



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

REVISED
NOTICE OF MEETING
(Government Code section 11125)

*Symposium & Board Discussion:
Advancing Racial Equity and Environmental Justice in the Los Angeles Region*

Thursday, January 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.

No Physical Meeting Location
Authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Orders
[N-29-20](#) and [N-33-20](#)

Video and Teleconference Meeting Only During COVID-19 Emergency

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely by remote presence.

For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the customary webcast remains available at <https://cal-span.org/> and should be used UNLESS you intend to comment.

For those who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/remote_meeting/

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The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) will meet on Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. to continue discussion of the Water Boards' Racial Equity Initiative, focusing on the Los Angeles Region. The primary purpose of the symposium and Board discussion is to listen and begin to reflect our learning to better plan for a more equitable and just organization both internally and in the work that we do and relationships we have with the communities we serve. The only voting that will take place during this meeting is on item 7.

IRMA MUÑOZ, CHAIR | RENEE PURDY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGENDA

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) strives to conduct an accessible, orderly, and fair meeting. The Chair of the Board will conduct the meeting and establish appropriate rules and time limitations for each agenda item. The Board will only act on items designated as action items. Note that public comments on agenda items will be limited to 3 minutes unless directed otherwise by the Board Chair.

1. Roll Call

2. Welcome and Introductions

Irma Muñoz, Chair

Lawrence Yee, Vice Chair

MORNING SYMPOSIUM

3. Background and Perspectives on Advancing Racial Equity and Environmental Justice: Presentations and Panel Discussions (*The Board members and management team will hear perspectives from several experts and community and government leaders on addressing racial inequity and environmental racism. Discussion item only.*)

Introduction/Setting the Stage

- *Mark Ridley Thomas, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles*
- *Carmen Ramirez, Supervisor, Ventura County*
- *Effie Turnbull Sanders, Commissioner, California Coastal Commission & Former Executive Director, SLATE-Z*

Background & Perspectives on Environmental Racism

- *Celeste Cantu, Vice Chair, San Diego Regional Water Board*
- *David Pellow, Program Chair, Environmental Studies, UCSB*

Current Perspectives from Community and Government Leaders

- *Michele Prichard, Director of Environmental Health & Justice, and Courtney Kassel, Chief Communications Officer, Liberty Hill Foundation*
- *Angelo Logan, Occidental College & Co-founder, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice*
- *Honorable Chairperson Salas and Matthew Teutimez, Tribal Environmental Director, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians*
- *Marybeth Vergara, Rivers & Mountains Conservancy*
- *Victor Miranda, Garfield High School*

Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION: BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 4. Update on Water Boards' Racial Equity Initiative Planning and Actions**
(The State and Regional Water Boards are collectively embarking on a Racial Equity Initiative, building upon prior and ongoing work of the Water Boards and CalEPA staff through the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) and the Capital Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE). The goal of the Initiative is to evaluate and improve internal and external practices, actions, and outcomes to address systemic institutional, and individual racism within the agency and in the communities we serve. The Board members and management team will hear an update on planning and actions pertaining to the Racial Equity Initiative, including those to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in workforce planning. Discussion item only.)
- 5. Preliminary Discussion of Programs and Priorities for FY21-22** *(The Board members and management team will begin a discussion of Los Angeles Water Board programs as well as priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 21-22. Discussion item only.)*
- 6. Planning for Community Input on Advancing Racial Equity and Environmental Justice through the Los Angeles Water Board's programs**
(The Board members and management team will develop a plan for seeking community input on how the Los Angeles Water Board can better advance racial equity and environmental justice through its programs. Discussion item only.)
- 7. Selection of Subcommittees** *(The Board will review and consider modifications to Board Subcommittees.)* **[POSTPONED]**
- 8. Adjournment of meeting** *(The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on February 11, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location will be a virtual meeting authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20.)*