

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

MEETING MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Central Coast Water Board Hearing Room
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on November 19, 2015, at 9:04 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call

Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board

Water Board Members

Present:

Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards
Officer

Kenneth A. Harris Jr., Executive

Executive Officer Ken Harris introduced Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board; Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel; and Michael Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS: Ken Harris asked senior staff to introduce new staff and students to the board.

Changes:

- John Robertson: Matthew Keeling, new senior engineer for Active Oil Field Regulation, starting December 2.
- John Robertson: Allison Jones, retiring after 22 years.
- Jenifer Epp: Melissa Daugherty, newly hired environment scientist.
- Katie McNeil: Diane Glanville, retiring after 17 years.

Awards:

- John Roberts and Harvey Packard: Recognized Howard Kolb and Ryan Lodge with Superior Accomplishment Award for work on Cambria recycled water permitting.
- Chris Rose: Recognized Monica Barricarte and Arwin Wyatt-Mair with Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award for their work on the total nitrogen applied reporting.
- Chairman Wolff: Announced the retirement of John Goni who has worked at the Water Board for 42 years. He also commented on what a wonderful retirement party was held for Mr. Goni and the impact he has had here on the waterboard. The staff put together a certification of appreciation. John Goni spoke about working with high caliber people. He commented that this is a family. The Board thanked him for his time.

Chair Wolff asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent terrorist attack that took place in France.

3. Approval of the September 24, 2015, Board Meeting minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Member Delgado moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015.

Seconded by: Member Young

MOTION CARRIED:4-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, Member Young

Nay: None

Absent: Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez

Abstain: None

4. Report by Regional Board Members

- Board Member Young:
 - Attended Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 10, 2015, that introduced sustainable groundwater management act for the first time to Santa Barbara.
- Board Member Delgado:
 - Attended the WQCC in Sacramento as well as the field trip.
- Board Member Johnston:
 - Nothing to report
- Chair Wolff
 - October 12-13, 2015, Water Quality Control Committee meeting in Sacramento.
 - October 26, 2015, met with Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor, and Vice Chair Hunter to propose that the county consider a repurpose program for the septic tanks in Los Osos. The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District has a program called Storm Reward that is paying for rain barrels, cisterns, small footprint LID projects, driveway replacement, and rain gardens.
 - October 10, 2015, met at Cal Poly with Monica Pasquil, the Governor's appointment secretary. She was assessing interest in other Governor-appointed board positions.

- o November 12, 2015, Governor's Drought Task Force meeting for San Luis Obispo County at Cal Poly. It was attended and chaired by Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber of the State Water Board. Attending were the state and county offices of emergency services, the deputy secretary of the California Department Food and Agriculture, four members of the Governor's staff, approximately 90% of the mayors of cities in San Luis Obispo County, and the County was represented by Supervisor Bruce Gibson. There were also representatives of various water districts.
 - o November 13, 2015, met with Central Coast Water Board staff, Division of Drinking Water staff, and Monterey County staff regarding water quality and disadvantaged communities.
5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Steven Moore 916/341-5624] Steven Moore was not present at the meeting to give his report.
6. Drought Conditions Update by Regional Liaison to Water Rights Division [Lisa McCann, 805/549-3132, Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov] Lisa McCann updated the Board and answered questions regarding the report.
7. Intentionally left blank

Uncontested Items

8. Items on the uncontested items calendar are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. Recommended action will be taken without discussion. Items may be removed at the request of any board member or person, and if removed, will be taken up during the meeting at a time specified by the Chair. If an item is removed from the uncontested items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent board meeting to allow input by interested persons. Item number 9-12 is uncontested.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Member Delgado moved to approve items 9, 10, 11, and 12.
Seconded by: Member Johnston
MOTION CARRIED:4-0
Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, Member Young
Nay: None
Absent: Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez
Abstain: None

9. Consider Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Pismo Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Luis Obispo County
Order No. R3-2015-0016, NPDES No. CA0048151
[Katie DiSimone, 805/542-4638, Katie.DiSimone@waterboards.ca.gov]
10. Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements for Moss Landing Commercial Park and Moss Landing Cement Company, Monterey County
Order No. R3-2009-0002, NPDES No. CA0007005
[Peter von Langen, 805/549-3688, peter.vonlangen@waterboards.ca.gov]

11. Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements for CEMEX USA, Inc. Davenport Cement Plant, Santa Cruz County
Order No. R3-2010-0008, NPDES No. CA0048682
[Peter von Langen, 805/549-3688, peter.vonlangen@waterboards.ca.gov]
12. Consider a Resolution Adopting Total Maximum Daily Loads for Nitrate in Streams of the San Antonio Creek Watershed, Santa Barbara County.
Resolution No. R3-2015-0032
[Larry Harlan, 805/594-6195, larry.harlan@waterboards.ca.gov]

Public Forum

13. Public forum will be heard directly after the lunch break, **not before 1:30 p.m.** Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should contact the Executive Officer at least one week prior to the meeting. Comments regarding matters that are scheduled for a future meeting will be restricted.

Speakers:

Jeff Edwards, Los Osos

Discussion/Informational Items

14. Los Osos Groundwater Basin- Approved Stipulated Judgment and Update on Basin Management Plan: Presentation by Representatives from Los Osos Community Services District, Golden State Water Company and S&T Mutual Water Company. This item will not be heard before 1:30.
[Lisa McCann 805/549-3132 or Lisa.Mccann@waterboards.ca.gov]
Dr. Hunter is on the phone

A combined presentation was given by:

- Robert Miller, Principal Engineer, Wallace Group
- Ray Dienzo, P.E., Senior Water Resources Engineer, San Luis Obispo County Public Works
- William Garfinkel, Vice President, Director, S&T Mutual Water Company
- Toby Moore, PhD, PG, CHG, Water Resources Manager, Chief Hydrogeologist, Golden State Water Company
- Robert Saperstein, Attorney at Law, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Shreck
- Kathy Kivley, General Manager, Los Osos Community Services District
- Tim McNulty, Assistant County Counsel, County of San Luis Obispo
- Bruce Gibson, Supervisor District 2, County of San Luis Obispo
- Spencer Harris, Senior Hydrologist, Vice President, Cleath Harris Geologists, Inc.

The presenters, representing the Los Osos Community Services District, Golden State Water Company, San Luis Obispo County, and S&T Mutual Water Company, provided an update on Los Osos Groundwater Basin Management, including:

- Basin Management Plan development
- Current conditions of groundwater pumping and sea water intrusion
- Goals of basin management
- Monitoring and metrics (e.g., water levels and chloride concentrations) to gage achievement of goals

- Strategies to improve conditions including urban water use efficiency, water reinvestment/recharge, changing pumping locations, nitrate removal
- Specific recommendations for programs and projects to implement

Board members asked questions about water use, plan assumptions, financing, timing for basin to show response, and potential actions and authorities the Central Coast Water Board or State Water Resources Control Board can invoke if the basin does not improve. Board members directed staff to attend the first Basin Management Committee meeting, scheduled for December 14. Lisa McCann will attend.

Various members of the public commented that the Basin Management Plan will not work.

Speaker Cards:

- Jeff Edwards, Los Osos resident
- Julie Tacker, Los Osos resident
- Keith Wimer, Sierra Club, speaking as a private citizen (submitted paper entitled "Sierra Club Submittal")
- Patrick MacGibney, Sierra club, speaking as private citizen (submitted paper entitled "POINTS to ADDRESS")
- Chuck Cesena
- Richard Margetson
- Lou Tornatzky, Los Osos CSD Board, speaking as private citizen

The Board directed staff to include a response to Mr. MacGibney's "Points to Address" document in the next Executive Officer's report.

15. San Lorenzo River Bacteria Evaluation – Coastal Watershed Council – Greg Pepping, Executive Officer
[Karen Worcester, 805/549-3333 or Karen.Worcester@waterboards.ca.gov]

A presentation was given by Greg Pepping, Executive Director, Coastal Watershed Council, on behalf of the San Lorenzo River Alliance.

Greg Pepping provided the following information:

- Background and historical water quality and recreation uses of the San Lorenzo River
- Description of the effective and productive collaborative effort by local agencies and organizations to act as the San Lorenzo River Alliance
- Description and results of bacteria water quality monitoring (human sources are minimal)
- Next steps for pollution identification and elimination

Mr. Pepping further requested that their bacteria study results inform re-evaluation of the numeric targets and load allocations in the Total Maximum Daily Load for Pathogens in San Lorenzo River Watershed and that the Central Coast Water Board support grant funding requests.

He also shared some slides and information depicting the Coastal Watershed Council's outreach and education activities and vision for future recreational use of the lower San Lorenzo River.

Board members expressed support for monitoring and activities to improve conditions in the San Lorenzo River and agreed that the Executive Officer can issue a letter of support.

The Board adjourned at 5:15.

Closed Session

16. The Board may meet in closed session as authorized by Government Code section 11126.
See Item 23

Friday, November 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

17. Roll Call
[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140, Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov]

Water Board Members

Present:

Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez,

Public Forum

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Speakers:

None

Watershed Management and Planning

19. Consider a Resolution Adopting the Santa Barbara County Local Area Management Program (LAMP) for Implementation of the State Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Policy. Resolution No. R3-2015-0037
[Howard Kolb, 805/542-4638, howard.kolb@waterboards.ca.gov]

Howard Kolb gave background on the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy. He then introduced the Santa Barbara County Local Area Management Program. Mr. Kolb provided additional clarification in response to Board member questions. The Board adopted Resolution R3-2015-0037 unanimously.

Speakers

- o Larry Fay, Santa Barbara County Public Health
- o Hillary Houser, Heal the Ocean
- o Jeff Hodge, General Manager, Santa Ynez Community Services District

Motion: Member Delgado moved to adopt the resolution

Seconded by: Member Johnston

Roll Call Vote:

MOTION CARRIED:4-0

Aye: Chair Wolff, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, Member Young

Nay None

Absent: Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez

Abstain None

Discussion/Informational Items

20. Status of Cambria Community Services District's Emergency Water Supply Project
[Jon Rokke, 805/549-3892, jon.rokke@waterboards.ca.gov]

Jon Rokke updated Board Members on the status of the Cambria Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP). Jon's presentation included a review of the current status and future plans for the Cambria Wastewater Treatment Plant and steps the Cambria CSD is taking to foster long-term use of the AWTP. Water Board staff Katie DiSimone and Ryan Lodge were available to answer questions about the associated NPDES permit and the Title 27 brine pond, respectively. Board member Young asked for an update in the end of 2016.

Speakers:

- o Ryan Lodge, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- o Katie Disimone, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- o Jerri Gruber, General Manager, Cambria Community Services District

SPEAKER CARDS:

- o Mary Webb: Greenspace The Cambria Land Trust
- o Mark Roughford, Cambrians for Water
- o Jim Webb, Cambria Fishing Club

Administrative Items

21. Executive Officer's Report

[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., 805/549-3140, Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov]

Mr. Harris answered questions from the Board and mentioned attending a meeting with ranchers where they discussed water quality impairments due to grazing. Office of Enforcement is discussing enforcement with PG&E regarding thermal effects at Diablo Canyon Power Plant. If they cannot settle it may require a hearing in front of the Board.

Speakers None

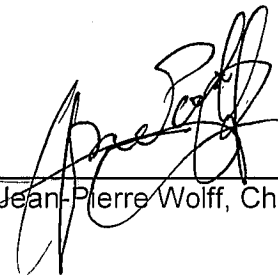
22. Central Coast Water Board Strategic Planning Discussion

[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., 805/549-3140, Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov]

Note: This item is at the Board's discretion and as time allows.

Mr. Harris said that with petitions and lawsuits, there is at least a year before we embark on updating the waiver.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair