

State of California
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Minutes of the June 9, 2023 Board Meeting
Video and Teleconference Meeting Only
No Physical Meeting Location
(Gov. Code, § 11133)

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Introductions

Board Members Present at Board Meeting

Kris A. Murray, Chair
Letitia Clark, Vice Chair
William Ruh, Board Member
Gloria Alvarado, Board Member
John Scandura, Board Member

Board Members Absent at Board Meeting

None

Staff Present at Board Meeting

Jayne Joy, Executive Officer
Jessica Baenre, Executive Assistant
Nick Amini, Branch Manager
Eric Lindberg, Branch Manager
Jagroop Khela, Branch Manager
Daniel Mefford, Information Technology Specialist I
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate
Fernanda Arechiga, Scientific Aid
Joanne Lee, Water Resource Control Engineer
Kyle Fructuoso, Environmental Scientist

State Water Board Present at Board Meeting

Katharine Bramble, Regional Board Counsel

Public Attendance Present at Board Meeting

Shiow-Whei Chou, WSP
Irene Cordero, Orange County Coastkeeper

Item 2. Public Forum

None

Item 3. State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Liaison Report

None

Item 4. Consideration of the Consent Calendar items are listed with an asterisk

It was noted by Chair Murray that item *5 had an errata sheet.

Chair Murray asked the Board Members for a motion and asked Board Clerk Ms. Baenre for a roll call vote.

Item *5. Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Redlands, California Street Landfill, San Bernardino County, Order Number R8-2023-0001

Item *6. Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Highland, Line A Storm Drian and Bledsoe Gulch Outfall Reconstruction, San Bernardino County, Order Number R8-2023-0039

Item *7. Amendment to Waste Discharge Requirements for Lockheed Martin Corporation, Full Scale Biobarrier Replenishment at Former Lockheed Martin Beaumont Site 2, Laborde Canyon, Riverside County, Order Number R8-2023-0040

Motion: It was moved by Board Member Clark, seconded by Board Member Alvarado, and unanimously carried to adopt Orders R8-2023-0001 with errata sheet, R8-2023-0039, and R8-2023-0040 as presented by roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Board Member Scandura- Aye, Board Member Alvarado- Aye, Board Member Ruh- Aye, Vice Chair Clark- Aye, Chair Murray- Aye.

Item 8. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Joy discussed public outreach for the regional municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit and racial equity resolution development.

Public Outreach for the Regional MS4 Permit-

Ms. Joy explained that the MS4 permit is a renewal of the stormwater permit going from three permits into one permit. Assembly Bill 2108 provided instruction for outreach to the community addressing disadvantaged communities, underserved communities, environmental justice issues or tribal issues within the region. Three workshops were held in person and one workshop was virtual. One meeting was held in each county San Bernardino County (San Bernardino), Riverside County (Moreno Valley), and Orange County (Huntington Beach). Board Member Alvarado attended the meeting in Huntington Beach and provided opening remarks.

Racial Equity Resolution Development-

Ms. Joy explained that the next steps for the Santa Ana Water Board's racial equity resolution are to hold listening sessions both internally (with staff) and externally (with the public). Internal listening sessions will provide an opportunity for discussion with staff to look at actions that could be taken through different program lenses. Internal listening session dates have been determined and listening session questions have been developed. After the listening sessions take place information gathered will be compiled

and used in developing the preliminary draft racial equity resolution. Ms. Joy stated that racial equity is a top priority.

Board Members asked questions and provided comments.

Item 9. Board Member and Executive Officer Communications

Board Member Ruh appreciates the racial equity efforts.

Board Member Scandura looks forward to next month's meeting.

Board Member Alvarado looks forward to participating in racial equity matters.

Vice Chair Clark appreciates the steadfastness and commitment to racial equity work and believes that the resolution, actionable items, and measurable goals are important. Vice Chair Clark wants to ensure that we are hearing from all stakeholders and mentioned the G.R.E.E.N Foundation in Orange County. The G.R.E.E.N Foundation is an environmental group that works with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, more specifically African American communities. Vice Chair Clark mentioned that the G.R.E.E.N Foundation has the ability to reach out to a large group of people and may be a great organization to contact; it was noted that their voices might be extremely valuable.

Chair Murray and Ms. Joy attended the Statewide Chairs meeting that took place on May 26, 2023. Chair Murray mentioned that updates were provided by the Governor's office, CalEPA, Legislation and Legal. Chair Murray also mentioned that there was an Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom update, Ocean Acidification Modeling overview and presentation and Regional updates.

Ms. Joy provided an overview of the Region 8 nutrient management efforts that were shared at the Statewide Chairs meeting and stated that Region 8 is in a good position to manage nutrients. Ms. Joy mentioned the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), a joint powers authority of 5 agencies, and how they come together to discuss salt and nutrients management primarily through wastewater discharges. The Region 8 watershed is modeled for salt and nutrients, and standards have been set within the groundwater basins and surface waters to be protective.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JAYNE JOY, P.E.
Executive Officer

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