

2013 Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) Meeting
(Th-F) October 24-25, 2013¹
Cal/EPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Themes:

- *Climate Change: How will it influence the Water Boards' planning and regulatory decisions and activities?*
 - *Environmental Justice: Perspectives of Disadvantaged Communities, Sovereign Nations and the Water Boards' activities to address them*
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Dialogue with State Leadership – Wednesday, October 23, 2013 (Optional)

- 12:00 – 1:00** **Check-in** [*Cal/EPA Building, 2nd floor lobby*]
- 1:00 – 1:30** **Walk/Ride to State Capitol Building**
- 1:30 – 2:30** **Governor's Office Perspectives on Key Issues Affecting the Water Boards** [*State Capitol Building, Room 3191*]

Speakers

- *Nettie Sabelhaus (Special Advisor, Governor's Office)*
- *Martha Guzman-Aceves (Deputy Legislative Secretary for Environment, Energy, Water and Agriculture, Governor's Office)*
- *Cliff Rechtschaffen (Senior Advisor, Governor's Office)*

- 2:30 – 3:00** **Break**
- 3:00 – 5:00** **Recent Activities of Cal/EPA Boards, Departments, and Offices (BDOs) on Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiatives and Resources** [*Cal/EPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room*]

Overview and Demonstration of Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool

Speaker: [Allan Hirsch](#) (*Chief Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment*)

BDO Recent Activities and Discussion

Speakers will discuss BDO top priorities and recent activities on Environmental Justice/Disadvantaged Communities and climate change issues, inter-agency actions dealing with the Water Boards, and recommendations for improvement.

¹ Optional pre-meeting sessions will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the State Capitol Building, Room 3191, and Cal/EPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room.

Optional Day (continued)

Panelists

- [Allan Hirsch](#) (Chief Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment)
- [Ken DaRosa](#) (Director, CalRecycle)
- [Brian Leahy](#) (Director, California Department of Pesticide Regulation)
- [Debbie Raphael](#) (Director, Department of Toxic Substances Control)
- [Steward Black](#) (Deputy Director, Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program, Department of Toxic Substances Control)
- [Virgil Welch](#) (Special Assistant, Air Resources Board)

Session Lead: [Gordon Burns](#)

5:00 – 5:10

Wrap-up

5:10

Adjourn for the Day

Day 1 – Thursday, October 24, 2013

9:30 – 10:00

Check-in

10:00 – 10:15

Welcome and Introductions of State Water Board Members

Felicia Marcus, Chair, State Water Board

10:15 – 10:30

Introductions of Regional Water Board Members

Regional Water Board Chairs

10:30 – 11:45

State and Regional Water Board Updates, Accomplishments, and Priorities

Each Regional Board and the State Board will report on significant accomplishments for 2013 and priorities for 2014. This time can also be used to raise questions and solicit input from other Regions as well as provide legislative and policy updates.

Session Lead: *Tom Howard*

11:45 – 12:45

Lunch/Invited Speakers – Climate Change

[Lunch will be brought into meeting room]

Invited Speakers

Law and Politics: [Matt Rodriguez](#) (Secretary, Cal/EPA)

Science: [Richard Somerville](#) (Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Research Professor, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego)

12:45 – 2:30

Recent Developments in Climate Science and Policy Affecting Water Resource Programs

We will focus on recent scientific developments in climate science and their influence on State and Regional Water Board programs. The session will include three (3) discussions between a Water Board moderator and a climate science/policy speaker. Speakers will provide perspectives on and recommendations for Water Board role and actions to address policy and permit issues specific to (1) temperature, wind, and fire; (2) groundwater; and (3) sea level rise/coastal infrastructure and changing hydrology.

Day 1 (continued)

Temperature, Wind, and Fire

Speaker: [Alex Hall](#) (Associate Professor, UC Los Angeles Institute of the Environment and Sustainability)

Moderator: [Patty Kouyoumdjian](#) (Executive Officer, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 6)

Groundwater

Speaker: [Ruth Langridge](#) (Faculty, UC Santa Cruz)

Moderator: [Eric Oppenheimer](#) (Director, Office of Research, Planning and Performance, State Water Board)

Sea Level Rise/Coastal Infrastructure and Changing Hydrology

Speaker: [John Largier](#) (Professor, UC Davis Bodega Marine Lab)

Moderator: [Ken Harris](#) (Executive Officer, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3)

Q&A for All Topics

Session Lead: Fran Spivy-Weber

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 4:00

Climate Change: How Should the Water Boards Adapt?

Stakeholder group representatives will participate in a panel discussion on the influence of climate change research on the Water Boards' planning and regulatory actions. Discussion will focus on issues raised in the earlier session, including how the Water Boards should address the effects of increased temperature, more catastrophic events, and changes in hydrology in their permits and basin planning.

Panelists

- *Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs): [Lydia Holmes](#) (California Wastewater Climate Change Group Program Manager, Carollo Engineers)*
- *Stormwater/Groundwater: [Ted Johnson](#) (Chief Hydrogeologist, Water Replenishment District of Southern California)*
- *Streams/Rivers: [Dave Steindorf](#) (California Stewardship Director, American Whitewater)*

Session Lead: Fran Spivy-Weber

4:00 – 4:15

Break

4:15 – 5:00

Climate Change: Planning for Change with Other State Agencies

Water Board members and representatives of other State agencies will discuss what actions should/could be initiated, both regionally and statewide, based on the information and conversation that occurred during the course of the afternoon. The session will include three (3) discussions between a Water Board moderator and a State Agency representative. Speakers will provide perspectives on and recommendations for Water Board role and actions to address policy and permit issues specific to climate change issues.

Day 1 (continued)

California Energy Commission

Speaker: [Rob Oglesby](#) (Executive Director, California Energy Commission)

Moderator: [Henry Abarbanel](#) (Board Member, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9)

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Speaker: [Sandra Shubert](#) (Undersecretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture)

Moderator: [Jon Costantino](#) (Board Member, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5)

CalFire

Speaker: [Chris Keithley](#) (Program Manager, Fire and Resource Assessment Program, CalFire)

Moderator: [David Noren](#) (Board Chair, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 1)

Group Discussion

Session Lead: Fran Spivy-Weber

5:00 – 6:00

Organizational Discussion

Water Board, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and Cal/EPA staff will discuss what a transition of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund from the CDPH to the Water Board would mean for, and how it may affect, the State and Regional Water Boards.

Speakers

- [Tom Howard](#) (Executive Director, State Water Board)
- [Liz Haven](#) (Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance, State Water Board)
- [Kathleen Billingsley](#) (Chief Director of Policy and Programs, California Department of Public Health)

6:00

Adjourn for the Day

Day 2 – Friday, October 25, 2013

7:45 – 8:00

Check-in

8:00 – 8:15

Welcome Back

8:15 – 9:15

Environmental Justice: What Are the Water Boards Doing? What Tools Do the Water Boards Have?

We will discuss what the State and Regional Water Boards are doing to address Environmental Justice issues affecting Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and Sovereign Nations, Tribes and Mexico, and the tools available to the Water Boards for work on Environmental Justice issues.

Day 2 (continued)

Overview of Recent Regional Board Actions

Speaker: [Gita Kapahi](#) (Director, Office of Public Participation, State Water Board)

Policies/Strategies/Tools Available Through Cal/EPA and the Federal Government

Speaker: [Arsenio Mataka](#) (Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs, Cal/EPA)

Overview of State Politics, Legislation, and State Initiatives

Speakers

- *Martha Guzman-Aceves (CA Deputy Legislative Secretary for Environment, Energy, Water and Agriculture, Governor's Office)*
- *[Debbie Davis](#) (Community and Rural Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning and Research)*

Session Lead: Felicia Marcus

9:15 – 9:45

Engaging and Addressing the Concerns of Disadvantaged Communities and Sovereign Nations: Where are the Water Boards Falling Short?

Considering the issues raised by panelists and the disproportionate effects on many populations from legacy and current day practices, we will focus on the role of the Water Board in Disadvantaged Community issues. Board Members will provide perspectives on and recommendations for Water Board roles and actions, followed by discussion on what we are currently doing, what we should be doing, and what we are expected to do to improve communications with, and the conditions within, these communities.

Panelists

- *[John W. Corbett](#) (Board Member, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 1)*
- *[Tomas Morales](#) (Board Chair, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9)*

Session Lead: Felicia Marcus

9:45 – 10:00

Break

10:00 – 11:30

Engaging and Addressing the Concerns of Disadvantaged Communities and Sovereign Nations: Stakeholders' Perspectives

Perspectives and concerns regarding water and other environmental issues and major efforts underway including drinking water quality and clean water, access to financial assistance, operating costs, cumulative impacts, etc. Session may include a discussion of what is needed from the Water Boards.

Panelists

- *Public Health: [Linda Rudolph](#) (Co-Director, Climate Change and Public Health Project, Public Health Institute's Center for Climate Change and Public Health)*
- *Tribal: [Sherri Norris](#) (Executive Director, California Indian Environmental Alliance)*
- *Urban Environmental Justice: [Colin Bailey](#) (Executive Director, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water)*
- *Ag/Rural Environmental Justice: [Horacio Amezcuita](#) (General Manager, San Jerardo Cooperative, Inc.)*

Season Lead: Felicia Marcus

Day 2 (continued)

11:30 –12:00 **Water Board Members' Discussion to Identify High Priority Actions and Outcomes for Disadvantaged Communities and Sovereign Nations**

Moderated discussion is open to all attending State and Regional Board Members.

Session Lead: Felicia Marcus

12:00 – 12:30 **Meeting Wrap-Up and Adjourn**

Session Lead: Fran Spivy-Weber

12:30 – 2:30 **Discussion with the Chief Counsel**

Board Members will discuss legal issues with the Chief Counsel. Topics may include: EO/Board relationships, ex parte communications, conflict of interest rules, ethics requirements, hearing/meeting efficiency issues, and other topics/questions that Regional Board Members wish to raise.

Session Lead: Michael Lauffer

[Lunch will be brought into the room for those participating]