



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

**December 18, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Quinnton Austin Zohir Chowdhury Cliff Hanna Toby Roy Kevin Sabellico Scott Snyder Mike Vizzier LaRosa Watson	Jesse Conner	Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Jessica Geiszler, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Arleen Gurfield, DEHQ Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Marcus Mathis, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m., with eight active EHQAB 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 THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE November 20, 2024, MINUTES – Board member Hanna 2nd Board member, Watson.

ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-1 (Kevin Sabellico abstained)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. 2024 EHQAB ANNUAL REPORT - ACTION ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality presented the revisions to the draft annual report reflective of the feedback the Board provided at the November EHQAB meeting.

The 2024 EHQAB Annual Report was approved with a couple minor revisions based on the comments and feedback received, unanimous vote. A copy of the report with the revisions will be emailed to all members, report finalized and signed by Chair, and subsequently distributed to the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 EHQAB Annual Report – Board member Watson 2nd Board member, Chowdhury.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **2025 Chair/Vice Chair Appointment to vote in January**
The board took action and voted to elect Scott Snyder to continue as Chair and Kevin Sabellico as Vice Chair.
MOTION TO APPROVE THE Chair/Vice Chair Appointments – Board member Roy 2nd Board member, Hanna.
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0
- **DEHQ Vacancies Report**
The department currently has a 7 percent vacancy rate. Actively working to fill staff vacancies.
- **2025 EHQB draft meeting topic calendar**
The draft 2025 EHQB presentation topics was discussed. This draft topic schedule can be revised throughout the year but provides staff with general guidance on topics of interest to the EHQB. Tours of interest in 2025 include Tijuana River Valley.
- **2025 Meeting Dates – Action Item**
Wednesday meeting dates for 2025 have seven board of supervisor meeting conflicts.
Option 1 – Leave current meeting dates and not have full staff attend all meetings.
Option 2 – Move to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
MOTION TO MOVE the meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month with the exception of May 14, 2025, and November 12, 2025, meeting which will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month – Board member Sabellico 2nd Board member, Watson.
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0
- **Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**
The below updates were given.
 - CHD Division Programs, Nikos Gurfield
 - Dengue continues. Receiving reports from public health with travel associated cases that come to the County. Continue to look how we respond. Investigated over 80 cases, two confirmed locally acquired cases. Responded to cases from Mexico, Asia. We've had other cases that we've responded to as well, malaria.
 - HMD Division Programs, Zoraida Moreno
 - Zoraida Moreno continues to be the acting Chief. Arleen Gurfield is the acting Program Coordinator.
 - Above ground tank updates.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Snyder, 2nd Board member Hanna.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5500 Overland Avenue
Check-in at Front Desk Counter, Suite 170
1st Floor, Beach and Bay Conference Room 123
San Diego, CA 92123

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