David Boyers and Catherine Hawe. Mr. Boyers and Ms. Hawe provided a detailed overview of the Enforcement Policy.

Board Members provided comments and asked questions.

**Item 14. Cannabis Program Update (Information item)**

This item was presented by Brian Covellone, Supervisor of the Agriculture and Cannabis section.

The South Coast Regional Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Unit represents three Regional Water Boards; they are the Santa Ana, Los Angeles, and San Diego Regions. The role of the Cannabis Unit is enrollment and compliance, enforcement, and coordinating.

Mr. Covellone reported that the Statewide Cannabis General Order had 4,427 enrollees, with Santa Ana having 91, San Diego 18, and Los Angeles 493. Mr. Covellone discussed new enrollment by year (2022-2025) and inspections by year (2022-2025).

Mr. Covellone explained that informal enforcement actions include field notice of water quality violations (that are posted at the site) and inspection report and notice of violation (NOV) issued to the landowner. Mr. Covellone explained that NOVs have resulted in voluntary cleanup and/or acknowledgment by landowners to either cease cultivation or apply for coverage where local laws and regulations allow. It was noted that in the last two years 50% of inspected sites achieved voluntary cleanup.

Mr. Covellone highlighted two significant enforcement actions:

- Administrative Civil Liability Order R9-2024-0205 in Ranchita was adopted on December 11, 2024 for the complaint liability amount of \$409,534.
- Cleanup and Abatement Order/Investigative Order R9-2022-0013 in Vista resulted in the property being cleaned up. The discharger collaborated with staff, and a no further action letter was issued in January 2025.

Mr. Covellone mentioned that there are two active Cleanup and Abatement and Investigative Orders in the Santa Ana Region:

- R8-2022-0031 in Homeland
- R8-2025-0023 in Lake Elsinore

Board Members provided comments and asked questions.

**Item 15. Executive Officer's Report**

None.

**Item 16. Board Member and Executive Officer Communications**

**Board Member Lopez**

Mentioned that he attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) conference and stated that the presentations were very informative and enjoyed being able to meet with the other Board Members from different regions.

**Board Member Alvarado**

Highlighted the importance of the work that the Regional Water Board provides and thanked staff for the presentations.

**Vice Chair Scandura**

Mentioned that he also attended the WQCC conference with Board Member Lopez.

**Board Member Ruh**

No comments.

**Chair Murray**

Thanked the public and staff.

**Closed Session**

Jennifer Fordyce, Assistant Chief Counsel, announced a closed session.

The Board entered into a closed session from 11:42 a.m. – 12:32 p.m., to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee pursuant to Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (e)(2)(B)(i).

**Adjournment**

Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

**JAYNE JOY, P.E.**

Executive Officer

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