

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tomas Morales called the meeting to order on June 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 108, San Diego, California 92108.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present:

Tomas Morales, Chair; Henry Abarbanel, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Eric Anderson, Board Member; Gary Strawn, Board Member; Stefanie Warren, Board Member. Betty H. Olson, Ph.D., Board Member, arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Staff present:

Dave Gibson, James Smith, Chris Blank, Alex Cali, Craig Carlisle, Mike Porter, David Barker, Amy Grove, John Odermatt, Wayne Chiu, Tom Alo, Rachel Astete-Vasquez, Whitney Ghoram, Roger Mitchell, Michelle Santillan, Rebecca Stewart, Alan Monji, Laurie Walsh, Debbie Woodward, Chad Loflen, Christina Arias, Fisayo Osibodu, Keith Yaeger, Rachel O'Donovan, Reagan Morey, Ben Neill, Sarah Mearon, John Anderson, Kelly Dorsey, Brandi Outwin-Beals. Lori Costa, Sean McClain, Ben Neill.

Remote attendance:

Brian McDaniel, Lucas Lima, Christopher Means, Lalitha Thotakura, Cynthia Gorham, Joann Lim, Helen Yu, Jody Ebsen, Tony Felix.

Others present on behalf of the San Diego Water Board:

State Water Resources Control Board –Catherine Hagan, Adriana Nuñez. California Court Reporting – Elise Hicks.

Public Attendance:

Jack R. Coates, Odie Deck	<i>Keylate Solutions</i>	David Asti, Ron Pontes	<i>Southern California Edison (SCE)</i>
Shari Sehlhorst, Steve Melanese	<i>SeaWorld</i>	Rick Wilson	<i>Surfrider</i>
Andrew Meyer	<i>San Diego River Park Foundation</i>	Susan Baer	<i>Clear Blue Sea</i>

Karen Gumtow, Mike Huber, Len Sinfield	<i>U.S. Navy</i>	Lisa Lind, Nicole Beaulieu, Ruth Kolb, Scott Sherman, Tim Stebbins, Adriana Feit, Rachel Davenport, Alejandra Gavaldon	<i>City of San Diego</i>
Eric Green, Kasey Skribeth	<i>Nautilus Environmental</i>	Michael R. Welch	<i>Michael Welch Consulting</i>
Neil Mohr	<i>Republic Services</i>	Nina Babiarz, Danika Carson, William Weigel, Charles Langley	<i>Public Watchdogs</i>
Torgen Johnson, Lindsay Barrett	<i>Samuel Lawrence Foundation</i>	Enzo Johnson, Layse Johnson	<i>Solana Beach Residents</i>
Nick Buhbe	<i>Citizens Development Corp.</i>	Michelle Hallack	<i>Alta Environmental</i>
Jayne Janaa-Timba, Anthony Cotts	<i>Rick Engineering</i>	Gary Headrick	<i>San Clemente Green</i>
Peter Rogowski	<i>Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO)</i>	Danielle Smith, San Smith, David Smith	<i>El Dorado Properties</i>
Kimberly O'Connell	<i>University of California, San Diego (UCSD)</i>	Josh Brooks	<i>San Diego Coastkeeper</i>
Wyatt George	<i>Equipoise Corp.</i>	Brian Parker, J.R. Sundberg	<i>Recon Environmental</i>
Peter Andersen	<i>Jamul Resident</i>		

BOARD MEETING

Public comments on agenda items were limited to 3 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair

PUBLIC FORUM

Neil Mohr of Republic Services provided an update on the expansion project at Sycamore Landfill.

BOARD BUSINESS:**3. Minutes of Board Meeting: May 9, 2018****Motion:** Mr. Anderson moved to adopt the proposed minutes.**Seconded by:** Mr. Strawn**MOTION CARRIED:** ([May 9, 2018](#))**Aye:** Chair Morales
Vice Chair Abarbanel
Mr. Anderson
Dr. Olson
Mr. Strawn**Nay:** None.**Absent:** None.**Abstain:** Ms. Warren.**4. Chairman's, Board Members', State Water Board Liaison's, and Executive Officer's Reports.***These items were for Board discussion only. Public testimony was not allowed, and the Board took no formal action.*

Chair Morales stated that he has been working with other Regional Board Chairs to set an outline for the agenda of the Water Quality Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Strawn summarized a webinar on analyzing water quality data from the San Diego River in which he participated last week. He also asked for staff help with a Prop 1 project with the San Diego River Conservancy for community outreach to disadvantaged communities in El Cajon along Forster Creek, and he introduced the two Conservancy staff members who would be working on the project.

Dr. Olson invited the Board Members and staff to visit an Indirect Potable Reuse site in the Riverside Water Board portion of Orange County.

John Anderson responded to Vice Chair Abarbanel's request to expand on the Lake San Marcos item in the written Executive Officer's Report.

Mr. Gibson responded to Vice Chair Abarbanel's question on enrollment in the Commercial Agriculture program; he provided updates on upcoming Agenda items and outreach to communities that have expressed concerns about their water quality to the Board; and he responded to Dr. Olson's questions and comments regarding the written Executive Officer's Report.

Chair Morales announced the winner of the San Diego Water Board's first annual drawing and coloring contest for elementary school aged children, Raquel Arias.

5. Future Agenda Items:*Board members discussed items for possible inclusion on future agendas*

Board Members requested no future agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

These items are considered non-controversial issues. If there is public interest, concern, or discussion regarding any consent calendar item or a request for a public hearing, then the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after all other agenda items have been completed.

6. Tentative Resolution: Addressing Threats to Beneficial Uses from Climate Change (Tentative Order No. R9-2018-0051). *(Tom Alo)*

Rick Wilson of Surfrider Foundation commented on this item.

Motion: Dr. Abarbanel

Seconded by: Mr. Strawn

MOTION CARRIED: ([Order No. R9-2018-0028](#))

Aye: Chair Morales
Vice Chair Abarbanel
Mr. Anderson
Dr. Olson
Mr. Strawn
Ms. Warren

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Remainder of the Agenda (Non-Consent Items):

Chair Morales took the Agenda items in the following order:

ACTION ITEM:

10. NPDES Permit Reissuance: Waste Discharge Requirements for SeaWorld LLC DBA SeaWorld San Diego, SeaWorld San Diego Discharge to Mission Bay, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2018-0004, NPDES No. CA0107336). *(Fisayo Osibodu)*

Chair Morales gave the opening statement and administered the oath.

Staff Presentation

Fisayo Osibodu and Keith Yaeger

SeaWorld Presentation

Marilyn Hannes

Brandi Outwin-Beals, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, and Shari Sehlhorst from SeaWorld also responded to Board Member questions.

Motion: Mr. Strawn moved to adopt the Tentative Order.

Seconded by: Chair Morales

MOTION CARRIED: ([Order No. R9-2018-0004](#))

Aye: Chair Morales
Mr. Anderson
Dr. Olson
Mr. Strawn

Nay: Vice Chair Abarbanel

Absent: None.

Abstain: Ms. Warren

Chair Morales called a brief recess at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

7. Have Robot, Will Travel: Applications for Next Generation Monitoring and Remediation. *(Sarah Mearon)*

[Staff Presentation](#)

Sarah Mearon

[Presentation](#)

Susan Baer, Executive Director; Clear Blue Sea

[Presentation](#)

Peter Rogowski, Scripps Institution of Oceanography – UCSD

9. Wetland Restoration/Flood Control Projects within the City of San Diego. *(Eric Becker)*

Mike Porter introduced David Smith of El Dorado Properties.

[City of San Diego Presentation](#)

David Smith, El Dorado Properties, Principal/Project Consultant, Chair, Navajo Community Planners

Anthony Cotts of Rick Engineering responded to Board Member questions.

City Council Member Scott Sherman and Alejandra Gavaldon from the City of San Diego commented on this item.

8. Presentation from Southern California Edison (SCE) on the Status of the Decommissioning and the Storage of Spent Fuel at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). *(Ben Neill)*

[Staff Presentation](#)

Ben Neill

[Southern California Edison Presentation](#)

Dave Asti, Principle Advisor, Environmental Affairs and Compliance

[Public Watchdog Presentation](#)

Charles Langley, Executive Director

The following interested persons commented on this item:

- Enzo Johnson, Resident of Solana Beach
- Layse Johnson, Resident of Solana Beach
- Torgen Johnson, Samuel Lawrence Foundation
- Lindsay Bazett, Samuel Lawrence Foundation
- Danika Carson for Pam Patterson, Public Watchdogs
- Nina Babiarz, Public Watchdogs
- William Weigel, Jr., Public Watchdogs
- George Courser, Resident of Oceanside

CLOSED SESSIONS

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

Consideration of Initiation of Litigation. The San Diego Water Board may meet in Closed Session to discuss the City of Imperial Beach, City of Chula Vista, San Diego Unified Port District, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego's 60-day Notices of Intent to Sue the United States International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) and to consider initiating litigation against the USIBWC over matters within the San Diego Water Board's jurisdiction [Authorized under Government Code §11126, subdivision (e)]. *(David Gibson)*

The Board Members discussed this item but took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Morales adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by:

Signed by:

Christina Blank
Executive Assistant

David Gibson
Executive Officer

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