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## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**June 11, 2024, 9:00 am to 11:28 am**

In-Person and Zoom Video/Teleconference Meeting

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#### **Introductory Matters**

##### **1. Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Satin at 9:00 am on June 11, 2024.

Peter Satin, Vivian Perez, Ed Muzik, and Nancy Wright were present. Beatriz Gonzalez arrived at 10:15 am.

The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

#### **State and Regional Water Board Staff Present**

Paula Rasmussen, Cassandra Owens, David Lancaster, Kai Dunn, Mary Castaneda, CJ Jasieniecki, Dan Mefford, Jose Cortez, Emma McCorkle, Logan Raub, Fatima Alrahem, Adriana Godinez, Michael Perez, Daniel Echeverria-Palencia, and Samantha Shapiro. Laurel Firestone and Eric Oppenheimer attended via Zoom.

#### **Public Attendance**

Marissa Johnson, Palo Verde Irrigation District  
Victor Lujan, Palo Verde Irrigation District  
Jr. Echard, Palo Verde Irrigation District  
Nolan Leggio, Diversified Pacific-Rancho San Gorgonio

#### **Remote Public Attendance**

Emmanuel Ramos, Salton Community Services District  
Steve Ledbetter, Salton Community Services District  
Ryan Villanueva, Rancho San Gorgonio

Bob Daniel, Sky Valley Resorts  
Marlee Nelson, Court Reporter  
Marc Gutierrez, Interpreter  
Michael Soler, Interpreter

**2. Public Forum**

Speaker: Victor Lujan, Palo Verde Irrigation District

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 14, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion to approve Item 3: Ed Muzik moved, Vivian Perez seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Peter Satin – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Absent, Ed Muzik – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye

The motion was passed to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024.

**4. Update from the State Water Resources Control Board Liaison, Laurel Firestone**

The State Water Board Liaison, Laurel Firestone, presented an update on State Board actions, strategies for statewide and regional activities.

**5. Introduction to Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board**

Eric Oppenheimer Executive Director, State Water Board introduced himself and provided a summary of his background, goals, and priorities for the Waterboards.

**Uncontested Calendar of Items for Adoption**

**(Items 6-8)**

**6. Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program for Salton Community Services District, Thomas R. Cannell Wastewater Treatment Facility, Imperial County**

Staff Contact: Adriana Godinez, WRC Engineer

**7. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2024-XXXX for Rancho San Gorgonio Planned Community Project, Riverside County**

Staff Contact: Logan Raub, Senior ES

**8. Order R7-2024-XXXX Substitution of parties under existing orders (e.g., name changes and transfers), and/or rescissions of existing orders.**

Affected Orders	Actions
R7-2009-0055 Westmorland Washout Facility, Imperial County	Substitution of Parties under Order
R7-2016-0027 Holtville Plant, Imperial County	Substitution of Parties under Order
R7-2017-0014 Black Meadow Landing, San Bernardino County	Substitution of Parties under Order
R7-2007-0009 Church Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Bernardino County	Rescission of Order
R7-2007-0043 Truckhaven Geothermal Exploration Well, Wellfield Mud Sump/Containment Basin Imperial County	Rescission of Order
R7-2013-0016 Big Bear Class III Waste Management Facility San Bernardino County	Rescission of Order
R7-2008-0017 Blu-In RV Park, Imperial County	Substitution of Parties under Order

Staff Contact: Julya Mestas, WRC Engineer  
[Julya.Mestas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Julya.Mestas@waterboards.ca.gov)

Motion to approve Items 6-8: Nancy Wright moved, Ed Muzik seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Peter Satin – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Absent, Ed Muzik – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye

The motion was passed to approve Uncontested Orders Items 6-8 as presented.

**Contested Calendar of Items for Adoption**

**(Item 9)**

**9. Resolution R7-2024-XXXX Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Incorporating Tribal Beneficial Uses, Statewide Mercury Provisions, and Administrative Updates, Multiple Counties**

Staff Contact: Francisco Costa, Environmental Scientist

Staff provided relevant updates on the Tribal Beneficial Uses, Statewide Mercury Provisions, and Administrative Updates Basin Plan Amendment. Staff addressed questions from the Board regarding tribal involvement and future plans for determining designations.

Motion to approve Item 9: Ed Muzik moved, Nancy Wright seconded, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Peter Satin – Aye, Vivian Perez – Aye, Beatriz Gonzalez – Absent, Ed Muzik – Aye, Nancy Wright – Aye

The motion was passed to approve Contested Resolution Item 9 as presented.

**Information Items**

**(No Actions on Items 10-12)**

**10. Report from Executive Officer, Paula Rasmussen**

The Executive Officer, Paula Rasmussen, provided an update on activities and plans for the region, and introduced new staff Daniel Echeverria-Palencia.

**11. Comments from Board Members**

Board member Wright reported she attended the Salton Sea Workshop held last month, she commented on the discussions held on utilization of the wetlands, and nitrogen use.

**12. Report from Board Chair, Peter Satin**

Chair Satin reported that he attended the annual Chair’s meeting and mentioned discussions on the new fiscal year budget shortfalls, additional staff PY for the region, and Tribal Beneficial Uses designation.

**Closed Session**

**13. Closed Session**

A closed session was held from 9:48 am to 11:28 am. The Board met in closed session to discuss the appointment, employment and/or evaluation of performance of the Executive Officer. (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (a)(1).)

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

Next Board Meeting:  
July 9, 2024 at 9:00 am