



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

**June 28, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

**Members
Present**

Jesse Conner
Malcolm Vinje

**Members
Excused**

Joseph Allen
Cliff Hanna
Toby Roy
Mike Vizzier
Lucero Weber

Members Unexcused

Zohir Chowdhury
Carlos McCray

**Others
Present**

Daniel Anderson, DEHQ
Erin Bechtol, DEHQ
Ana Becker, DEHQ
Heather Buonomo, DEHQ
James Cheng, DEHQ
Ryan Johnson, DEHQ
Joann Lee, DEHQ
Michael Mnatsakanian,
DEHQ
Steven Tamayo, DEHQ

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m., with 2 members present.

II. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A BOARD MEMBER (POSSIBLE ACTION, IF APPLICABLE)

No action taken.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

The May 24, 2023, carried over to July 26, 2023

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. BEACH AND BAY PROGRAM UPDATES – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Heather Buonomo, Division Director of Environmental Health

VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Heather Buonomo, Division Director of Environmental Health

• **Prior Board Letters/Actions**

- FY2023-24 Budget was adopted on June 27, 2023, effective July 1, 2023
- Board of Supervisors Proclamation of a Local Emergency for U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Pollution Environmental Crisis and Request for Federal State of Emergency

• **Upcoming Board Letters**

- Vector Benefit Assessment to the Board of Supervisors on June 28, 2023 (Item #4)
- Local Emergency for U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Pollution Environmental Crisis, return to the Board of Supervisors every 60 days, July 19, 2023
- Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations, return to the Board of Supervisors, November 8, 2023, December 6, 2023

- Local Area Management Program (LAMP), early 2024
- **Program movement**
 - Combining Land and Water Quality Division (LWQD) and Food and Housing Division (FHD) operations into one division to more broadly strengthen and expand staff program knowledge and training in multiple environmental health disciplines, create operational efficiencies, increase REHS certifications, improve continuity of operations, and succession planning. There will be no change in authority or ordinances, no Board of Supervisors action is required.
 - We will offer multiple Q&A sessions where staff are invited to drop in, learn more, and provide input.
- **Vacancies**
We currently have 5.1% adjusted vacancy rate. We continue to work on filling vacancies.
- **Legislative Highlights and Division Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**
 - Food and Housing Division Programs
 - SB 285/AB 374 - Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of non-cannabis food and beverage products
 - AB 660 - Food labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell by dates
 - AB 262 - Children's camps: regulation
 - AB 476 - Food Safety: Food Handlers
 - AB 1325 – MEHKOs
 - Outreach plan, sidewalk vending still focused on the City of San Diego, Comic Com not a big impact, body art convention in August. Vendors come from all over the world.
 - Hazardous Materials Division Programs
 - No new bills.
 - AB 1716 - Hazardous wastes and materials: certified unified program agencies
 - Land and Water Quality Division Programs
 - Still tracking bills from May with no significant changes.
 - July 12, 2023, LAMP stakeholder meeting,
 - Community Needs Assessment for Mobilehome Park program, more to come as it develops.
 - Community Health Division Programs
 - No bills

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5500 Overland Avenue
2nd Floor, Conference Room 211
San Diego, CA 92123

Offered only for *Just Cause* or *Emergency Circumstances*

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