

Meeting Minutes
CENTRAL COAST LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT
NETWORK (CCLEAN) Steering Committee
March 19, 2024
2:00 pm- 3:30 pm
Webex

Participants:

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Sara Crable: Central Coast Water Board, (805) 549-3706
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Cameron Kostigen Mumper: Pure Water Soquel, 831-475-8501
Debbie Burris: DDD Engineering, 949-400-8575

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions:

Spencer Vartanian was not in attendance. New participant Sarah Crable with Central Coast Water Board. Other participants made their introductions.

2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from February 20, 2024, were presented to the CCLEAN participants. Peter von Langen made a motion to approve the minutes and Sarah Stevens seconded.

3. Chair's Report Remarks:

Akin's report was to follow up on Sarah Crable Central Coast Water Board introduction to the CCLEAN Steering Committee participants. The City of Santa Cruz's renewed NPDES permit becomes operational this month.

4. Lead Agency Report/Remarks Barbara Buikema:

Barbara reported on a past request from Bryan regarding a question from the City of Watsonville attorney as to whether CCLEAN meetings were or were not subject to the Brown Act. Barbara consulted with the CAWD attorney at that time and decided that we were not covered by the Brown Act. A few months later Melanie, Pure Water Soquel had been asked by the Pure Water Soquel attorney if CCLEAN needed to follow the Brown Act. Recently CAWD's attorney had changed his original position and decided that CCLEAN is subject to the Brown Act in a memo to Barbara and had forwarded the memo to the CCLEAN participants for review. Barbara will begin to implement the process as the CCLEAN lead agency. The agenda and minutes will need to be posted on the CCLEAN and CAWD website for notification. Dane commented that there could be no discussions of topics not on the agenda after it has been posted. The agenda has item 8 open for

discussion for participants to report. Dane commented that he contacted Jay Davis with San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program, which operates like CCLEAN although with more committees, and San Francisco Bay RMP has not had to follow the Brown Act for their meetings. Dane is gathering information from Tom Mumley at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board and will share his opinion if we should start following the Brown Act. Barbara's perspective is that we have a legal decision from attorneys that we should be following the Brown Act. Akin commented that if CCLEAN Steering Committee meetings are regulated by the Brown Act then there could not be laboratory discussions among laboratories staff.

5. Project Update:

Aroon gave the update information:

- a) **Effluent Sampling:** Wet season sampling ongoing.
- b) **Sediment Sampling:** No sampling in wet season.
- c) **Mussel Sampling:** Sampling collections completed.
- d) **Offshore Ambient Monitoring:** Wet season sampling ongoing.
- e) **River sampling:** Sampling collections completed.
- f) **PFAS Project:** No update to report.
- g) **Data Update:** QA of 23-24 data near completion.
- h) **Data Submittal:** No update to report.
- i) **Annual Report:** Aroon has received comments from steering committee members and complied to update the report. Aroon will distribute the revision for approval before the end of March.
- j) **Annual Budget:** No update.

6. Project Update: Pure Water Soquel

Cameron updated that there is not too much to report; the construction is progressing.

Debbie added her update that the Soquel Pure Water project is on track to start testing and doing inspections and demonstrations in December 2024.

7. Water Board Report- Peter von Langen

Peter gave the update with Sara's introduction and said that she would be taking over as the NPDES inspector, the Water Board has added another staff member, Audrey, who will be starting soon. Peter is getting the numbers up to the Monterey Bay area for inspections. He and Sara will be doing inspections at City of Watsonville, Moss Landing Plant, and Carmel Area Wastewater and finish with Santa Barbara wastewater facilities.

Sarah made her introduction and described her work experience for her different employments and is happy to be with the Central Coast Water Board.

8. Additional Topics for Discussion

CWEA Annual Conference in April 2024 has a speaker session talk on PFAS for those interested.

9. Set Up Next Meeting:

The meeting date is set for Wednesday April 24, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

10. Financial Report:

Finance report emailed out to members, only comment was an invoice was paid to the City of Watsonville.