



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

**February 19, 2025
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 Mike Vizzier LaRosa Watson	Jesse Conner Scott Snyder	Daniel Anderson, DEHQ Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Steven Tamayo, DEHQ	Seth Shaffer, Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m., with five active EHQBAB 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 January 15, 2025, MINUTES – Board member LaRosa 2nd Board member, Vizzier.

ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seth Shaffer attended having interest in environmental health.

V. BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Mark Slovic, Interim Assistant Director, Planning and Development Services (PDS)

Dara Elkurdi, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services

Timothy Vertino, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services

David Sibbet, Fire Services Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services, County Fire Operations

Leon Wirschem, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, Hazardous Materials Division, HIRT

Planning and Development Services gave a presentation on The Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). To focus on the zoning ordinance amendments that PDS is initiating for the unincorporated areas.

Leon Wirschem gave a presentation on Lithium Ion Battery, First Responder & Regulatory Challenges.

Board members had comments and questions regarding emphasis for BESS facilities, safety, local agency zoning ordinance, battery technologies, utilities regulations, waste disposal, liquid nitrogen versus water fire suppression strategies, timelines for returning to the Board of Supervisors, and potential impact fees.

VI. UPDATES FROM DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Upcoming Board Letters**
 - 3/12/25, 5/7/25 & 6/25/25 – Local Emergency Review. State law requires that the Board of Supervisors consider a continuation of a state of emergency every 60 days.
- **Legislative Highlights/Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**

No significant updates for Feb.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:55 A.M.

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

ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19, 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

**Virtual Participation is only for Members of the Public or
Board Members with Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances**