
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

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

And via Video and Teleconference

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Thursday, June 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Thursday, June 16, 2022, 9:02 a.m. at the Central Coast Water Board Offices, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Board Business

1. Roll Call

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

Present: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Harlan (arrived late)

Absent: none

2. Introductions

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

Mr. Keeling made the following introductions and announcements:

- Tammie Olson, clerk to the Board; Stephanie Yu, legal counsel; Thea Tryon, assistant executive officer; and section managers Angela Schroeter, and Mary Hamilton
- State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Sean Maguire, participating remotely
- Audio Visual Assistance: AGP Staff

JANE GRAY, CHAIR | MATTHEW T. KEELING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- The issuance of a supplemental sheet for item 7.
Arwen Wyatt-Mair to present a resolution of recognition for Katie DiSimone who recently left state service on disability retirement. Board members, staff, and members of the public shared stories about Ms. DiSimone and expressed their appreciation of her many valuable attributes and years of dedicated service. Ms. DiSimone also spoke, expressing her appreciation of the acknowledgements and everyone's support.

Motion: Member Hunter moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Katie DiSimone

Second: Vice Chair Wolff

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolf, Member Harlan, Member Hunter

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

3. Approval of April 21-22, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Wolff moved to approve the minutes of April 21-22, 2022

Second: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolf, Member Harlan, Member Hunter

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

4. Reports by Regional Board Members

Member Hunter

- Gave an environmental justice report and discussed the importance of public outreach and education, and coordination with our environmental justice partners; referenced the April board meeting environmental justice and racial equity update; and, provided an update on the regional well testing program.
- June 14, 2022, attended board meeting briefing

Vice Chair Wolff

- May 12, 2022, meeting with California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) Department of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science to discuss sustainability, agricultural certification programs and provide an Agricultural Order 4.0 update.
- May 20, 2022, attended the Annual Chairs meeting in Sacramento with the Chair and the Executive Officer.
- June 8, 2022, attended San Luis Obispo and Edna Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting.
- Participated in telephone conversations with San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisor Dawn Ortez-Legg to discuss recycled water, water supply augmentation, and wastewater system consolidation issues.
- June 14, 2022, attended board meeting briefing.

Member Harlan

- May 4, 2022, attended Pajaro Valley Compass Network meeting that includes a diverse group focused on enhancing water quality in the Pajaro Valley watershed.
- June 3, 2022, telephone conversation with Karen Grimmer, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Resource Protection Coordinator, regarding her Central Coast Water Board appointment and coordination.
- June 9, 2022, attended board meeting briefing.

Referenced two recent articles regarding: 1) state's agricultural land buyback program, and 2) new Scotts Valley water treatment system.

Chair Gray

- Attended weekly meetings with the Executive Officer.
- Attended monthly State Board Chairs meetings the first Monday of each month.
- Attended monthly phone calls with State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Sean Maguire and the Executive Officer.
- May 19, 2022, attended meetings in Sacramento with the Executive Officer and the following agency management staff to discuss coordination and collaboration: Christine Birdsong, California Department of Food and Agriculture; Kristopher Tjernell, Deputy Director of Integrated Watershed Management; Karen Morrison, Department of Pesticide Regulation Chief Deputy Director, and; Anna Naimark, Deputy Secretary and Special Counsel for Water Policy.
- May 20, 2022, attended State Board Chairs Meeting in Sacramento with the Vice Chair and Executive Officer.
- May 24, 2022, participated in a meeting with Sarah Lopez, Executive Director, and Kevin Merrill, President of Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. to discuss the Agricultural Order third-party compliance assistance program.
- May 31, 2022, meeting with Sunny Simpkins, Director of Government Affairs and Member Programs for the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agency (NAFSMA), to discuss stormwater and people experiencing homelessness issues.
- June 8, 2022, meeting with Sarah Lopez, Executive Director, and Kevin Merrill, President, Tom AmRhein, Treasurer of Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc., the Executive Officer, and Mary Hamilton to discuss Agricultural Order 4.0 requirements and enforcement.
- June 9, 2022, attended board meeting briefing.

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

Mr. Maguire provided updates regarding the drought and State Water Board's adoption of emergency water conservation regulations; improved water system use reporting requirements to provide more timely evaluation of statewide water conservation efforts; forthcoming State Water Board information item regarding

Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) program update; forthcoming updates to the statewide Cal-Trans stormwater, construction stormwater, industrial stormwater, and municipal separate storm sewer system general order updates; statewide large habitat restoration order; harmful algal bloom monitoring and assessment, outreach and education, and research regarding management of nitrogen and phosphorus to prevent harmful algal blooms; ocean acidification and hypoxia related issues, and coordination with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP); release of second annual drinking water needs assessment and forthcoming wastewater needs assessment; and, the budget.

Vice Chair Wolff, and Chair Gray engaged with Mr. Maguire regarding funding opportunities and engagement at the regional level regarding projects, priorities and needs; section 8 of the Governor's recent Executive Order regarding the unlawful use of water; need for comprehensive approach addressing the drought; messaging of stormwater as a valuable resource; and, interest in outcome of forthcoming wastewater needs assessment and how it will be applied at the regional with respect to climate change risks and vulnerabilities, and available funding to build capacity and implement projects at the local level.

Discussion/Informational Items

6. Proposed Designation of Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary – Process Overview and Update by Paul Michel, Regional Policy Coordinator, NOAA Sanctuaries West Coast Region
[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
Matt.Keeling@waterboards.ca.gov]

Paul Michel, Regional Policy Coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrative (NOAA) Sanctuaries West Coast Region, gave an overview of the national marine sanctuary program and the proposed designation of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. Vice Chair Wolff, Chair Gray and members Hunter and Harlan engaged with Mr. Michel regarding: fisheries; green energy and associated infrastructure projects within marine sanctuaries; permitting of advanced water treatment system discharges into sanctuaries; outreach and education; anticipated opposition from fisheries industry; relationships between sanctuaries, marine protected areas, and fisheries management; water quality alliance and coordination with various programs, stakeholders and coalitions; performance monitoring and opportunities to measure carbon sequestration and ocean acidification; and, aquaculture.

Waste Discharge Requirements

7. Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2022-0029, Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit No. CA0047881 for Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility, San Luis Obispo County
[Peter von Langen, Engineering Geologist, 805/549-3688,
Peter.vonLangen@waterboards.ca.gov]

Mr. Keeling introduced the item and noted the availability of a supplemental sheet proposing two minor administrative changes to the proposed order. Central Coast Water Board staff geologist Dr. Peter von Langen gave a presentation summarizing the staff report and proposed order, including the proposed changes outlined in the supplemental sheet. Board members engaged with Water Board and city staff regarding ocean discharge monitoring for brine and salinity, and how it relates to the State Water Board's desalination policy; length of the ocean outfall; pathogen monitoring and triggers; facility design to handle fluctuations in flow volume; saline waste production; biosolids production; implementation of recycled water plan; and, funding alternatives pursued.

Guest speakers:

Joe Mueller, City of Morro Bay

Damaris Hanson, City of Morro Bay

Public speakers: none

Motion: Member Hunter moved to approve Order No. R3-2022-0029 with two corrections described in the supplemental sheet and as presented by staff

Second: Member Harlan

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolf, Member Harlan, Member Hunter

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Watershed Management and Planning Items

8. Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Establish Maximum Daily Loads for Organophosphate Pesticides and Toxicity in the Lower Salinas River Watershed, Monterey County, California
[Larry Harlan, 805/594-6195, larry.harlan@waterboards.ca.gov and
Mary Hamilton, 805/542-4768, Mary.Hamilton@waterboards.ca.gov]

Central Coast Water Board staff environmental scientist, Larry Harlan, gave a presentation summarizing the proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that would be established as a Basin Plan amendment. Board members engaged in a discussion with staff regarding the nexus between the Ocean Plan and pesticide monitoring and detection in near-shore areas, as well as the reporting of non-agricultural use of pesticides, particularly in the urban environment.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion: Vice Chair Wolff moved to approve the TMDLs via Resolution No. R3-2022-0020

Second: Member Hunter

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolf, Member Harlan, Member Hunter

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

Public Forum

9. Public forum

Speakers: none

Administrative Items

10. Executive Officer's Report

[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,

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Staff Report

Mr. Keeling provided an overview of the racial equity initiative report. Member Hunter provided comments of support of the racial equity initiative. Chair Gray provided clarification regarding the Roundtable of Regions and Central Coast Climate Justice Network (CCCJN) meetings, and asked Supervising Engineering Geologist, Angela Schroeter, for an update on tribal engagement. Ms. Schoeter clarified the dates of the next Roundtable of Regions and CCCJN meetings and discussed ongoing coordination efforts with the State Water Board and outreach and engagement with tribes in the region as part of the racial equity initiative efforts.

Mr. Keeling discussed the logistics of the Cayucos Sanitary District Water Resources Recover Facility tour on Friday followed by the staff picnic in the afternoon. Vice Chair Wolff asked about vacancies and pending retirements. Mr. Keeling and Thea Tryon, Assistant Executive Officer, gave a break down of the current vacancies.

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Friday, June 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Friday, June 17, 2022, 10:02 a.m.
Cayucos Sanitary District Water Resources Recovery Facility, 800 Toro Creek Road,
Morro Bay

11. Roll Call

Present: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Gray, Member Hunter, and Member Harlan
Absent: none

12. Introductions

[Matthew Keeling, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
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Educational Field Trip

13. Tour of the Cayucos Sanitary District Water Resource Recovery Facility

[Arwen Wyatt-Mair, 805/542-4695, Arwen.WyattMair@waterboards.ca.gov]

A brief presentation and tour of the facility was provided by Cayucos Sanitary District General Manager Rick Koon and other Cayucos Water Resource Recovery Facility staff. Robert Enns and John Curti from the sanitary district's board of directors were also present.

Central Coast Water Board staff present for the trip: Executive Officer Matthew Keeling, staff counsel Stephanie Yu, Arwen Wyatt-Mair, Daniel Ellis, Shanta Keeling, John Inman, Katie McNeil, Sarah Crable, Peter von Langen, Kristina Olmos, Rachel Hohn, Kathy Truong, and Caroline Webster.

No members of the public attended the field trip.

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Jane Gray, Chair