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JULY 11, 2025

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bart Faris (Vice-Chair), Chris Welch, Paul van Gulick, Jonathan Gonzales, Dr. José Cerrato, Darrell Kundargi, Rin Tara

Board Members Absent: Elaine Howe (Chair; excused)

PIC Members Present: Kelsey Bicknell (*Water Authority*), Rowan Hannan (*Water Authority*), Diane Agnew (*Water Authority*), Danielle Shurn (Water Authority), Corbin Carsrud (*Bernalillo County*), Jeff Pompeo (*Water Authority*), Shellie Eaton (*City of Albuquerque*), Kali Bronson (*Bernalillo County*)

Guests Present: Robert Mullins (*Bernalillo County*), Steve Glass (*Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District*), Erin Thornton (*member of the public*)

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Faris called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM when quorum was established.

I. Approval of Agenda

A. July 11th, 2025, Agenda

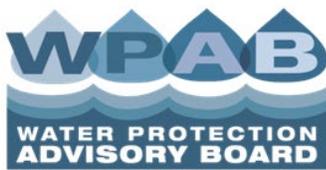
Mr. van Gulick moved to approve the July agenda, and Dr. Cerrato seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Absent (excused)
Vice-Chair Faris	Yes
Darrell Kundargi	Absent
Chris Welch	Yes
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. June 13th, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the June Meeting Minutes; Mx. Tara seconded the motion; the motion passed.



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Board Member	Vote on Motion
Chair Howe	Absent (excused)
Vice-Chair Faris	Yes
Darrell Kundargi	Yes
Chris Welch	Abstain
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes

III. Policy Implementation Committee (PIC) Updates

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) – Update from Ms. Kelsey Bicknell, Environmental Manager

Ms. Bicknell provided updates on the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak, noting a public meeting scheduled for July 17. She also shared that she had been invited to speak on behalf of the Water Authority by the Veterans Affairs Legislative Committee on July 15, on a panel with the Air Force and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Additionally, she reported ongoing engagement with NMED regarding the Fox & Associates Site’s proposed modified abatement plan.

Bernalillo County (County) – Update from Mr. Corbin Carsrud, Hydrogeologist

Mr. Carsrud reported that the stormwater compliance team is preparing the Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report, expected to be available for comment by mid-October. He also noted that the County’s 2024 groundwater sampling report is nearing completion.

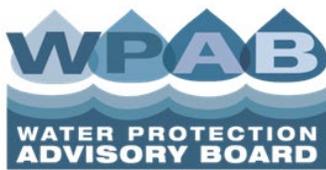
IV. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee Report

Mr. Kundargi reported that the DEI Subcommittee is continuing to refine its list of potential speakers, with the goal of selecting and scheduling individuals to present to the Board on DEI practices and related topics.

V. Board Business

- A. **Approval: Letter to EPA Region 6 Administrator regarding funding allocation for CERCLA Investigation at Carlisle Village Cleaners**

Motion:



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Mr. van Gulick moved to approve and send the letter to EPA Region 6 in support of funding complete investigation of the Carlisle Village Cleaners Contamination Site; Mr. Kundargi seconded.

Discussion:

The Board amended the [Discussion Draft letter](#).

Vote:

The Board voted unanimously to send the letter [as amended](#).

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Chair Howe	Absent (excused)
Vice-Chair Faris	Yes
Darrell Kundargi	Yes
Chris Welch	Yes
Jonathan Gonzales	Yes
José Cerrato	Yes
Paul van Gulick	Yes
Rin Tara	Yes

B. Approval: Letter to New Mexico Environment Department, Groundwater Quality Bureau regarding the HP/Digital Site

Motion:

Dr. Cerrato moved to approve and send the letter to NMED regarding WPAB’s concerns with the delineation of 1,4-dioxane and the proposed cleanup solution at the HP/Digital Site; Mx. Tara seconded.

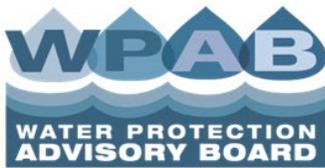
Discussion:

The Board amended the [Discussion Draft letter](#).

Vote:

The Board voted unanimously to send the letter [as amended](#).

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C. Discussion: WPAB Review of State Surface Water Permitting Draft Rules

Vice-Chair Faris reported on behalf of the subcommittee tasked with reviewing the stakeholder draft rules for New Mexico’s proposed surface water permitting program. After review, the subcommittee did not recommend submitting comments at this stage.

Ms. Shurny added that the Water Authority has submitted initial feedback during the stakeholder review phase and that a formal public comment period will follow once a revised draft is released. The Board agreed to monitor progress through PIC updates and revisit the topic when the revised draft becomes available.

VI. Other Board Business

- A. Next WPAB Meeting – August 8th, Hybrid In-person
 - i. Topic: Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District Update

VIII. Public Comment Period

Ms. Erin Thornton provided public comment encouraging the Board to support the removal of minimum parking mandates in the City of Albuquerque, citing the negative impacts of excessive impervious surfaces on water quality, groundwater recharge, and stormwater infrastructure. She noted that the City is preparing for biannual zoning code updates and urged the Board to consider submitting a letter of support of removing parking minimums from the zoning codes in time to influence that process.

Several Board members expressed interest in the issue and acknowledged its relevance to water protection, though some noted the need for additional information on the issue before taking a position. The Board agreed to revisit the topic at a future meeting.

IX. Adjourned at 10:07 AM