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Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

**Video and Teleconference Meeting Only**

**No Physical Meeting Location**

(Authorized by Government Code section 11133)

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**Thursday, October 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 9:01 a.m.

**Board Business**

1. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board]

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

**Absent:** none

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 Moskal, legal counsel; Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer; and section managers Harvey Packard, Angela Schroeter, and Mary Hamilton
- State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Sean Maguire

**Announcements**

- Diane Kukol introduced Genevieve Holdridge, a new employee to the 401 Water Quality Certification Unit
- Angela Schroeter introduced Caroline Webster, a Civic Spark fellow who will be working on climate change adaptation
- Sheila Soderberg announced that the Fort Ord Superfund project team received the USEPA's National Award for Excellence in Site Reuse in August 2021. In September, the Fort Ord Superfund project team received the US Army Corps of

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

Engineers' Environmental Cleanup Award and recognized Engineering Geologist Amber Sellinger for her contributions.

- Mr. Keeling announced the retirement of Dr. Wei Liu, engineering geologist, after 25 years of state service.
- Phil Hammer presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to Lucas Sharkey of the Stormwater Unit
- Mr. Keeling presented Sustained Superior Accomplishment Awards to the following staff members for their work on the agricultural order (Ag Order 4.0) adopted by the board in April:
  - Elaine Sahl
  - Diane Kukol
  - Arwen Wyatt-Mair
  - Paula Richter
  - Shanta Keeling
  - Stephanie Yu
  - Monica Barricarte
  - Sarah Bragg-Flavan
  - Jamie Pratt
  - Jacqueline Tkac
  - Lauren Gordon
  - Jillian Flavin
- Mr. Keeling also acknowledged the support and efforts of many other individuals on the agricultural order development process, including:
  - Emel Wadhvani, Chris Moskal and Frances McChesney of the State Water Board Office of Chief Counsel
  - Administrative staff Kimberly Chandler, Jerilyn Riordan, Stacy Denney (retired), and Tammie Olson were tasked with extra administrative work associated with order document processing, web postings and notices.
  - Various State Water Board Office of Public Participation staff that assisted with outreach materials and Spanish translation.
  - Retired staff members John Robertson, Chris Rose, Hector Hernandez, and Corrine Huckaby
  - Mr. Keeling acknowledged the significant efforts and contributions of this Board that included all the extra public meetings, workshops and briefings, ex parte meetings with stakeholders, and a lot of additional document review homework.
- Board Member Young announced he is resigning from the Board later this month. He thanked many people he has worked with over his many years of service. The following guest speakers congratulated Board Member Young and acknowledged his dedicated service along Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray and Board Member Hunter:
  - Roger Briggs
  - John Robertson
  - Howard Kolb
  - Chris Rose

Mr. Keeling read a resolution of appreciation into the record.

Motion: Member Hunter moved to approve the resolution for Jeff Young  
Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter  
Abstain: Member Young  
Motioned Carried: 3 to 0

**3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Member Hunter moved to approve minutes of June 18, 2021  
Seconded by: Vice Chair Gray  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young  
Abstain:  
Motioned Carried: 4 to 0

**4. Reports by Regional Board Members**

**Chair Wolff:**

- August 17, 2021, meeting with Vice Chair Gray and Mr. Keeling to discuss the PG&E settlement
- August 18, 2021, San Luis Obispo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting
- August 26, 2021, meeting with Vice Chair Gray and Mr. Keeling to discuss the PG&E settlement
- September 13, 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.
- October 4, 2021, monthly chairs' call – discussed the drought and pending fee increases.
- October 6, 2021, San Luis Obispo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting
- Weekly meetings with Mr. Keeling
- Also noted that Mr. Keeling and Ms. Tryon should be recognized for their part in the agricultural order accomplishments.

**Vice Chair Gray,**

- August 17 and August 26, 2021, meeting with Chair Wolff and Mr. Keeling to discuss the PG&E settlement

**Member Hunter and Member Young**

- Nothing to Report

**5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Sean Maguire, 916/341-5877]**

Mr. Maguire gave a report touching on the following issues of statewide significance: ongoing drought conditions and planning for La Nina next year; water conservation

goals; statewide sanitary sewer general order update process; permit fee rulemaking process and increases this year after deferral last year due to pandemic; cost of regulatory compliance; water quality certification permitting; Water of the US rule and Wetlands Policy, and; upcoming Water Quality Coordination Committee meeting. Vice Chair Gray commented that there is need for more focus on water conservation and statewide leadership to promote it. Board Member Hunter commented on seawater intrusion as critical climate change and water supply issue as well as the lessons learned and importance of hybrid virtual meetings moving forward to improve public engagement. Chair Wolff commented on statewide drought messaging, permit fee increases and the use of the Consumer Price Index to keep fees up-to-date with costs, grant funding certainty and restoration project fee breaks.

### **Uncontested Items**

6. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2021-0049, Termination of Order 93-82, Water Reclamation Requirements for BSR, a General Partnership, Sea Pines Golf Course, San Luis Obispo County (Primary User of Recycled Water)  
[Mark Lemus, 805/549-3703, [Mark.Lemus@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mark.Lemus@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mr. Keeling introduced and summarized the agenda item. Board member Monica Hunter asked a question about the map shown during the summarization. Mark Lemus responded.

Motion: Member Young moved to approve Order No. R3-2021-0049

Second: Member Hunter.

Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young.

Absent:

Motion: Carried.

### **Waste Discharge Requirements**

7. Consideration of Proposed Resolution No. R3-2021-0087 Approving Santa Cruz County's Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for Regulating Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems  
[Cecile Blancarte, 805/542-4782, [Cecile.Blancarte@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cecile.Blancarte@waterboards.ca.gov), Jennifer Epp, 805/594-6181 [Jennifer.Epp@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Epp@waterboards.ca.gov) ]

Water Resource Control Engineer Cecile Blancarte presented the item, summarizing the staff report. The LAMP establishes siting, design, operation, and maintenance criteria for onsite wastewater systems or septic systems. It also identifies areas within the County where nitrogen pollution from septic systems may impact water supply watersheds and water supply groundwater basins.

Public comments were made by:

- Andrew Brownstone, Biosphere Consulting
- David Quinn, Biosphere Consulting

- Kyle Bunte, Hogan Land Services
- Eric Gobler, local OWTS design professional

Public commenters stated their input and recommendations were adequately heard during the LAMP development and requested the Board adopt the LAMP. Dr. Marilyn Underwood, Santa Cruz County Director of Environmental Health, provided the County's support for LAMP adoption. The Board asked general questions about the LAMP, which were answered by Cecile Blancarte, Jennifer Epp, Dr. Marilyn Underwood, and John Ricker, the former Santa Cruz County Water Quality Division Director and now consultant to the County.

Motion: Member Hunter moved to approve Resolution No. R3-2021-0087  
Seconded by: Member Young  
Roll Call Aye: Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Young  
Abstain:  
Motioned Carried: 4 to 0

### **Public Forum**

8. Public forum: There were no speakers

### **Enforcement**

9. Enforcement Report  
[Tamara Anderson, 805/549-3334, [Tamara.Anderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tamara.Anderson@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Central Coast Water Board Enforcement Coordinator Tamara Anderson provided a brief overview of the quarterly enforcement report and updated enforcement priorities. The Board asked questions related to staff actions to address growers' failures to submit total nitrogen applied reports and violations associated with natural disasters such as fires. The Board also asked questions regarding the California Men's Colony wastewater treatment plant's recurring violations and provided suggestions for bringing the facility into compliance.

### **Administrative Items**

10. Executive Officer's Report  
[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,  
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Mr. Keeling provided an overview of the staff report and followed up with an update on the Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County related to the impacts caused by the fire burning through the Tajiguas Landfill. Board Member Young made a final request to Chair Wolff for staff to convene a future Board meeting item workshop regarding surface water pesticide and pesticide toxicity issues in the region.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Approved 12/10/2021 JPW

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Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair

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