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Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.  
**Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**  
**No Physical Meeting Location**  
(Authorized by and in furtherance of  
Executive Orders [N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#))

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**Friday, June 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Friday, June 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Business**

1. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board]

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Jeff Young

**Absent:** Member Johnston

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards

[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mr. Keeling introduced:

- Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; Stephanie Yu and Chris Moskol, legal counsel; Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer; and section manager Harvey Packard.
- State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo.

Announcements

- Jennifer Epp introduced new staff engineer Mark Lemus, a Water Resources Control Engineer in the WDR unit who transferred from the Lahontan Water Board in March.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Member Gray moved to approve minutes of December 11, 2020

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DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | MATTHEW T. KEELING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young

Absent: Member Johnston

Motioned Carried: 4 to 0

Motion: Member Gray moved to approve minutes of April 14-16, 2021

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young

Absent: Member Johnston

Motioned Carried: 4 to 0

#### 4. Reports by Regional Board Members

##### **Chair Wolff:**

- April 23, 2021, conversation with Kristi Stauffacher, Appointments Advisor of the Governor's office and Matthew Keeling
- April 29, 2021, monthly conference call with State Board liaison Dorene D'Adamo and Matthew Keeling
- May 5, 2021, San Luis Obispo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting
- May 7, 2021, virtual UC cooperative extension seminar organized by farm advisor Mark Battany, regarding use of satellite imaging on ag crops
- May 10, 2021, monthly chairs' call – discussed the annual chairs' meeting in Sacramento that would normally be face to face; however, this year it will be remote.
- May 20, 2021, San Luis Obispo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting
- May 21, 2021, annual chairs' meeting on Zoom. Discussed the 2021-2022 budget. State Water Board's racial equity resolution, and the current drought. The meeting also included discussion of the upcoming Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting that will be a hybrid face to face and virtual meeting.
- May 27, 2021, monthly conference call with State Board liaison Dorene D'Adamo and Matthew Keeling.
- June 2, 2021, conversation with Matthew Keeling; John King, an Avila Valley land and business owner; Brad Hagemann, general manager of Avila Beach Community Services District and San Miguelito Mutual Water Company; and San Luis Obispo County District 3 Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, to discuss Avila Valley wastewater consolidation and recycling opportunities.
- June 14, 2021, monthly chairs' call to discuss drought issues and plan topics for the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting.

##### **Member Gray:**

- April 23, 2021, meeting with Sarah Lopez of Preservation, Inc. regarding Ag Order 4.0 brown bag workshop and implementation.

**Member Hunter:**

- Environmental Justice Liaison Report:
  - The drinking well testing program was discontinued for 14 months but has resumed as of June 2021, with an initial focus on residents on a waiting list. They have completed testing for over 500 water drinking water wells since the beginning of the program in coordination with various agencies and entities.
  - Well testing program is a regionally scaled model that informs replacement drinking water needs and associated programs.
  - Staff is hard at work looking for funding opportunities to conduct additional well sampling for community members who would like their wells tested.
- June 3, 2021, meeting with Preservation, Inc.: Virtual brown bag discussion on potential funding for irrigated agriculture management practice water quality research.

**Member Young**

- Gave a report on the June 16, 2021, City of Santa Barbara Water Commission meeting.
  - City's participation in the State Water Board's development of the "Implementation of Direct Potable Reuse, a Guide for California Utilities." Available on the city's website. Cautionary tale regarding public perception of direct potable use.
  - Approval of a pilot study for injecting drinking water into the groundwater basin.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Dorene D'Adamo, 916/641-5609]

State Board Vice Chair D'Adamo provided an overview and update of a number of statewide issues including: drought issues such as Governor's Office drought proclamations, state and federal funding, disadvantaged communities, water quality, Delta temporary urgency change order petition to balance storage with salinity impacts, agency coordination and collaboration, water budgeting, water conservation, water loss standards; April 22 Direct Potable Reuse public workshop to discuss draft guidance; pending release of revised construction storm water permit and associated June 9-10 workshops and proposed July 7 consideration hearing; June 4 release of draft 2020-2022 draft Integrated Report for the 303(d) List and 305(b) assessment report and pending State Board workshop and consideration hearing schedule; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SIGMA) implementation early response to four Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) in high priority basins in the Central Coast (two approved and two deemed insufficient), new program funding and online tools, etc.; Environmental Defense Fund and California Water Consortium collaborative effort on open source groundwater data platform, and; State Water Board's Racial Equity Resolution public process.

Chair Wolff inquired about COVID-19 meeting restriction updates and Vice Chair D'Adamo responded that in-person meetings with hybrid virtual option were forthcoming as supported by anticipated revisions to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Vice Chair Gray thanked Vice Chair D'Adamo for the detailed update and was glad to hear about broader statewide drought coordination. Member Hunter asked for clarification regarding the Cuyama Valley GSP and due date to revise the plan. Member Young ask for clarification regarding the direct potable reuse plan schedule.

### **Uncontested Items**

6. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2021-0008

[Danial Woldearegay, (805) 549-3892, [Danial.Woldearegay@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Danial.Woldearegay@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

Member Hunter asked to remove this item from uncontested calendar because of its significance as part of staff's overall Waste Discharge Requirement Program strategy to increase consistency and efficiency.

Staff engineer Daniel Woldearegay and senior engineer Jennifer Epp gave a presentation and provided an overview of proposed Order No. R3-2021-0008, which would terminate 136 existing individual waste discharge requirements orders (permits) for various facilities when the facility is enrolled in an appropriate general permit. In the presentation, staff provided background on the proposed order, discussed the benefits created through adoption, and provided information on the implementation process.

After staff's presentation, Board members asked questions about the benefits of the proposed action to permittees and climate change as well as the process for giving facilities time to make needed changes to comply with the new requirements. There were no public comments.

Motion: Member Hunter moved to approve Order No. R3-2021-0008

Seconded by: Member Young

Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young

Absent: Member Johnston

Motioned Carried: 4 to 0

### **Waste Discharge Requirements**

7. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2021-0006, Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Monterey Storm Drainage Maintenance Plan, Monterey County

[Kim Sanders, 805/542-4771, [Kim.Sanders@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kim.Sanders@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Water Quality Certification program environmental scientist Kim Sanders summarized the proposed order with a presentation and recommended approval of the order. Board members asked City of Monterey representatives and staff

questions regarding capturing stormwater flows, prioritizing project areas, managing fire risk in riparian areas, limiting the scope of the City's project work areas, and protecting aquatic wildlife species. Board members commented in favor of information provided in the staff report regarding water rights, City resources and programs available for homeless persons, and sea level rise. Kim Sanders and City staff Steve Wittry (Public Works Director) and Tricia Wotan (Environmental Regulations Manager) provided responses to Board members' questions.

Motion: Member Gray moved to approve R3-2021-0006

Seconded by: Member Hunter

Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young

Absent: Member Johnston

Motioned Carried: 4 to 0

Speakers:

- Steve Wittry, City of Monterey
- Tricia Wotan, City of Monterey
- David Daitch, Rincon Consultants

## **Enforcement**

### 8. Enforcement Report and Supplemental Environmental and Enhanced Compliance Action Project Updates

[Tamara Anderson, 805/549-3334, [Tamara.Anderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tamara.Anderson@waterboards.ca.gov) and Thea Tryon, 805/542-4776, [Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Central Coast Water Board Enforcement Coordinator Tamara Anderson provided a brief overview of the enforcement report and provided a summary of the supplemental environmental projects (SEPs) and enhanced compliance actions (ECAs) that were in progress or completed during the last two years. Ms. Anderson also provided an update on the Monterey Mushroom 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) pilot treatment SEP.

The following guest speakers also presented on the 1,2,3-TCP pilot treatment SEP:

- Michelle Frederick, supervising engineer in the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water's Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program, summarized needs identified by the State Water Board's Drinking Water Needs Assessment for polluted private domestic wells and small drinking water systems in California. Ms. Fredrick also shared how the 1,2,3-TCP pilot treatment SEP informs overall information and cost needs for treatment of smaller systems and domestic wells.
- Heather Lukacs, director of community solutions at the Community Water Center, provided a summary of their work administering the 1,2,3-TCP pilot treatment SEP with an emphasis on the challenges, benefits, and modified scope of work.

Leslie Laudon, State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance, also attended the board meeting, and she encouraged continued collaboration between the Central Coast Water Board and the State Water Board to compile the necessary data needed to bring solutions to the state for addressing drinking water issue.

Board members asked questions and made comments related to the State Water Board's holding the responsible parties accountable for remediating 1,2,3-TCP impacts to drinking water, how other states and countries are managing 1,2,3-TCP in drinking water, maintenance of the State Water Board's Aquifer Risk Map, households in Monterey County originally earmarked for treatment systems that no longer will receive systems, project challenges, general challenges of addressing private well impacts and solutions, and opportunities for others (e.g., Tetra Tech, universities) to inform the project and improvements to 1,2,3-TCP pilot treatment technologies. Staff, Michelle Frederick and Heather Lukacs provided responses.

Speakers:

- Michelle Frederick, State Water Board Division of Drinking Water Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program
- Heather Lukacs, Community Water Center
- Leslie Laudon, State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance

## **Public Forum**

### 9. Public forum

- Rick Koon, Cayucos Sanitary District
  - Invited Board and public to open house at Cayucos's new wastewater treatment plant on June 25, 2021.
- Benjamin Pitterle, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
  - Provided comments in follow-up to complaint regarding unabated greenhouse discharges to Carpinteria Creek and Slough
- Bob Franco, resident of Sandpiper Mobile Home Park
  - Provided additional comments regarding the greenhouse discharges to Carpinteria Creek and the Slough.

Water Board members engaged with staff about the greenhouse discharge complaint and staff's follow-up actions. Staff responded that the Irrigated Lands and Enforcement programs were in the process of pursuing progressive enforcement and indicated they would provide the Board with an update as part of the August Board meeting Executive Officer's report.

## **Administrative Items**

### 10. Executive Officer's Report

[[Matthew Keeling](#), Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mr. Keeling summarized the written report and Chair Wolff inquired about the type of treatment systems employed for trichloroethylene contaminated drinking water wells

in the Buckley area and the associated successes and challenges as related to the Item 8 discussion about point of entry drinking water treatment systems for 1,2,3-trichloropropane.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The total number of webcast viewers for the meeting was 30.

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair

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