



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

**July 16, 2025  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Hybrid  
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Quintton Austn Zohir Chowdhury Scott Snyder Toby Roy Mike Vizzier Laurie Walsh LaRosa Watson Jared Wilson	Jesse Conner Cliff Hanna Kevin Sabellico	Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Steven Tamayo, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ	Cesar Javier Purita Javier

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m., with seven active EHQB 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)**

“Just Cause” for Board Member Jared Wilson.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE June 18, 2025, MINUTES – Board member LaRosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Board member, Vizzier.

ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cesar Javier and Purita Javier attended having interest in environmental health.

**V. DEHQ PROGRAM OVERVIEW PRESENTATION – INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Heather Buonomo, Division Director, Joann Lee, Chief, Food Water Housing Division (FWHD) Zoraida Moreno, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD), and Saran Grewal, Chief, Community Health Division (CHD) provided an overview of DEHQ.

The presentation walked through the department’s mission, goals, organizational structure, and key programs, offering insights into how each division contributes to protecting public health and the environment through regulatory oversight, community engagement, and service delivery.

Board members had questions and comments regarding staff training, REHS certifications, and if career development connections exist with community colleges. They asked about community response to pool inspections, how inspections are conducted for childhood lead exposure, and whether

combining divisions has resulted in cost savings. Questions were also raised about mosquito control efforts—specifically, whether aerial spraying affects bee populations, if there is a public website showing spray schedules, and whether the numerous mosquito pools detected were accompanied by an increase in public complaint reporting. Finally, members inquired about the alignment of local food safety practices with CDPH and NEHA standards.

#### **VI. JUNE 18, 2025, PUBLIC HEALTH LAB TOUR – INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Board members shared their observations from the recent Public Health department tour. The group noted that the equipment and technology on display were highly impressive and cutting edge. The design and layout of the rooms were also commended for their functionality and thoughtful planning.

Dr. Corrigan was recognized for his enthusiasm and subject matter expertise. His presentation conveyed a strong command of the subject matter and genuine passion for the work being done in public health.

#### **VII. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Legislative Highlights/Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**

The bills below were discussed.

- Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Heather Buonomo
  - AB 1288: Registered Environmental Health Specialists
  - AB 1470: Food Facilities: Retail Food Safety: Coastal Development Permits: Exemption
  - AB 592: Business: Retail Food
  - AB 671: Accelerated Restaurant Building Plan Approval: California Retail Food Code: Tenant Improvements
- Hazardous Materials Division Program, Zoraida Moreno
  - SB 561: Hazardous Waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Joann Lee
  - AB 253: California Residential Private Permitting Review Act: Residential Building Permits

- **Upcoming Board Letters, Amy Harbert, Director**

- Local Emergency Review

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:44 A.M.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> Board member Vizzier.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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