



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

**January 24, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

**Members
Present**

Zohir Chowdhury
Jesse Conner
Toby Roy
Scott Snyder
LaRosa Watson

**Members
Excused**

Cliff Hanna
Malcolm Vinje

Members Unexcused

**Others
Present**

Carlos McCray
Mike Vizzier
Erin Bechtol, DEHQ
Ana Becker, DEHQ
Heather Buonomo, DEHQ
Ollie Downs, DEHQ
John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ
Saran Grewal, DEHQ
Amy Harbert, DEHQ
Maria Harris, DEHQ
Marcus Mathis, DEHQ
Robert Rapista, DEHQ

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m., with 5 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)

Zohir Chowdhury participated remotely due to just cause.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EHQAB MEMBER – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

LaRosa Watson, Board Member Epidemiologist, Seat 13

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

The December 13, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

VI. 2023 EHQAB ANNUAL REPORT – ACTION ITEM

The 2023 EHQAB Annual was approved. A copy of the report was finalized and signed by Chair Malcolm Vinje and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors.

VII. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECTS – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Heather Buonomo, Division Director of Environmental Health
John-Ross Glueck, Deputy Director

VIII. 2024 CHAIR/VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT – ACTION ITEM

No action taken. Item carried over to February.

IX. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Leg log**
The legislative season begins in January. We will have bills beginning in Feb/March.
- **Board of Supervisor Updates**
With the Board of Supervisors action, the below staff will be taking an interim role for the next six months while the Board of Supervisors is actively doing a recruitment for the CAO position.
 - Interim CAO, Sarah Aghassi
 - Interim Land Use and Environment Group Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO)
 - Brian Albright, January 10 through March 7
 - Dahvia Lynch, March 8 through May 2
 - Amy Harbert, May 3 through June 27
- **Regional Emergency Response**
The County of San Diego issued a proclamation declaring a Local Emergency on Monday, January 23, 2024, and on January 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to continue this local emergency due to the on-going need for the communities. The County of San Diego has activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at a level 1 with the storms. DEHQ Department Operations Center (DOC) was activated on January 24, 2024, and will be responding to flooding at auto body shops, food facilities and sewage issues. If you or someone you know was impacted by the storm, they can report damage in an online [survey](#) in English or a [survey](#) translated into more than 120 languages. DEHQ is also sending out this survey to all of our permitted businesses and community contacts to help the County get the word out.
- **Public Health Emergencies**
 - Norovirus Illness to Raw Oysters – Probable cases of norovirus illness to raw oysters imported from a specific harvest location in Northwest Mexico. Four harvest sites have been closed.
 - Homeless Shelters – Working with the City of San Diego

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 28, 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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