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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

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### **Watsonville City Council Chambers**

275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville

**Thursday, March 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 9:02 a.m. at the Rose Garden Inn, Watsonville, before departing for Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch in Davenport.

#### **Board Business**

1. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,  
[Tammie.Olson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tammie.Olson@waterboards.ca.gov)]

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Johnston (arrived at location), and Member Young.

**Absent:** Member Hunter, Member Delgado

#### **Discussion/Informational Items**

2. Educational Field Visit to Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch, Davenport, Santa Cruz County

[Mike Sandecki, 805/549-3372, [Michael.Sandecki@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Sandecki@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Staff present for the trip were:

Executive Officer John Robertson; Stephanie Yu, staff counsel; Chris Moskal, staff counsel; Matthew Keeling, assistant executive officer; section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, and Thea Tryon; Dominic Roques; and Mike Sandecki.

Special Guests:

- Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Resources Control Board Liaison
- Arima Kozina, special assistant, Department of Food and Agriculture

Members of the public: Joe Culver, Sean Whitlock

DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | JOHN M. ROBERTSON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 6, 2020, at 9:14 a.m.

### Board Business

#### 3. Roll Call/Introductions

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140,  
[Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

**Absent:** Member Hunter

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced staff present: Stephanie Yu, staff counsel; Chris Moskal, staff counsel; Matthew Keeling, assistant executive officer; Tammie Olson, clerk to the board; and section managers Harvey Packard, Chris Rose, and Thea Tryon.  
Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Resources Control Board liaison.

#### 4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

None.

#### 5. Reports by Regional Board Members

##### Chair Wolff:

- February 6, 2020, hosted Cal Poly class on viticulture sustainability.
- February 6, 2020, attended Healthy Soils Meeting, sponsored by CDFA, USEPA region 9, USDA, and RCS.
- February 7, 2020, conference call with Executive Officer John Robertson and San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Bruce Gibson regarding water treatment plants.
- February 27, 2020, spoke at the Community Alliance Small Farm conference regarding climate adaptation in farming practices.

##### Vice Chair Gray:

- February 6, 2020, attended Ag Alliance Forum: Growing Possibilities presented by growers in Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo regions.
- February 6, 2020, attended Healthy Soils Meeting, sponsored by CDFA, USEPA region 9, USDA, and RCS. Jean-Pierre Wolff and John Robertson were also in attendance.
- March 4, 2020, attended Climate Resiliency Round Table sponsored by the Santa Barbara Climate Collaborative focused on sea level rise and flooding.

Member Johnston:

- March 5, 2020, attended educational field trip to Swanton Pacific Ranch. Mr. Johnston thanked Cal Poly for the tour and Chair Wolff for his hard work putting it together. He spoke about a few different programs they saw yesterday.
- February 12, 2020, attended Community Water Center's roll out of new web tool for groundwater. <https://drinkingwatertool.communitywatercenter.org/>. Mr. Johnston also shared a news clip on the program.

Member Young:

- March 5, 2020, attended educational field trip to Swanton Pacific Ranch. He enjoyed the trip and spoke about the salmon project.
- February 20, 2020, attended the Santa Barbara City Water Commission meeting.

Member Delgado:

- Attended a Blue Zone Meeting.
- Shared about Noah Trevor, a comedian, who did a piece on polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Mr. Delgado said it would be nice if the Water Board were able to do something like this to reach out to citizens.

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

Board Liaison D'Adamo gave a full report.

**Public Forum**

7. Public Speakers:

- Mayra Hernandez, Community Water Center
- David Rodriguez, El Comite
- Marcela Sanchez, El Comite
- Ignacio Garcia, El Comite
- Elma Lopez, El Comite
- Cesar Garcia Lopez, Community Water Center
- Becky Steinbruner
- Courtney Jallo, Central Coast Groundwater Coalition

Special Presentation

- Presentation: Thea Tryon and Matt Keeling presented John Robertson with a retirement proclamation.

Vote:

Motion: Member Johnston moved approval of the proclamation.

Seconded by: Vice Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Member Hunter  
Motion Carried: 5-0

Member Delgado thanked Mr. Robertson for his service.  
Chair Wolff: told John that he wrote a poem for him and he would see it later.  
Jeff Young said, "It's easy to trust someone who is competent, thoughtful, and a good listener."  
Mr. Robertson thanked the board for the opportunity.

## **Grants Implementation**

8. Summary of Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County Grant Implementation and Consideration of Proposed Resolution No. R3-2020-0027 Acknowledging Efforts and Outcomes  
[Kathryn McNeill, 805/549-3336, [Katie.McNeill@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Katie.McNeill@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Grants Program Manager Katie McNeill provided an overview of how the Grants Program is addressing high priority projects in Santa Cruz County through a successful partnership with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC). Lisa Lurie, executive director of the RCDSCC, also spoke. Ms. Lurie highlighted the many grant-funded projects the RCDSCC has conducted over two decades in her presentation titled *Local Solutions, Collaborative Results: Decades of partnership to improve water quality in Santa Cruz County*.

The final component of this item was a recommendation for the Board to approve Resolution No. R3-2020-0027, acknowledging the Central Coast Water Board's appreciation of work performed by the RCDSCC.

Motion: Vice Gray moved approval of the resolution.  
Seconded by: Member Young  
Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.  
Absent: Member Hunter  
Motion Carried: 5-0

Lisa Lurie introduced staff members Angie Gruys, Arianna Rettinger, and Erin McCarthy and board members Robert Ketley and John Ricker.

Speaker:  
• Becky Steinbruner

## **Enforcement**

9. Enforcement Report  
[Thea Tryon, 805/542-4776, [thea.tryon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:thea.tryon@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Thea Tryon, the Enforcement Coordinator for the Central Coast Water Board, provided a general overview of an administrative civil liability order issued against the City of Hollister that resolved violations associated with a tomato paste spill that discharged to San Benito River. Ms. Tryon also clarified that the notice of violation listed on page 15 of the enforcement report for the Wharf II Repairs and Waterfront Maintenance Project for the City of Monterey was later rescinded as the annual report was found.

10. Stipulated Order Settling Enforcement Actions Associated with City of Morgan Hill (Santa Clara County) Sanitary Sewer System Overflows to Llagas Creek (Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2019-0039)  
[Thea Tryon, 805/542-4776, [thea.tryon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:thea.tryon@waterboards.ca.gov) and Catherine Hawe, 916/322-3538, [catherine.hawe@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:catherine.hawe@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Thea Tryon provided a general overview of the tentative settlement agreement between the City of Morgan Hill and the enforcement team to resolve the violations associated with four sewage spills from the City of Morgan Hill's sanitary sewer collection system that discharged to Llagas Creek, a United States water. Ms. Tryon explained that the Water Code and State Water Board Enforcement Policy prescribe how the Water Board assesses penalties and that these policies allow dischargers to proposed enhanced compliance action projects in lieu of paying the entire penalty to the State Water Board Cleanup and Abatement Account. The City and the enforcement team settled on an administrative civil liability of \$433,366 to resolve the violations, with half of the penalty applied to two enhanced compliance action projects. Ms. Tryon gave a brief overview of the two enhanced compliance action projects, and Mr. Repp, Morgan Hill deputy utilities director, answered a few board questions.

Motion: Member Young moved adoption of Order No. R3-2019-0039 with the appropriate language as outlined by Ms. Yu.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

Absent: Member Hunter

Motion Carried: 5-0

## **Discussion/Informational Items**

11. Department of Defense Program Update  
[Sheila Soderberg, 805/549-3592, [Sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Senior Engineering Geologist Sheila Soderberg provided an overview of the Department of Defense Program in the Central Coast Region. Engineering geologists Amber Sellinger and Don Eley provided updates (with pictures) of active groundwater cleanup projects at former Fort Ord Superfund Site and Vandenberg Air Force Base, respectively. The board asked detailed questions about staff's work,

staff responded with technical information, and the board members thanked staff for their work.

12. Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program Update  
[Phillip Hammer, 805/549-3882, [phil.hammer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:phil.hammer@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Staff presented a status update on the Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification program. Staff provided a program overview and discussed program performance, workload, resources, priorities, and future plans. The board asked questions about a variety of 401 program-related topics.

**Administrative Items**

13. Executive Officer's Report  
[John Robertson, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
[John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov)]

The executive officer gave his report.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately **4:41 p.m.**

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair