



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

**December 13, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

**Members
Present**

Jesse Conner
Scott Snyder
Malcolm Vinje

**Members
Excused**

Cliff Hanna

Members Unexcused

**Others
Present**

Carlos McCray
Mike Vizzier
Toby Roy
Daniel Anderson, DEHQ
Erin Bechtol, DEHQ
Ana Becker, DEHQ
Heather Buonomo, DEHQ
Zohir Chowdhury
Saran Grewal, DEHQ
Amy Harbert, DEHQ
Maria Harris, DEHQ
Ryan Johnson, DEHQ
Joann Lee, DEHQ
Michael Mnatsakanian,
DEHQ
Deborah Mosley, DEHQ
Steven Tamayo, DEHQ

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m., with 3 active 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 October 25, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. 2023 EHQAB ANNUAL REPORT – ACTION ITEM

The draft 2023 EHQAB Annual Report was discussed. Revisions will be made based on the comments and feedback that was received. An updated draft report will be emailed to members with the objective of having the 2023 EHQAB Annual Report approved during the January meeting.

VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **2024 Chair/Vice Chair Appointment**

Elections will be held at the January meeting. Please consider if you are interested in volunteering for one of these leadership positions on the Board for 2024.

- **2024 EHQAB Draft Meeting Topic Calendar**

The draft 2024 EHQAB presentation topics was discussed. Adjustments will be made to incorporate the feedback received. The May and June scheduled meetings conflict with the Board of Supervisors meeting and will be moved to May 15, 2024 and June 12, 2024.

- **Board Letter Log**

No new updates to report.

- **Vacancies 6%**

DEHQ currently has a 6% adjusted vacancy rate. We continue to work on filling vacancies. Long term teleworking plan was discussed. DEHQ is increasing outreach at universities and deploying employee engagement strategies to help with retention.

- **Division Updates**

Food and Housing Division – The Board of Supervisors voted to continue a temporary program set to expire in January 2024 that supports home cooking as a small business (MEHKO). It also expanded the earning potential for its participants. Now, there are 70 permitted home kitchens in operation, offering new ways for people to earn a living.

A public workshop will be given at the end of January on how MEHKOs works.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24, 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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