

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

Copies of the resolutions and water quality/water rights orders can be obtained by calling (916) 341-5600 or downloading from our website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/).

The video of the Board Meeting is available to view on our website at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/video.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/video.shtml)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Felicia Marcus called the meeting to order on October 16, 2018 at 9:33 a.m. California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Coastal Hearing Room, Sacramento, California

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Felicia Marcus; Vice Chair Steven Moore; Member Dorene D'Adamo; Member E. Joaquin Esquivel

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Member Tam Doduc

**EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director  
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director  
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director  
Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
Courtney Tyler, Assistant to Clerk to the Board

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *Evacuation information in case the fire alarm goes off during the 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*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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**

*Libi Uremovic, General Public (City of Beaumont)*

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the October 2, 2018 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Member D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed minutes.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Moore

**MOTION CARRIED:** ([October 2, 2018](#))

**Aye:** Chair Marcus  
Vice Chair Moore  
Member D'Adamo  
Member Esquivel

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Member Doduc

**Abstain:** None

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

2. Update regarding the Status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program.

*Staff Presenting: Justine Herrig*

### **No Action Taken**

- [Agenda Item](#)
- *Bruce Wilcox (California Natural Resources Agency and Kristopher Tjernell (Department of Water Resources) made the presentations ([1](#) & [2](#)) to the Board.*

### **Commenters**

*Nolan Richardson, Salton Sea Residents  
Kerry Morrison, The Eco Media Compass  
Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute  
Pablo Garza, Environmental Defense Fund  
Kim Delfino, Defenders of Wildlife  
Kevin Kelley, Imperial Irrigation District  
Phil Rosentrater, Salton Sea Authority*

3. Quarterly Delta Stewardship Council Lead Scientist's Report. *Staff Presenting: Michael George*

### **No Action Taken**

- [Agenda Item](#)
- *Dr. John Callaway with the Delta Stewardship Council made the [presentation](#) to the Board.*

4. Board Member Report.

### **No Action Taken**

#### **Member D'Adamo**

- *Attended Northern California Water Association's Delta Smelt Food Production Partnership along with Member Doduc and Delta Watermaster, Michael George.*

#### **Vice Chair Moore**

- *Attended the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting.*
- *Met with Jonathan Bishop and non-governmental organizations on a host of issues.*

5. [Executive Director's Report](#).

### **No Action Taken**

## **BOARD WORKSHOP**

### **Item 6 will not be heard before 1:00 p.m.**

6. The State Water Board will hold a Public Workshop on the proposed updates to the Cannabis Cultivation Policy – Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation, Cannabis Cultivation Policy Staff Report and General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities. *Staff Presenting: Dan Schultz, Erin Ragazzi, Lily Weaver & Kevin Porzio* ([Staff Presentation](#))

#### **No Action Taken**

- [Workshop Notice](#)
- Written Comments (due November 27, 2018 by 12 noon.)

#### **Commenters**

*Hannah Nelson, General Public*

*Deidre Brower, Down River Consulting*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**Closed Sessions are not open to the Public**

**OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL**

- The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the joint Petition filed by the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to add three new points of diversion and/or points of redirection of water to specified water right permits for the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project associated with the California WaterFix Project. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).)

**The Board met in Closed Session on the above Item.**

- The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the status of and receive legal advice concerning *Monterey Coastkeeper, et al., v. California State Water Resources Control Board*, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2012-80001324, Third District Court of Appeal, Case No. C080530. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)

**The Board met in Closed Session on the above Item.**

- The Board will meet in closed session to decide whether a closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(B)(i) and, if it determines a closed session is authorized pursuant to that subdivision, it will then confer with with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel on a matter which, based on existing facts and circumstances, presents significant exposure to litigation against the Board. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(B).)

**The Board met in Closed Session on the above Item.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. on October 11, 2018 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic Powerpoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. on October 11, 2018 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittals are to be sent via e-mail to the Clerk to the Board at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, **10/16/18 BOARD MEETING/BOARD WORKSHOP – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).** If you have questions about the agenda, contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600.

Agenda and items will be available electronically at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml)

\* 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.

Video broadcast of meetings will be available at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

For a map to our building, visit: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. For security purposes, all visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to entering the building. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level so please allow up to 15 minutes for this process. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Clerk to the Board, (916) 341-5600.