



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

**July 15, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Barry Pulver Scott Snyder Toby Roy Mike Vizzier - Virtual LaRosa Watson Jared Wilson	Quinnton Austin Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner Cliff Hanna Laurie Walsh	Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Greg Lusitana, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Deborah Mosley, DEHQ Tony Nguyen, DEHQ Rita Raphael, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Steven Tamayo, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ Joey Wyatt, DEHQ	Cesar Javier Purita Javier

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 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)

MOTION TO APPROVE “JUST CAUSE” FOR BOARD MEMBER MIKE VIZZIER – Board Member Watson, 2nd Board Member, Roy.

ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17, 2026. One minor grammatical correction was noted – Board member Watson, 2nd Board member, Roy.

ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-1

V. SENATE BILL 707 (SB 707) REQUESTS FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FINDINGS TO AUTHORIZE TELECONFERENCING – ACTION ITEM

DEHQ Amy Harbert, Director and Deborah Mosley, Deputy Director, provided an informational presentation on Teleconferencing rules for Brown Act Meetings (SB 707).

The Environmental Health and Quality Advisory Board (Board) discussed the possibility of changing the meeting date, time, and/or frequency to improve attendance and ensure a quorum. Members expressed concern that the Board has recently experienced difficulty achieving a quorum, including during the budget season when critical items could not be acted upon prior to those policy items going before the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Members noted that the Board's role is to review County proposals and initiatives, provide recommendations before items are presented to the Board of Supervisors, and submit letters of support or recommendations as appropriate. The inability to achieve a quorum was recognized as limiting the Board's ability to fulfill its advisory responsibilities.

The Board reaffirmed in their discussion that in-person meetings remain the preferred format. However, members acknowledged that work schedules and other commitments may occasionally prevent attendance. The Board discussed that allowing remote participation on an as-needed basis could improve attendance and help ensure a quorum while maintaining in-person meetings as the standard.

Following discussion, the Board reached a consensus to move forward with requesting authorization for teleconferencing under SB 707. Staff outlined the following process:

1. Director of DEHQ to submit a memorandum to the Clerk of the Board (COB).
2. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) will review the request and make the required findings to consider approval.
3. Upon BOS approval, the Environmental Health Quality Advisory Board (EHQAB) must take formal action to adopt teleconferencing.
4. Teleconferencing may begin at the meeting following EHQAB approval.

It was noted that Board of Supervisors' approval must be renewed every six (6) months to continue holding teleconference meetings and likewise the Board would need to consider and take action to request this teleconferencing option and have future opportunities to evaluate this option.

MOTION TO APPROVE SENDING A TELECONFERENCING REQUEST LETTER TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – Board member Snyder, 2nd Board member, Watson.
ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

VI. BEACH AND BAY – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Joann Lee, Chief of Operations, Food Water Housing Division (FWHD), provided an update on the Beach and Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program and the new Beach and Bay website.

Board members asked questions regarding the water quality monitoring program, including the rationale for reducing sampling locations during wet weather, how beach usage and seasonal visitation are factored into sampling decisions, and whether swimming restrictions at certain beaches (such as those south of Coronado) are considered. Additional questions focused on which agencies conduct water quality testing, including monitoring at military beaches and the role of federal agencies and County staff.

The Board also sought clarification regarding program funding versus actual operating costs, including whether the reported \$805,000 represents the full cost of the program.

Regarding the new Beach and Bay website, Board members asked whether beaches within San Diego Bay are tested, whether water quality testing is conducted south of the U.S.-Mexico border, and how website users can interpret test results and water quality thresholds. Suggestions included adding explanatory legends or hover-over information to help users understand the data. The Board also inquired about the placement and visibility of permanent beach advisory signs, including whether they would be installed at beach access points and/or at lifeguard stations.

VII. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Amy Harbert, Director of Environmental Health and Quality

- **Upcoming Board Letters**

- Anticipated in August - 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, John-Ross Glueck
 - SB 58: Air Quality: Standard: Hydrogen Sulfide
 - SB 1046: Occupational Safety: Transboundary Pollution
 - 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
- 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
 - SB 1447: Health Omnibus
 - AB 1679: Local pop-up small business program
 - SB 936: Nitrous Oxide: Sales
 - AB 1237: Swimming Pool Safety: Building Codes: Condominium and Hotel Rooms
 - AB 2127: Accessory Dwelling Units: Private Sewage Disposal Systems
- Hazardous Materials Division, Zoraida Moreno
 - SB 883: Reactive Chemicals: Facilities: Methyl methacrylate
 - SB 1010: Hazardous Waste: Major Appliances: Recycling
 - AB 1642: Wildfires: contamination standards

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:37 A.M.

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

ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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