

**Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of the
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (SCCWRP)**

**Held at the offices of the Authority:
3535 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, California 92626**

**June 5, 2026
9:00 AM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susana Arredondo — *Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Eric Lindberg — *Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Dave Gibson — *San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Jim Marchese — *City of Los Angeles*
Martha Tremblay — *Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts*
Rob Thompson — *Orange County Sanitation District*
Christiana Gauger — *City of San Diego*
Jolene Guerrero — *Los Angeles County Flood Control District*
Amanda Carr — *County of Orange*
Christine Tolchin — *County of San Diego*
Hayley Luna — *County of Ventura*
Peter Kozelka — *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9*
Phillip Crader — *State Water Resources Control Board*
Kaitlyn Kalua — *California Ocean Protection Council*

OTHER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Lan Wiborg — *Orange County Sanitation District*
Grant Sharp — *Orange County Public Works*
Hannah Dewey — *Los Angeles County Flood Control District*
Brian Covellone — *Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board*

SCCWRP STAFF PRESENT

Stephen Weisberg — *Executive Director*
Bryan Nece — *Administrative Officer*
Ken Schiff — *Deputy Director*
Jessica Lienau — *Legal Counsel*
Elizabeth Fassman-Beck — *Department Head*
John Griffith — *Department Head*
Alvina Mehinto — *Department Head*
Charles Wong — *Department Head*
Eric Stein — *Department Head*
Scott Martindale — *Communications Director*
Kris Taniguchi-Quan — *Senior Scientist*
Leah Thornton Hampton — *Senior Scientist*
Joshua Steele — *Senior Scientist*
Jill Tupitza — *Scientist*

Danhui Xin — *Scientist*
Lara Jansen — *Scientist*
Ariane Jong-Levinger — *Engineer*
Dario Diehl — *Research Coordinator*
Addison Grant — *Programmer*
Emily Lau — *Communications Specialist*

OTHERS PRESENT

Lauren Hubbell — *Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Danny Tang — *Orange County Sanitation District*
Josh Westfall — *Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts*
Chad Loflen — *San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Stacey Karnya — *City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation*
Luke Ginger — *Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission*

The meeting was broadcast on Zoom for audience members. Remote audience members were invited to address the Commission by submitting a request via the Zoom Q&A box.

Commissioner Kalua requested a one-time “just cause” exemption under Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c) to participate remotely, which was approved in advance by the Commission Chair.

Commission Vice Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of Meetings Held March 6, 2026**
- 2. Quarterly Financial Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 2026**
- 3. Quarterly Statement of Investments on March 31, 2026**
- 4. Minutes of CTAG Meetings Held May 7, 2026**

Commissioner Thompson motioned to approve Consent Items 1-4, and Commissioner Crader seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Personnel and Finance Committee Report

Commissioner Marchese, Chair of the Personnel and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee reviewed SCCWRP’s 2026-2027 research plan and budget, the proposed updates to SCCWRP’s annual salary resolution, and the next five-year contract for the Executive Director. Marchese said the Committee recommends Commission approval of all three items (Agenda Items 9-11) and has full confidence in the Executive Director’s leadership.

6. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Weisberg announced that Sarai Bhaga has been named Interim Director and General Manager for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, replacing the recently retired Traci Minamide as SCCWRP Commissioner. He welcomed Alternate Commissioners Christiana Gauger from the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department and Hannah Dewey from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to their first meeting seated at the Commission table. Weisberg also introduced new SCCWRP Programmer Addison Grant, who specializes in artificial intelligence.

Weisberg reported that SCCWRP's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) has been signed by all signatories, which extends the agency's existence for an additional five years and goes into effect July 1, 2026.

Weisberg reported that CTAG has been performing at an all-time high level, with three active subcommittees meeting regularly and CTAG engaging in high-quality, substantive discussions at each quarterly meeting to complete Commission-requested readiness assessments of SCCWRP's work. He said the Stormwater BMPs and Bioassessment intersessional research planning workshops held over the past few months were the most effective and interactive he has seen to date.

Weisberg said that SCCWRP has been expanding its partnership with the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations (CalCOFI) and has identified three joint projects to pursue together. The Commission will hear directly from the lead coordinator of CalCOFI's ocean monitoring program as part of a Southern California Bight 2023 Regional Monitoring Program update (Agenda Item 12).

Weisberg said that the first sampling bioblitz for an ongoing project to develop comprehensive DNA barcoding libraries for intertidal species in California is scheduled from June 20 to July 3, 2026 in San Diego. He invited member agencies to observe.

Weisberg highlighted two recent notable meetings at SCCWRP: 1) the annual meeting for the Stormwater Equipment Manufacturers Association and 2) an upcoming two-day workshop for the Southwest Stormwater Center of Excellence, one of four regional Centers of Excellence for Stormwater Control Infrastructure Technologies funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; SCCWRP was selected to co-lead the center for the Southwest region. Department Head Fassman-Beck said the workshop's first day is open to the public, and invited member agencies to participate in the closed second day to help shape the Center's priorities.

Weisberg highlighted two SCCWRP staff members who have been invited to travel abroad to help advance international science. The invitations reflect the global recognition of SCCWRP's expertise, with travel expenses covered by the inviting party: (1) Principal Scientist Theroux was selected as one of two U.S. experts to help guide eDNA work in the European Union, and (2) Senior Scientist Thornton Hampton was invited to help develop a risk assessment framework for macrodebris for the European Union. Weisberg also announced that he has been appointed Chair of the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

Asked by Commissioner Marchese about efforts by the California Water Quality Monitoring Council to address spatial unevenness with monitoring data across California, Weisberg

said the disparities were highlighted during the development of the West Coast Ocean Health Report Card, where researchers identified significant data gaps that limited their ability to conduct statewide assessments of a range of facets of ecological health; the Water Quality Monitoring Council is in the process of addressing these monitoring gaps and developing solutions for working around these limitations.

Commissioner Carr raised a concern about the lack of redundancy among contract laboratories certified by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) to process environmental samples. As a result of one laboratory losing its ELAP certification, Orange County Public Works has been struggling to find a suitable alternate lab. Weisberg offered for SCCWRP to put together a presentation at the next Commission meeting about the number of accredited laboratories available for selected chemical compounds and identify how many of them have participated in the SCCWRP-facilitated laboratory intercalibration exercises intended to ensure proficiency and comparability among laboratories.

7. CTAG Report

CTAG Chair Sharp reported that CTAG conducted a readiness assessment of the Bight '23 Sediment Quality study element to develop consensus on readiness for potential management actions in response to Bight monitoring data. CTAG agreed that Bight monitoring data have consistently demonstrated that sediment quality is impaired in embayment areas, specifically estuaries and marinas, and that based on this three-decade temporal trend, member agencies should investigate whether poor sediment quality in these habitats is caused by a single regional issue or multiple site-specific challenges requiring multiple different management actions – with insights intended to inform the design of the next Bight cycle. CTAG will further explore this issue at the next intersessional research planning workshop focused on the Regional Monitoring research theme, which is scheduled for October 1, 2026. Sharp reported that the ROMS-BEC modeling subcommittee is meeting monthly and recently reviewed two manuscripts on HABs modeling applications. Sharp noted that CTAG discussed the possibility of the subcommittee conducting a readiness assessment of the ROMS-BEC modeling work completed to date, but concluded that that it would be premature.

Sharp said CTAG reviewed SCCWRP's 2026-2027 Research Plan Executive Summary (Agenda Item 9) and recommends Commission approval. He noted that CTAG skipped the annual prioritization exercise where each member agency allocates a hypothetical \$1 million budget across SCCWRP's research themes. Asked by Commissioner Lindberg about why CTAG did not do the exercise this year, Executive Director Weisberg said initially this was because of a planning oversight, but CTAG and staff agreed that delaying until the fall when CTAG will have finished the next cycle of intersessional theme specific planning will provide greater clarity about what they are voting for. The plan is to reinstitute this exercise once the remaining thematic research planning exercises are completed.

Sharp said CTAG held two successful intersessional research planning workshops on the Stormwater BMP and Bioassessment research themes in February and April 2026, respectively. In advance of each intersessional, SCCWRP staff have begun meeting individually with member agency staff to discuss SCCWRP's existing research and to identify potential new project directions; Sharp noted that these meetings have been well

received by CTAG. Sharp said CTAG is making two changes to enhance the research planning process: (1) CTAG agreed to tweak the intersessional meeting agenda to add 30 minutes between lunch and the afternoon portion for more discussion, and (2) SCCWRP is working to streamline and shorten the written thematic research plans (i.e., 20-pagers) to make them easier to read. Commissioner Tremblay expressed support for streamlining the format and suggested highlighting top projects in each thematic research plan.

Sharp said CTAG recommends the Commission hear presentations at future meetings on: (1) ongoing development of the West Coast Ocean Health Dashboard, (2) the ongoing Bight '23 shellfish integrated risk assessment, and (3) a partnership between the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) and California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) to collaboratively pursue one or more sewer exfiltration projects.

Sharp said CTAG recommends approval of the two contracts requiring Commission approval (Agenda Item 8). Sharp said CTAG held an online meeting a day before the Commission meeting to discuss four contracts that were offered to SCCWRP since the May 2026 CTAG meeting; CTAG expressed no concerns about these contracts.

8. Contract Review

SCCWRP's Joint Powers Agreement requires Commission approval of contracts of more than \$250,000, and the State of California requests a resolution of acceptance for contracts exceeding \$100,000 offered by the State or Regional Water Boards. Weisberg asked for approval of the following contracts.

- 1) County of Los Angeles (through Craftwater Engineering) (\$318,000)
County of Los Angeles (through Craftwater Engineering) (\$212,000)
Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Watershed Street Sweeping
- 2) County of Orange (\$200,000)
Herbicides Evaluation in San Juan Creek

Executive Director Weisberg explained that although Contract #2 is currently valued under the \$250,000 approval threshold, it was brought before the Commission for approval because the planned scope of work is iterative, with the potential for the full scope of work to eventually exceed the \$250,000 threshold. Asked by Commissioner Arredondo about the maximum possible value of Contract #2, Commissioner Carr said it could be expanded up to about \$600,000.

Commissioner Thompson motioned to approve the two contracts, and Commissioner Lindberg seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously, with Commissioner Kozelka abstaining and Commissioner Carr abstaining on Contract #2.

Weisberg presented the remaining eight contracts, valued at \$250,000 or less, and thus do not require Commission approval. The contracts were presented to ensure consistency of the agency's directions with the Commission's intentions:

- 3) County of Orange (\$150,000)

Differentiating Sources of Human Fecal Marker in Urban Watersheds

- 4) Moss Landing Power Company LLC (through San Jose State University) (\$14,800)
eDNA Analysis for Tidewater Goby
- 5) Channelside Water Resources LP (through San Diego Regional Board SEP Fund) (\$3,000)
Sweetwater Authority (through San Diego Regional Board SEP Fund) (\$6,000)
Bight Regional Monitoring Program
- 6) City of Los Angeles (through Larry Walker Associates) (\$61,075)
Los Angeles River Temperature Study
- 7) Chevron (\$10,000)
Bight'23 Field and Laboratory Services
- 8) County of Los Angeles (\$188,000)
Safe Clean Water Program Support for Scientific Study Proposals
- 9) University of Southern California Sea Grant (\$96,498)
Monitoring Emerging Pathogens in our Urban Oceans
- 10) County of San Diego (\$85,000)
Pathogen Removal by BMPs
- 11) County of San Diego (through Larry Walker Associates) (\$44,005)
MS4-SDR-098B Wet Weather MST Investigation

The Commission did not raise any concerns with these contracts.

9. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Research Plan and Budget

Executive Director Weisberg explained that the Commission is being asked to approve SCCWRP's 2026-2027 Research Plan Executive Summary, an overview document highlighting SCCWRP's planned research directions for the coming year; it is supported by a series of eight technically-detailed thematic research plans that SCCWRP and CTAG update on a rolling basis about every three years.

The Commission agreed to combine voting on this agenda item with Agenda Item 10.

10. Resolution Establishing Rules Governing Compensation, Benefits, and Personnel, Policies and Procedures

Executive Director Weisberg reported that SCCWRP's annual salary resolution has been revised to increase salary ranges for all positions by 2.9% to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment. The resolution also includes increasing the minimum salary range for the Post-Doctoral Scientist position. The Personnel and Finance Committee has reviewed these changes and recommends approval.

Commissioner Luna motioned to approve both the research plan and budget (Agenda Item 9) and salary resolution (Agenda Item 10), and Commissioner Crader seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously with Commissioner Kozelka abstaining.

11. Executive Director Contract

Executive Director Weisberg explained SCCWRP's Executive Director works for the Commission under a five-year contract that is up for renewal at the end of the month. He presented a summary of his 30-year tenure at SCCWRP and his vision for the next five years, highlighting three organizational achievements as the most significant: (1) building SCCWRP's Commission into an effective forum for dynamic cross-sector dialogue and collaboration; (2) the maturation of CTAG from its early operations, following a sunseting of an academically-oriented SCCWRP Scientific Consulting Board; and (3) the diversification of SCCWRP's funding sources from a single dominant sector (wastewater) that provided almost all of SCCWRP's funding, to a balanced funding model with revenue coming in roughly equal parts from the wastewater, stormwater and water-quality regulatory sectors; this change has both enhanced the organization's financial stability and strengthened public perception of its scientific independence. Weisberg also highlighted multiple key SCCWRP scientific accomplishments during his tenure, including SCCWRP becoming a world leader in the development and application of rapid methods for monitoring beach water quality, and the evolution of the Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program from a fledgling pilot project to one of the premier regional monitoring programs in the nation. Weisberg outlined four key priorities for SCCWRP over the coming five years: (1) revolutionizing environmental monitoring through eDNA and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies; (2) enhancing regional monitoring in Southern California by better integrating and coordinating among multiple existing monitoring programs, including CalCOFI; (3) increasingly focusing on identifying solutions to environmental challenges, rather than just identifying problems, including by expanding the Engineering Department's scope beyond stormwater BMPs and by expanding the use of modeling to support management decisions; and (4) ensuring a strong organizational transition following Weisberg's anticipated retirement in five years.

Commissioners thanked Weisberg for his continued leadership and expressed enthusiasm for his vision for the next five years. Commissioner Thompson motioned to approve Weisberg's five-year employment contract, and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously with Commissioner Kozelka abstaining.

12. Bight'23 Synthesis

Department Head Mehinto began the presentation by explaining that the Southern California Bight 2023 Regional Monitoring Program (Bight '23), the seventh and largest Bight cycle to date, is nearing completion and presented key findings from the Sediment Quality and Trash study elements. Most of the Bight's sediment seafloor continues to be unimpacted or likely unimpacted by sediment contamination; however, embayment areas, particularly estuaries and marinas, continue to be disproportionately impacted – a pattern

that has been consistent across Bight cycles. Bight '23 also measured 6PPD-quinone (6PPDQ), neonicotinoids, and PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in sediment. Detections were generally limited to localized areas, with PFAS levels in Southern California remaining one to two orders of magnitude lower than those found in other U.S. regions. The chemistry data are being used for an ongoing project between SCCWRP and CTAG to develop the CEC prioritization framework intended to help managers prioritize among the many contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) in the environment. While trash remains pervasive across Southern California's aquatic habitats, the levels of single-use plastic bags found in watersheds have declined significantly since passage of a 2014 statewide plastic bag ban, providing evidence that targeted management actions can make a difference in reducing specific sources of trash. For the first time, Bight '23 also conducted a risk assessment for shellfish, examining pathogens, algal toxins, priority chemicals, CECs, and microplastics; this work will be completed in the coming months. Mehinto then presented a draft of the Bight '23 Sediment Quality Executive Synthesis report, which is being produced as an interactive, online StoryMap rather than the traditional printed report.

Two guest speakers were invited to provide perspectives on how their programs use monitoring data generated through the Bight program: Luke Ginger, who leads the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission's Report Card, and Erin Satterthwaite, who is the lead for the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations (CalCOFI).

Ginger explained that Bight monitoring data have been integrated into his agency's State of the Bay reports that assess the health of Santa Monica Bay, and emphasized that long-term monitoring data are essential for assessing how coastal ecosystems are responding to management actions. He said the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is working to expand its collaborations with SCCWRP and to explore other ways to use Bight monitoring data.

Satterthwaite, who works as CalCOFI Coordinator and CalCOFI Committee Chairperson, emphasized that the Bight program exemplifies California's collaborative approach to environmental monitoring and aligns closely with CalCOFI's mission. She highlighted the value of long-term monitoring and data sharing to understand ecosystem change over time. She explained that the Bight program's nearshore and coastal monitoring data complement CalCOFI's offshore monitoring efforts, providing a more holistic understanding of the California Current ecosystems. She discussed SCCWRP and CalCOFI's efforts to expand their collaboration, including a recent joint workshop to identify additional partnership opportunities. Satterthwaite said policymakers are increasingly looking for science to support decision-making, underscoring the need for monitoring programs like the Bight program and CalCOFI to pool their resources and work together.

Commissioners reviewed CTAG's readiness assessment of the Bight '23 Sediment Quality monitoring findings. They agreed with CTAG that causal assessment is a logical next step for Southern California embayments, and noted that the limited number of Bight samples being taken in embayments may be masking more localized improvements in embayment sediment quality. The Commission also agreed with CTAG that the three decades of Bight

monitoring data showing impaired sediment quality in embayments should be used to inform the design of the next Bight cycle. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of potentially reducing monitoring of areas where conditions have been consistently good, so that these resources can be redirected to areas where problems and questions remain. They agreed that it will be important to think creatively to minimize the need to make tough tradeoff decisions. Weisberg encouraged Commissioners and their staffs to come prepared to discuss a path forward at two key upcoming SCCWRP meetings: (1) CTAG's upcoming Regional Monitoring intersessional research planning workshop on October 1, 2026, and (2) the Bight '28 planning kickoff meeting that will take place about a year later, in fall 2027.

Commissioner Lindberg left at 12:50 PM and was replaced by Commissioner Covellone.

13. Current Events

Senior Scientist Smith reported on the status of three current event items the Commission had asked for briefings about: harmful algal blooms (HABs), avian influenza, and an ongoing heatwave in Southern California's marine environment: (1) While there have been significant HAB-related marine mammal stranding events in the last three years, 2026 has been a relatively "quiet" year to date for HABs in Southern California. (2) The avian influenza – a highly contagious virus that can transfer from bird to mammal, as well as mammal to mammal – was first detected in Northern California early this year, with observed cases of the virus spreading among elephant seals, sea lions, and sea otters. Although no cases of the avian influenza reached Southern California, regional marine mammal centers had the opportunity to identify key gaps and enhance response protocols. (3) A marine heatwave that has been ongoing since 2025 is increasing the temperature of coastal waters and exacerbating HAB and stranding events.

Asked by Commissioner Arredondo about seasonal patterns with avian influenza, Smith said cases typically increase during the winter when birds migrate. Asked by Commissioner Tremblay about what research is needed to enhance ecosystem resiliency in the face of marine heatwaves, Smith said additional monitoring is needed, plus improved understanding of effects in lower trophic levels. Commissioners agreed that they would like to hear more presentations focused around current events at future meetings.

14. Freshwater Harmful Algae Update

Senior Scientist Smith transitioned to providing an overview of HABs in inland waters. She explained that there is ongoing work to enhance HAB management and monitoring in rivers, streams, lakes, and estuaries across California, where freshwater HABs are ubiquitous. The cyanotoxin levels observed in California's inland waters are some of the highest in the United States, with these blooms impacting various beneficial uses and often making the news. Current monitoring in inland waters is largely reactionary, relying on public reporting and event response efforts that are usually triggered after a bloom has occurred. The science and monitoring of water column HABs are relatively well-established; benthic HABs are less developed but advancing.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Crader provided an update on the State Water Board's ongoing efforts to develop statewide numeric objectives for nutrients and other indicators of eutrophication. Water Board staff recently decided to focus on harmful algal blooms (HABs), and are working to establish numeric water quality objectives for multiple cyanotoxins to protect both water-contact recreation and drinking water. Crader said staff also are working to develop narrative water quality objectives related to physical HAB matting and impacts on beneficial uses. Crader said the State Water Board is still in the early stages of developing these objectives and is expected to share a draft at a public workshop in early 2027.

Asked by Commissioner Gibson about coordinating HABs work with public health agencies, Weisberg suggested that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council's HABs workgroup – co-chaired by SCCWRP staff – could be an appropriate forum to strategize to ensure this coordination is happening.

Asked by Commissioner Gibson about the ongoing efforts to enhance HABs monitoring, Smith said researchers are in the process of evaluating different monitoring methods side by side, including Imaging FlowCytobot (IFCB) underwater units, eDNA autosamplers, and traditional bottle sampling.

Asked by Commissioner Tremblay about efforts to look at drivers impacting freshwater HABs other than nutrients, Smith said a big focus is examining the role of flow alterations and hydraulics (e.g., stagnant water bodies) in causing or exacerbating HABs.

15. Remote Attendance

Legal Counsel Lienau explained that California Senate Bill 707, which went into effect on January 1, 2026, updated the Brown Act by phasing out emergency remote meeting procedures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic and restructuring rules for remote participation. She explained that Commissioners who cannot attend a meeting in person have four options available for attending and participating remotely: 1) the traditional teleconferencing rules that allow a Commissioner to participate remotely from a publicly accessible location where the meeting agenda has been posted at least 72 hours in advance, 2) a "just cause" exception, which allows a Commissioner to participate remotely from any location with audio and video for various qualifying reasons, including illness, caring for a family member, work-related travel, and military service; each Commissioner is limited to two uses per calendar year, 3) a reasonable accommodation for disability, and 4) a resolution promulgated by the governing body that explicitly permits remote participation from any location for any reason; Commissioners would also be limited to two uses per calendar year.

Commissioners affirmed the value of in-person attendance at Commission meetings, but expressed appreciation for having the flexibility to use a just-cause exception on occasion for emergency situations. Weisberg added that the current practice is for a Commissioner who needs to use the just-cause exception to let SCCWRP and the Commission Chair know in advance; Commissioners who appear remotely under a just-cause exception are identified as such in the meeting minutes.

16. Other Business and Communications

Commissioner Crader said the California State Water Resources Control Board sent out a notice in April 2026 about the agency's plans to include ROMS-BEC model outputs and other OAH-related data in the 2030 Integrated Report; this effort is still in the early planning stages, and decisions about specific models and modeling runs that will be included have yet to be made.

17. Public Comments

None

18. Future Meeting Agenda Items

Executive Director Weisberg said the Commission agreed to hear an assessment about the capacity and capabilities of ELAP-certified laboratories. Potential future agenda topics include an update on the West Coast Ocean Health Dashboard and the Bight '23 shellfish integrated risk assessment. Asked by Commissioner Kozelka whether SCCWRP would be an appropriate forum to discuss the ecological effects of desalination brine, Commissioners agreed that while SCCWRP does not work on desalination brine specifically, SCCWRP has been modeling the effects of wastewater effluent plumes, which are becoming more concentrated as more treated effluent is recycled instead of discharged. Commissioners agreed to hear a presentation at a future meeting about plume and brine modeling; Commissioner Thompson suggested that the Commission may want to hear from Dr. Philip Roberts from Georgia Institute of Technology, who has been helping the Orange County Sanitation District to model plume diffusion and mixing.

19. Adjournment

Commission Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:04 PM until the next Commission meeting on September 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Attest:

Bryan Nece
Secretary