



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

**January 21, 2026
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 Cliff Hanna Scott Snyder Toby Roy Laurie Walsh LaRosa Watson	Jared Wilson Mike Vizzier	Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ Jessica Geiszler, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Vivian He, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Greg Luistiana, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Sharon Preece, DEHQ Rita Raphael, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ Joey Wyatt, DEHQ	Liana Mao, UCSD Student

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m., with seven 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

Liana Mao, a third-year student at UC San Diego, attended the public meeting and took minutes as part of her Global Health and Climate Change course.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE December 17, 2025, MINUTES – Board member Watson, 2nd Board member, Roy.
ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

V. 2025 EHQAB ANNUAL REPORT - ACTION ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality and Deborah Mosley, Deputy Director, presented revisions to the draft 2025 EHQAB Annual Report that incorporate feedback provided by the Board at the December EHQAB meeting.

The Board approved the 2025 EHQAB Annual Report. The report was finalized and signed by the Chair and will be emailed to all members and subsequently distributed to the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 EHQB Annual Report – Board member Snyder 2nd Board member, Watson.
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

VI. NEW STATE LAW PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS PRESENTATION – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Ryan Johnson, Chief of Operations, Food, Water, Housing Division (FWHD), reviewed AB 592, which authorizes bona fide public eating places to operate with open windows, folding doors, or non-fixed storefronts during hours of operation, under specified requirements. He also reviewed AB 671, which establishes a new mandated timeline requiring restaurant plan check resubmittals with corrections to be reviewed within 10 business days. As a result of these requirements, additional staffing was needed for the Plan Check Unit.

Sharon Preece, Program Coordinator, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD), reviewed Senate Bill 445, which became effective September 25, 2014, and requires the permanent closure of Single-Walled Underground Storage Tanks (SWUSTs) by December 31, 2025. SWUSTs are an older technology that poses a risk of hazardous material leaks. As the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for the San Diego region, DEHQ is mandated by the State to pursue enforcement actions for facilities that fail to meet the closure deadline, which may include red tagging and/or monetary penalties.

Jessica Geiszler, Group Program Manager, Policy Outreach Data (POD)

The California State Legislature passed Senate Bill 707 (SB 707), which implemented significant changes to the Brown Act and allows certain local legislative bodies to hold hybrid meetings. The law became effective January 1, 2026. Approval from the Board of Supervisors is required and must be renewed every six months.

VII. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Request Board of Supervisors to hold EHQB teleconference meetings**
EHQB members requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors to allow EHQB to conduct teleconference meetings. Discussion included more flexible teleconferencing options may help fill existing vacancies and increase public participation. Board members also discussed the benefits of participating in person for increased engagement and dialogue.
- **2026 EHQB Draft Meeting Topic Calendar Updates**
Updated 2026 EHQB presentation topics were presented.
- **May 20, 2026, Meeting Date**
DEHQ staff have a San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting conflict with the May 20, 2026, EHQB Board meeting date for the month of May will be scheduled for May 13, 2026.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:27 A.M.

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

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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