



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL-AUDITORIUM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 9:33 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Erik Ekdahl, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Elizabeth Carrillo, AGPA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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BOARD MEETING

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

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

None

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the May 6, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the May 6, 2025 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([May 21, 2025](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Annual Public Workshop on the Status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program.

Staff Presenting: Stephanie Holstege, David Coupe

- [Public Notice](#) | [Revised Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Staff Report 2025](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on May 12, 2025

No Action Taken

Introduction:

Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency

Phase 1 Update

Joe Shea, California Natural Resources Agency

Mario Llanos, California Natural Resources Agency

Evon Willhoff, Department of Water Resources

Miguel Hernandez, California Natural Resources Agency

Tonya Marshall, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Commenters

Irondad, General Public

Kerry Morrison, The EcoMedia Compass

Tom Sephton, The EcoMedia Compass

Dan Orr, Audubon California

Rhian Reyes, Audubon California

Christian A. Torres, Comite Civico del Valle

Jasmyn Phillips, The EcoMedia Compass

Nikola N. Lakic, Geothermal Worldwide, Inc.

Larissa Olenicoff Sinclair, General Public

Krystal Otworth, Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, State Assembly

G. Patrick O'Dowd, Salton Sea Authority

Panel 1

Emma McCorkle, Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

Steven Garcia, Department of Water Resources

Barbara Barry, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Diego Villalobos, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Evon Willhoff, Department of Water Resources

Panel 2

Samantha Arthur, California Natural Resources Agency

Sujoy Roy, Tetra Tech

Evon Willhoff, Department of Water Resources

Megan Giglini, Department of Water Resources

Joe Shea, California Natural Resources Agency

Commenters

Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute

Shant Siyahian, General Public

Rushil Ladhawala, General Public

Ramona Swenson, ESA

Nikola N. Lakic, Geothermal Worldwide, Inc.

Czar Tide, General Public

3. Board Member Reports.

There were no reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on May 15, 2025 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on May 15, 2025 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. Please indicate in the subject line, **05/21/2025 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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