



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

**June 17, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Jesse Conner Cliff Hanna Barry Pulver Scott Snyder Toby Roy Laurie Walsh LaRosa Watson Jared Wilson	Quinnton Austin Zohir Chowdhury Mike Vizzier	Daniel Anderson, DEHQ Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ Jessica Geiszler, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Greg Lusitana, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Rita Raphael, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Steven Tamayo, DEHQ Joey Wyatt, DEHQ	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EHQAB MEMBER – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Scott Synder

Barry Pulver, Land Use/Housing Industry, Seat 14

V. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE May 13, 2026, MINUTES – Board member Hanna, 2nd Board member, Roy.

ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-1

A motion was made to agendize and bring back for discussion to the Advisory Board whether it should request Board of Supervisors approval to implement SB 707 teleconferencing and remote access requirements at the July 15, 2026 meeting. Board member Roy, 2nd board member Hanna.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

VI. OP PLAN - INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Steven Tamayo, Deputy Director, provided an overview of DEHQ's Fiscal Year 26-27 Operational Plan, which included department accomplishments, a summary of revenue sources, and key investments within the department's \$69.8 M budget. During the presentation, Board members asked several questions regarding the proposed funding allocations and climate-related initiatives. Questions included what the TJRV \$1.9 million allocation covers and whether the County will receive any portion of the \$46 million Prop 4 funding amount. Board members also sought clarification on the Climate and Natural Resources budget, specifically what activities are considered climate-related in connection with septic systems and what actions are being taken to address and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Additional questions focused on groundwater protection concerns related to septic systems, whether there are preparedness measures planned for severe climate events such as a Super El Niño, and whether the \$4.9 million allocation for climate resilience includes groundwater resource activities such as monitoring water wells and other related efforts.

VII. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Heather Buonomo, Director of Environmental Health

- DEHQ has been busy with the Cost Recovery and Op Plan budget
- Vector Benefit Assessment passed on June 10, 2026
- Vacancy rate is 5.29%, with most vacancies in the Food Division. Eight new hires are currently in background processing. Ongoing recruitment and retention efforts to address staffing needs are underway.
- **Upcoming Board Letters**
 - August 19, 2026 - TJRV – 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 or Program Coordinators)**

The bills below were discussed.

 - DEHQ, Heather Buonomo
 - SB 58: Air Quality: Standard: Hydrogen Sulfide
 - AB 35: Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria
 - SB 1046: Occupational Safety: Transboundary Pollution
 - Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Joann Lee
 - AB 1153: Illegal Disposal Site Abatement
 - Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Ryan Johnson
 - AB 1915: Accelerated restaurant equipment permitting approval: retail food safety
 - SB 918: Food Facilities: Retail Food Safety
 - AB 2127: Accessory Dwelling Units: Private Sewage Disposal Systems
 - SB 1447: Health Omnibus
 - AB 1679: Local pop-up small business program
 - Hazardous Materials Division, Zoraida Moreno
 - AB 1642: Wildfires: contamination standards

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:23 A.M.

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

ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.