



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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The video of the Board Meeting is available to view on our website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/video.shtml

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 9:02 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (virtual); Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
Andy Sawyer, Assistant Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Administrative Assistant II
Beba Maletic, Administrative Assistant II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Instructions were given in regard to participating in the Remote Meeting.*
- *The Board meeting is being webcasted and recorded.*

BOARD MEETING

Public comments on agenda items will be limited to 5 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair

PRESENTATION OF SUSTAINED SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

- *Amy Kronson, Assistant Director of the Office of Public Participation, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Brita Romans.*

PUBLIC FORUM

(Approximately 30 minutes at the beginning of Board Meeting and any remaining speakers at the call of the Chair)

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the State Water Resources Control Board's jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda or pending before the State Water Board or any California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

No Action Taken

Commenters

Laura Haider, General Public

Tod Hickman, Concerned Citizen

Sheri Hafer, REACT Alliance and Central Coast Women for Fisheries

Alton Wright, General Public

Mandy Davis, President of REACT Alliance

Nicole Dorfman, REACT Alliance

Aaron Fukuda, Mid-Kaweah GSA and Tulare Irrigation District

Andrea Lueker, REACT Alliance

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the December 5-6, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the December 5-6, 2023 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

MOTION CARRIED ([December 19, 2023](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution approving the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Nick McGann, Randy Barnard, Zach Rounds, Andrés Aguirre*

- [Revised Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook](#)
- [Staff Report](#)
- Written Comments (were due by noon on December 12, 2023)
- [Change Sheet #1](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheet #1

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2023-0045](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Rosario Cortes, WateReuse California

Irwin A Olson Jr, Northern California Backflow Prevention Association

Tom Enslow, California State Pipe Trades Council

Ignacio Contreras, IAPMO

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt Regulations for Direct Potable Reuse.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Darrin Polhemus, Randy Barnard*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution with proposed Regulations](#)
- Written Comments (were due by noon on November 6, 2023)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with direction to staff to report back to the Board and provide updated information as requested during the meeting.

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2023-0046](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Mickey Chaudhuri, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Sharon Green, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Mark Gold, Natural Resources Defense Council and Heal the Bay

Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Jennifer West, WaterReuse California

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Antonio Alfaro, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Jesica Cleaver, San Diego County Water Authority

Erin Woolley, Sierra Club California

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4. Update on the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. (Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Natalie Stork, James Nachbaur, Amanda Pearson, David Rose, Anu Krishnaswamy (virtual)*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Gail Delihant, Western Growers Association

Micael Glackin, Clean Water Action

Tien Tran, Community Water Center

Deanna Jackson, Tri-County Water Authority GSA

Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Alexandra Biering, California Farm Bureau

Melissa Sparks-Kranz, League of California Cities

Mark Larsen, Greater Kaweah GSA and Kaweah Subbasin POC

Aaron Fukuda, Mid-Kaweah GSA and Tulare ID

Jasmine Ramirez, Self-Help Enterprises

David De Groot, Tule Subbasin POC

Ashley Walker, Nossaman representing Eastern Tule GSA

Soren Nelson, ACWA

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS - NOT TO BEGIN BEFORE 1:00 P.M.

5. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt an emergency regulation that provides curtailment authority in the Klamath River watershed and that establishes minimum instream flow requirements and information order authority in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Philip Dutton, Erin Ragazzi, Erik Ekdahl, Marianna Aue, Crystal Robinson (CDFW)*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Proposed Emergency Regulation](#)
- [Change Sheet #1](#)

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheet #1 and with with changes shown on the screen and read into the record by Marianna Aue

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2023-0047](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Troy Hockaday, Karuk Tribe

Craig Tucker, Karuk Tribe

Lauren Sweezey, AgWA Scott Valley Agriculture Water Alliance, Scott Valley Hay Farmer, volunteer Salmon Spawning Count- CDFW

Doug Maner, Friends of the River

Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and Institute for Fisheries Resources

Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center

Alexandra Biering, California Farm Bureau

Jess Harris, General Public

Mark Rockwell, Northern California Council and Fly Fishers International

Andy Colonna, Institute for Fisheries Resources

Eileen Kim, Asian Law Caucus

Matt Parker, Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District/GSA

Debbie Xiong, General Public

Sari Sommarstrom, General Public

Vivian Helliwell, Commercial Fishing

Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Peter Wameng Thao, General Public

Chy Ya, General Public

April Yang, General Public

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River
Angelina Cook, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center
Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation
Ryan Walker, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau
Brandon Fawaz, Fawaz Farming
Theodora Johnson, Scott Valley Agriculture Water Alliance
Laura Haider, General Public

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

6. Board Member Reports.

No Action Taken

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at [Board Videos | California State Water Resources Control Board](#). It begins at 9:53:21 on the video for the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

PERSONNEL

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the appointment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of public employee, or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another employee unless the employee requests a public hearing. (This closed session is authorized by Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a)(1).)

The Board did not meet in Closed Session on the above item.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on December 14, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on December 14, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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