



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

**February 28, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

**Members
Present**

Zohir Chowdhury
Jesse Conner
Scott Snyder
LaRosa Watson

**Members
Excused**

Malcolm Vinje

Members Unexcused

**Others
Present**

Cliff Hanna
Carlos McCray
Mike Vizzier
Erin Bechtol, DEHQ
Ana Becker, DEHQ
Heather Buonomo, DEHQ
John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ
Saran Grewal, DEHQ
Ryan Johnson, DEHQ
Joann Lee, DEHQ
Tony Nguyen, DEHQ
Robert Rapista, DEHQ
Toby Roy, DEHQ

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 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)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

The January 24, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. LITHIUM BATTERIES/FIRES PRESENTATION– INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), Heather Buonomo, Director of Environmental Health Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT), Todd Burton, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist

VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Heather Buonomo, Director of Environmental Health

- **DEHQ Vacancies Report**

We currently have 4.34% adjusted vacancy rate. DEHQ is in a good position. Board members find this valuable information and would like to continue to see this item on the agenda regardless of the vacancy rate.

- **New Meeting Location**

With the footprint reduction and more teleworking the Beach and Bay Conference Room will no longer be available to DEHQ. Rich Grudman from Department of General Services will be giving a presentation on the footprint reduction in March.

New meeting location beginning March 27, 2024:
5500 Overland Ave, 4th Floor, Sycamore Conference Room
Sign in at the front desk

- **Election of 2024 EHQAB Chair and Vice Chair**
Item carried over to March.

- **Upcoming Board Letters, Deborah Mosley, Deputy Director**
 - A proclamation was presented to CEHA board members at the February 27, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting.
 - Local Emergency continues every 60 days.
 - MEHKOs going back to the board to make a clarification in the ordinance.
 - Cost Recovery Proposal – We will need all present for the March meeting to take action on sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors to convey your support.
 - Vector Benefit Assessment

- **Legislative Highlights and Division Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**
Updates were given by the division Chief's and Program Coordinator

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2023 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5500 Overland Avenue
4th Floor, Sycamore Conference Room
San Diego, CA 92123

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

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