

Meeting Minutes  
CCLEAN Steering Committee  
April 24, 2024  
2:00 pm- 3:30 pm  
Webex

Participants:

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**Agenda Items:**

**1. Introductions:**

Akin called the meeting to begin on April 24,2024, at 2:04 pm. Followed by roll call of participants on the Zoom meeting. Spencer Vartanian and Melanie Schumaker were not in attendance. New participants are Sarah Bragg-Flavan and Mary Hamilton with the Central Coast Water Board. Another participant who was not on the list was Peter von Langen with the Central Coast Water Board.

**2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from March 19, 2024, were presented to the CCLEAN participants. Corrections to March minutes were name corrections for Sarah Crable and Moss Landing Power Plant, Carmel Area Wastewater District. Peter added that Audrey has been with the Central Coast Water District and is not a new employee.

Akin asked for a motion to approve the draft as amended, Barbara Buikema motion and Bryan Condy seconded. All participants voted aye, no oppose and abstention.

**3. Chair's Report Remarks:**

Akin's chair reports now that CCLEAN meetings are under the Brown Act, and we will be posting the signed minutes to CAWDs website. Akin recognized Peter for his work involving the CCLEAN program and welcomed Sarah Bragg-Flavan as Peter's replacement.

A new method is being added to Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater method SM 9810 is on wastewater surveillance.

Pure Water Soquel will no longer be highlighted as an agenda item. Pure Water Soquel will be joining as a steering committee membership once their NPDES permit has been approved.

#### **4. Lead Agency Report/Remarks Barbara Buikema:**

Barbara reported on the new Brown Act format and thanked everyone for their patience with the transition. Barbara asked the steering members for a decision on what to do with old CCLEAN meeting recordings in Webex site. If we do not want to pay for the Webex site to just store the recordings, then CAWD will transfer the recordings to its own server. Barbara reminded everyone that if there were an item they would like to add to the agenda to contact Carla, Ray, or Barbara to make sure it is on next month's meeting agenda. Ray asked whether the IMeetCentral website was being used as a collaborative work to develop documents. Aroon asked if presenting slides or documents needs to be distributed with the agenda or shared during the meeting. Barbara replied that those items become part of the packet and get archived together.

#### **5. Project Update:**

Aroon gave the update on the new format:

- a) **Sampling Update and Coordination-** At the last meeting Aroon updated that KEI completed the wet season sampling. The buoys are now being collected and samples have been sent to contract laboratory. Dane wrote a letter to NOAA to support for NOAA to hire a federal employee position vacated by Bridget Hoover and it was well received and hopefully taking as an advisement.
- b) **Data Management Update-** AMS is near completion of all the data QA/QC for 2022-23 to send to Moss Landing to report into CEDEN. AMS is also updating the Quality Assurance Plan to update method changes and QA/QC tables. Aroon will send out to steering members to review in May.
- c) **Annual Report-** Aroon update comments from Jennie and Carla to the annual report. Barbara and Akin were notified that the report is completed, and Aroon is waiting for further instructions. Aroon understood that the annual report needs to be submitted to the Water Board by March 31 and he was expecting that timeline to submit. Akin agrees with the March 31 deadline and that we will be okay to submit late.
- d) **Scope and Budget-** It is time to begin to review the budget and scope. Last year, it was requested that AMS develop a 3-year budget. With last year being the first of those three program years, the discussion was that the scope would continue without POPs in river sampling but the CEC work would be revisited after seeing the review of all the CEC data from the most recent annual report. Do we want to continue with the same scope as last year for this program year? The group agreed to continue the same work as last year.

#### **6. Water Board Report- Peter von Langen**

Peter gave an update with new staff at the Central Coast Water Board Sarah Bragg-Flavan and Mary Hamilton. Peter is hoping for his replacement to be hired in the next month if the budget crisis allows. Peter thanked everyone for their appreciation and now he will enjoy his retirement. Akin asked if Peter has an update on CWIQS data entry there is no space for data to be entered from their new permit.

Sarah shared her background as a Central Coast Water Board Inspector and general background. Mary shared her background as a Central Coast Water Board Inspector and general background.

**7. Additional Topics for Discussion**

Bryan brought up a topic to discuss about where CCLEAN would like to go in the future. Akin and Dane have shared the beginning of CCLEAN program and the reasons why it was started also the monitoring of forever chemicals and effluent waters from each of the treatment plants. The POP data have shown that POTW effluent is not the problem, and that the majority of loads are coming from the rivers. Bryan feels that this mission is accomplished and CCLEAN to look towards the future. The idea is for Aroon to develop in the next budget year (2025-2026) what can be done differently than in the past. Mary Hamilton joined into the meeting and added her comments of the discussion that once the TMDL are made they do not go away.

**8. Set Up Next Meeting:**

The meeting date is set for Wednesday May 22, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Carla asked if there needs to be an agenized item for Aroon to put together discussion for the formal process of program review. Carla made a motion to agendize a discussion for a formal process for AMS to do a program review the following year.

**9. Financial Report:**

Finance report presented to steering committee, no comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the CCLEAN Committee, Barbara motioned and Akin seconded the motion to adjourn. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

*ADJOURNMENT: The Chair, Akin Babatola adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The next CCLEAN Committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 2 p.m. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, [www.cawd.org](http://www.cawd.org), calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at [downstream@cawd.org](mailto:downstream@cawd.org).*

**AS REPORTED TO:**

*Ray DeOcampo*  
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**Ray DeOcampo, Committee Secretary**

**APPROVED:**

*Akin Babatola*  

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**Akin Babatola, Chair of the Committee**