State of California California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP

October 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. California Regional Water Quality Control Board 73-720 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 100 Palm Desert, Ca 92260

Roll Call (Board members only) and Introductions

Nancy Wright, Tom Davis, Ed Muzik, Jayne Powell, and Peter Satin were present. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

The workshop was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 2019 in Palm Desert, California.

State and Regional Water Board Staff Present:

Paula Rasmussen, Frank Gonzalez, Katharine Buddingh, Abdi Haile, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Jeff Geraci, Mary Castaneda, Hilda Vasquez, Rosalyn Fleming, and Dan Mefford.

Others Present

Zoe Rodriguez del Rey, Coachella Valley Water District
Lillian Garcia, NBPC Local 2554
Rich Juricich, Colorado River Board of California
Ashley, Metzger, Desert Water Agency
Levi Anderson, Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
Chuck Parker, Salton Sea Coalition
Felicitas Nunez, Salton Sea Coalition
Miriam Juarez, Salton Sea Coalition
George Tuder, Tudor Ranch
Grace Torres, Riverside County (RCFC)
Nancy Del Castillo, Public
Juliette Del Castillo, Public
Rocio Banuelos, Public
Maria Maldonado, Public
Graciela Ramos. Public

1. Workshop on the Integrated Report [Rosalyn Fleming]

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and solicit input on draft recommendations for the Colorado River Basin Region portion of the 2018 California Integrated Report – Clean Water Act Section 305(b)/303(d) (Integrated Report). Rosalyn Fleming, Water Resources Control Engineer with the Colorado River Basin Water Board, presented information about staff's recommendations for the Integrated Report.

The draft Staff Report containing listing recommendations for the Integrated Report was made available for public comment from October 1-30, 2019. Ms. Fleming explained that Colorado River Basin Water Board staff, in coordination with State Water Board staff, assessed 56 waterbody segments and 2,204 waterbody-pollutant combinations. This resulted in staff recommending 29 new listings for the region's Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of impaired surface waters (303(d) List). If approved, the 29 new listings, plus 68 prior listings, would result in 97 total listings on the 303(d) List for the region. Ms. Fleming indicated that staff would respond to comments after the comment period ended and would present a final Staff Report to the Colorado River Basin Water Board for approval on November 14, 2019. The recommendations in the final Staff Report would then be submitted to the State Water Board for approval and incorporation into the California Integrated Report, which must then be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Speaker Cards: Rich Juricich, Colorado River Board of California

Zoe Rodriguez del Rey, Coachella Valley Water District

Nancy Del Castillo, Salton City Mariam Juarez, Salton Sea Coalition Felicitas Nunez, Salton Sea Coalition Chuck Parker, Salton Sea Coalition

2. Tentative 2020 Calendar Regional Water Board Meeting Schedule

Chair Wright and the Board discussed the upcoming 2020 Regional Water Board Meetings and agreed on the following dates for the 2020 calendar year:

January 9, 2020 – 9:00 am/Palm Desert

February 12, 2020 - 9:00 am /Palm Desert - Workshop

March 5, 2020 – 9:00 am/Joint Board Meeting with San Diego Region

April 9, 2020 – 1:00 pm /Palm Desert - Workshop

May 14, 2020 – 9:00 am/Palm Desert

June 11, 2020 – 9:30 am /Yucca Valley or 29 Palms

July 9, 2020 - 9:00 am /Palm Desert - Workshop

September 3, 2020 – 9:00 am /Palm Desert

October 8, 2020 – 9:00 am /TBD

November 12, 2020 – 9:00 am /Palm Desert

December 10, 2020 - 9:00 am /Palm Desert - Workshop

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.