

State Water Resources Control Board: Board Meeting Process

Drinking Water Reorganization Task Force

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State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

- Created by Legislature in 1967
- Five-member Board; members appointed by Governor
- Protects water quality by setting statewide policy and standards, approving Basin Plans, and reviewing petitions of Regional Water Board actions
- Responsible for allocating surface water rights



State Water Board Meetings

- Regularly-scheduled Board Meetings, normally twice a month
- Board Meeting agendas sent at least ten days in advance
- Board Meetings comply with the Bagley-Keene Act
- Board Meetings are webcast
- Board Meetings provide an opportunity for any person to comment on any topic



Three Types of Agenda Items

1. Uncontested Items

- Items expected to be non-controversial
- Up or down vote
- Items on the uncontested items calendar may be removed at the request of any Board member or person. If an item is removed from the uncontested items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent Board Meeting to allow input by interested persons.



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2. Regular Agenda Items

- Item Fact Sheet available in advance and published on website
- Anyone may testify, including testifying on behalf of others
- Board deliberates in public
- Board votes in public



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3. Information Items

- Opportunity for Board and members of public to hear presentations about topics of interest
- Anyone may testify
- Board does not act



Web Resources

- Board Meeting Calendar
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/
- Citizen's Guide to the Water Boards
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/general/docs/citizenguide2011.pdf
- Making Presentations Before the Board
 - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml

