

State of California
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Minutes of the July 25, 2025 Board Meeting

City of Orange
300 E Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

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

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Court Reporter recorded items: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Item 1. Introductions and Declaration of Quorum

***Indicates that attendance was virtual.

Board Members Present at Board Meeting

Kris A. Murray, Chair

John Scandura, Vice Chair

William “Bill” Ruh, Board Member (left at 10:41 a.m.)***

Letitia Clark, Board Member (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

Gloria Alvarado, Board Member

Sixto “Al” Lopez, Board Member

Board Members Absent at Board Meeting

None

Staff Present at Board Meeting

Jayne Joy, Executive Officer

Eric Lindberg, Assistant Executive Officer

Jessica Baenre, Clerk to the Board

Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate

Nick Amini, Branch Manager, Surface Water and Agriculture Branch

Jagroop Khela, Branch Manager, Planning, Implementation and Permitting Branch

Alan Kuoch, Branch Manager, Groundwater Protection Branch

Celina Rong, Environmental Scientist

Claudia Tenorio, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Lauren Briggs, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Michelle Beckwith, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

David Rosas, Environmental Scientist

State Water Board Present at Board Meeting

Dorene D’Adamo, State Water Board Liaison, State Water Resources Control Board***

Heraclio Pimentel, Regional Board Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel

Jennifer Fordyce, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel

David Lancaster, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel***

Court Reporter Present at Board Meeting

Chris Caplan, California Reporting, LLC***

Public Attendance Present at Board Meeting

Pat Boldt, Western Riverside County Agriculture Coalition***

James Klang, Western Riverside County Agriculture Coalition***

Bruce Scott, Western Riverside County Agriculture Coalition***

Additional members of the public were present but did not record their names on the sign-in sheet.

Chair Murray announced that Eric Lindberg will be the new Executive Officer for the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board effective August 1, 2025, succeeding Jayne Joy who is retiring on July 31, 2025.

Chair Murray announced that items 3 and 4 will be discussed after item 12 on the agenda.

Item 2. Public Forum

None.

Item 5. Regional Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 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 June 13, 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. Waste Discharge Requirements for Gateway at Grand Terrace Specific Plan Project; City of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County; R8-2025-0055

Item *8. Waste Discharge Requirements for Verdemont TTM 16794; San Bernardino County; R8-2025-0056

Item *9. Waste Discharge Requirements Oak Hills West Residential Tract 38652; City of Menifee, Riverside County; R8-2025-0063

Item *10. Revision Order; R8-2025-0064

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 R8-2025-0055, Order Number R8-2025-0056, Order Number R8-2025-0063, and Order Number R8-2025-0064 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 11. Basin Plan Amendment to Revise the Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake; R8-2025-0014

This item was presented by Santa Ana Water Board staff Lauren Briggs, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor).

The presentation by Ms. Briggs focused on a recap of the February 14, 2025 Board presentation, project purpose, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and their regulatory background, description of the project location, Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake water quality impairments, the TMDL Task Force hosted by the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LEJWA), technical details of the proposed TMDL revision, public comments received, and staff recommendations to the Board.

Ms. Briggs explained that the purpose of this project is to reopen and revise the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake nutrient TMDLs. Ms. Briggs further explained that TMDLs represent the maximum amount of a specific pollutant that a water body can receive each day and still meet water quality standards.

Ms. Briggs recommend that the Board adopt Resolution Number R8-2025-0014 with the errata change sheet.

Heraclio Pimentel, Regional Board Counsel, stated to the Board that the errata change sheet is included in the materials provided. Mr. Pimentel announced that Board Member Clark arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Chair Murray announced that the City of Banning has requested that a letter be read into the record.

Jayne Joy, Executive Officer, read a letter from Nathan Smith, Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Banning.

Chair Murray asked for public comments.

Pat Boldt from the Western Riverside County Agriculture Coalition provided comments.

Board Members provided comments and asked questions.

Mr. Pimentel explained that the errata change sheet included only administrative typographical corrections.

Chair Murray asked the Board Members for a motion and asked Board Clerk Ms. Baenre for a roll call vote. Board Member Ruh made a motion to approve with the errata sheet.

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Ruh, seconded by Board Member Lopez, and Resolution Number R8-2025-0014, with the errata sheet was approved as presented by roll call vote.

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

Item 12. Time Schedule Order R8-2025-0001 requiring the County of Orange to comply with Requirements prescribed in General Permit for Storm Water Discharges associated with Industrial Activities; R8-2025-0001

This item was presented by Santa Ana Water Board staff David Rosas, Environmental Scientist.

The presentation by Mr. Rosas focused on why the proposed Time Schedule Order (TSO) is needed and provided an overview of the Industrial General Permit and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) as it relates to the proposed order and stormwater discharges at the John Wayne Airport in Orange County. Mr. Rosas also described John Wayne Airport's industrial activities and how they relate to the permit and water code requirements, reviewed the most critical parts of the TSO, and provided staff recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Rosas explained that John Wayne Airport is an active facility that has stormwater quality compliance issues related to copper and zinc. TSO (R8-2020-0029) was issued for John Wayne Airport by the Executive Officer on August 5, 2020. John Wayne Airport requested an extension of the TSO on December 30, 2024, and the proposed TSO (R8-2025-0001) would allow the County and John Wayne Airport five years from adoption to address copper and zinc exceedances, using a series of projects and structural improvements to reduce copper and zinc concentrations in stormwater runoff. The five year schedule includes a series of decreasing interim effluent limits that will require water quality improvement over time culminating in the final TMDL compliance limits by the end of five years.

Mr. Rosas recommended that the Board approve TSO R8-2025-0001.

Chair Murray asked for public comments.

Melinda McCoy, Senior Airport Manager (Environmental), at John Wayne Airport provided comments.

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 Clark, and Order Number R8-2025-0001 was approved as presented by roll call vote.

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

Board Member Ruh left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

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:

Chowchilla Subbasin

On June 3, 2025 the State Water Board approved a resolution to return the Chowchilla Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources jurisdiction.

Water Measurement and Reporting

The Water Measurement and Reporting regulation was adopted in 2015 due to the 2014-2015 drought; State Water Board staff have identified a need to update the regulation. The Division of Water Rights released a proposal and a second round of revisions on May 22, 2025. The public comment period ended on June 6, 2025. Ms. D'Adamo anticipates that adoption will occur in October 2025.

Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems

On July 15, 2025 the State Water Board held a workshop for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan. The plan was released on May 31, 2025 and comments are due by July 28, 2025. Ms. D'Adamo anticipates that adoption will happen on August 5, 2025.

Wastewater Needs Assessment

At the July 15, 2025 Board meeting the State Water Board heard an information item update on the completion of phase one for the wastewater needs assessment. Ms. D'Adamo mentioned that the purpose of the needs assessment is to evaluate challenges that are related to wastewater, sanitation, and infrastructure. The wastewater needs assessment was launched in 2023; phase one has been completed, and phase two is expected to be completed by 2027.

Sewer System Administrator

On June 11, 2025, the State Water Board adopted a sewer system administrator appointment for the East Orosi Community Services District located within the San Joaquin Valley. Ms. D'Adamo stated that the appointed administrator is the Tulare County Resources Management Agency.

Fee Stakeholder Meetings

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State Water Board staff will be holding the final round of stakeholder meetings to discuss fees for fiscal year 2025-2026.

- July 31: Water Quality Rights
- August 1: Drinking Water and the Environmental Lab Accreditation Program

Administrative Hearings Office/ Delta Conveyance Project

On June 20, 2025 the Administrative Hearing Office released an amended hearing notice. The evidentiary portion of the hearing will resume on August 12, 2025 and will continue in the months of August, September and October.

Jayne Joy/ Eric Lindberg

Ms. D'Adamo congratulated Executive Officer Joy on her retirement and mentioned that it was a pleasure working with her. Ms. D'Adamo also congratulated Eric Lindberg and looks forward to working with him.

Item 4. Racial Equity

Jayne Joy, Executive Officer, provided a racial equity update. Ms. Joy shared a status update on the four strategic objectives: SO1. Integrate Racial Equity, Measuring Impact, SO2. Spaces for Inclusion and Belonging, SO3. Activating Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and People of Color Community Wisdom, and SO4. Sharing Power and Knowledge with Communities.

Board Members provided comments and asked questions.

Item 15. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joy thanked the Board.

Item 16. Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

Board Member Lopez

Expressed appreciation for Ms. Joy's leadership and guidance as a new Board member. Board Member Lopez proposed that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Jayne Joy.

Board Member Alvarado

Thanked Ms. Joy for her leadership, support and guidance.

Board Member Clark

Stated that she has enjoyed working with Ms. Joy and seeing the evolution of her leadership throughout the years. Board Member Clark also thanked Ms. Joy for her service.

Vice Chair Scandura

Stated that it has been a pleasure working with Ms. Joy. Congratulated Eric for being the next Executive Officer and has full confidence that he will continue the fine work of his four predecessors.

Chair Murray

Expressed gratitude towards Ms. Joy and thanked her for everything she's done for this region.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

Chair Murray adjourned the meeting in honor of Jayne Joy at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

ERIC T. LINDBERG, PG CHG

Executive Officer

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