



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

**December 17, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Quintton Austin Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner Scott Snyder Toby Roy Mike Vizzier Laurie Walsh LaRosa Watson Jared Wilson	Cliff Hanna	Ana Becker, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ Jessica Geiszler, DEHQ Nikos Gurfield, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Vivian He, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ Joey Wyatt, DEHQ	N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m., with six 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE October 15, 2025, MINUTES – Board member Wilson, 2nd Board member, Snyder.
 ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

V. 2025 EHQAB ANNUAL REPORT - ACTION ITEM (ITEM CONTINUED TO JAN 2026 MEETING)

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality and Deborah Mosley, Deputy

The draft 2025 EHQAB Annual Report was discussed. Revisions will be made based on the comments and feedback that were received. An updated draft report will be emailed to members prior to the January meeting with the objective of having the 2025 EHQAB Annual Report finalized and acted upon during the January 2026 meeting. Local code requires the EHQAB Annual Report to be distributed to the Board of Supervisors by January 31st of each year.

Board members provided comments and asked questions regarding regulatory agency with authority for air monitoring; environmental justice with a focus on underserved neighborhoods; process streamlining and innovation to improve cost efficiency and minimize fees; access to water-related

information; potential use of artificial intelligence to support the future workforce; awards and recognition opportunities; waste reduction and sustainability efforts, including source reduction; stormwater management; clarification of vacancies and appointments; boil water advisories; and the housing program.

VI. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Announcements**

Steven Tamayo, Deputy Director, will be joining the Land Use and Environment Group's Executive (LUEG) Office team to serve in temporary acting assignment as Group Finance Director from December 19, 2025 – April 30, 2026.

Vivian He, Chief of Finance, will serve as Acting Deputy Director for DEHQ and will oversee the department's finance and information technology programs from December 19, 2025 – April 30, 2026.

- **2025 EHQAB Draft Meeting Topic Calendar ideas**

The draft 2026 EHQAB presentation topics were discussed. A follow-up draft calendar will be distributed prior to the January meeting. Requests for 2026 presentations included:

- Vector Control Lab
- TJRV to organize a panel to include other local, state and federal agencies working on this issue
- Public Works - recycling
- Food borne illness response process

- **May 20, 2026, Meeting Date**

DEHQ staff have a San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting conflict with the May 2026 EHQAB Board meeting date and need to make an adjustment. A poll will be distributed to EHQAB Board Members for May 13 and May 27, 2026, to determine which date works best for the majority of the group to replace the previously scheduled May 20, 2026, meeting.

- **2025 Chair/Vice Chair Appointment to vote in January**

The board took action and voted to elect Scott Snyder as Chair.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE Chair for Appointment – Board member Wilson 2nd Board member, Chowdhury.

ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

The board took action and voted to elect LaRosa Watson as Vice Chair.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE Vice Chair for Appointment – Board member Roy 2nd Board member, Chowdhury.

ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

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

- Hazardous Materials Division Updates, Zoraida Moreno
 - CUPA evaluation begins January 2026
- Community Health Division updates, Nikos Gurfield
 - West Nile virus investigations, including travel-related cases of mosquito-borne illnesses

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:49 A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Watson, 2nd Board member Vizzier.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.