



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**October 27, 2021
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting**

Members

Present

Joseph Allen
Lee Cantrell
Zohir Chowdhury
Cliff Hanna
Ruth Heifetz
David Kellum
Carlos McCray
Michael Moulton
Doug Roff
Lucero Sanchez
Malcolm Vinje
Mike Vizzier
Stephen Zolezzi

Members

Excused

Byron Simpson

Members

Unexcused

Toby Roy

Others

Present

Ana Becker, DEHQ
Heather Buonomo, DEHQ
Dao Doan, DEHQ
John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ
Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ
Vivian He, DEHQ
Zoraida Herrera, DEHQ
Kameisha Nichols, DEHQ
Robert Rapista, DEHQ
Steven Tamayo, DEHQ

I. CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m., with 13 members present.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken to identify members present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 22, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PRESENTATION

John-Ross Glueck, Acting Deputy Director, DEHQ
Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ County Veterinarian

VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE

• **Oil Spill Response**

On October 9th, a major oil spill occurred off the coast of Orange County, due to a pipeline leak. As the oil traveled south, it landed on San Diego County beaches in the form of tar balls. DEHQ was called upon to serve in the local Emergency Operations Center and the Unified Command center's Public Health Assessment Unit in Orange County.

• **Shigella Outbreak**

FHD is working closely with Public Health Services and serving in the virtual emergency Medical Operations Center, on a local Shigellosis outbreak that is impacting individuals experiencing homelessness. Shigellosis is typically spread by contaminated surfaces, food or water, or through person-to-person contact. The team is conducting field investigations at restaurants where local

cases dined, created guidance documents on how to clean and disinfect for shigellosis that have been translated into the 5 threshold languages, posted information to social media and is providing guidance to operators that work in the areas of the County impacted by the outbreak.

- **Community Partner of the Year Award**

FHD was recognized by the California Restaurant Association with the 2021 “Exceptional Partner Award” for the partnership and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FHD team created COVID guidance documents that were used by restaurants and regulators throughout the state to help industry navigate COVID-19 requirements for restaurants, they worked tirelessly to think outside the box to identify ways for restaurants to operate safely within the COVID-19 state guidelines, provided one-on-one education and outreach during inspections, sent GovDelivery notices to keep the restaurant industry informed of the latest COVID-19 information, posted information to social media and answered countless phone calls and emails to assist our local operators.

- **2021 EHAB Annual Report**

The draft 2021 EHAB Annual Report was discussed. There were no requested revisions. Send any comments or suggested edits to Ana Becker. An updated draft report will be emailed to members with the objective of having the 2021 EHAB Annual Report approved during the November/December meeting.

- **Upcoming Board Letters**

Upcoming board letters were reviewed.

- **Vacancies**

We have a 11% vacancy rate. We continue to work on filling vacancies.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17, 2021, via the Microsoft Teams platform.