# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES



BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 9:05 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

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Member Nichole Morgan

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director 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 Susan Reyes, AGPA

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

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

## PRESENTATION OF SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

• Chief Deputy Director Erik Ekdahl, and Roberto Cervantes, with the Division of Water Rights, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team, consisting of: Scott Shironaka, Lang Khang, Jennifer Timmons, Chris Baimas, Chris Van de Wyngard, Jordan Baser, Enessa Rodriguez, Jeff Kapellas, and Carson Capps.

## **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**

Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental Jaycee Dean, Stoel Rives Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the July 15-16, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the July 15-16, 2025 Board Meeting

minutes

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone **MOTION CARRIED** (August 5, 2025)

**Aye:** Chair Esquivel

Vice Chair D'Adamo Member Maguire Member Firestone

Nay: None

**Absent:** Member Morgan

Abstain: None

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM

2. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response. Staff Presenting: Erin Ragazzi

#### No Action Taken

## **Commenters**

None

## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting revisions to water measurement and reporting regulations.

Staff Presenting: Lindsay Kammeier, Sierra Kennison, Pablo Ortiz, Samantha Olson, Julia Nick

- Agenda Item
- Draft Resolution
- Draft Regulation Text
- Written Comments were due by 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2025

**Motion:** Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** (Resolution No. 2025-0021)

Aye: Chair Esquivel

Vice Chair D'Adamo Member Maguire Member Firestone

Nay: None

**Absent:** Member Morgan

Abstain: None

## **Commenters**

Megan Murphy, California Municipal Utilities Association Pat Neu, Pacific Gas and Electric Company Kyle Knutson, MBK Engineers Zach Castagnola-Johnson, BKS Law Firm, PC

## **DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt the draft State Fiscal Year 2025-26 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan with Supplemental Intended Use Plan for the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act's Emerging Contaminants, and Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Acts of 2024, 2025 and Propositions 1, 68 and 4.

Staff Presenting: Lisa Hong, Michael Downey, Matt Wilson

- Public Notice
- Agenda Item
- Draft Resolution
- Draft 2025-26 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan
- Written Comments were due by noon on June 30, 2025
- Response to Comments
- Change Sheet #1

**Motion:** Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with

Change Sheet #1 for the CWSRF IUP **Seconded by:** Vice Chair D'Adamo

**MOTION CARRIED** (Resolution No. 2025-0022)

**Aye:** Chair Esquivel

Vice Chair D'Adamo Member Maguire Member Firestone

Nay: None

**Absent:** Member Morgan

Abstain: None

## **Commenters**

Erick Orellana, Community Water Center

Sarah Schaefer, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation Michael Casey, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation Isaiah Williams, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

Jeff Conti, Trust for Public Land

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

David Kehn, City of Chico

Gina Dorrington, City of Ventura

Andy Carey, Rancho Chico Mobile Home Park and Chico Creek Mobile Home Estates

Bill Zenoni, City of Wheatland

Charmagne Rose, Sacramento Area Sewer District

Beth Olhasso. WateReuse CA

Robert McDonald, Carpinteria Valley Water District

## SANTA ANA REGIONAL WATER BOARD

 Consideration of a proposed Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads for Copper in Newport Bay, Orange County, California.

Staff Presenting: Terri Reeder, Jagroop Khela, Eric Lindberg, Heraclio Pimentel, Lauren Briggs

- Public Notice
- Agenda Item
- Draft Resolution
- Written Comments were due by noon on July 17, 2023
- Response to Comments

**Motion:** Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with direction to staff to continue collaborative processes with stakeholders, have technological review check-ins, and continue discussions with interested parties.

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** (Resolution No. 2025-0023)

Aye: Chair Esquivel

Vice Chair D'Adamo Member Maguire Member Firestone

Nay: None

Absent: Member Morgan

Abstain: None

## **Commenters**

Tom Bischoff, American Chemet Corporation
Chris Miller, City of Newport Beach
John Kappeler, City of Newport Beach
Shelly Anghera, City of Newport Beach
Viviana L. Heger, Duane Morris
Amanda Carr, County of Orange
Raymond Hiemstra, Orange County Coastkeeper
Mary Koutures, General Public
Leah Yosef, General Public
Jim Haussener, California Marine Affairs & Navigation Conference
Jerry Desmond, Recreational Boaters of California
Beau Biller, Marine Recreation Association

The Board recessed at 3:38 p.m. until Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 9:01 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

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director 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 Beba Maletic, AGPA

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#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Presented on Item 7 prior to Item 6

7. Update of the Per- And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Broad Spectrum Project at Disadvantaged Communities.

Staff Presenting: Dan Newton, Wendy Linck, Nicole DiCamillo, Darrin Polhemus, Christopher Banks (OEHHA)

Agenda Item

#### No Action Taken

## **Commenters**

Erick Orellana, Community Water Center

- Proposed Revised Notification and/or Response Levels for Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid, and Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid, and Proposed Notification and Response Levels for Perfluorohexanoic Acid. Staff Presenting: Darrin Polhemus, Christopher Banks (OEHHA), Nicole DiCamillo, Dan Newton, Wendy Linck
  - Agenda Item

## **No Action Taken**

## **Commenters**

Megan Murphy, California Municipal Utilities Association Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies Sue Mosburg, California-Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association

8. Board Member Reports.

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at <u>Board Videos | California State Water Resources Control Board</u>. It begins at 2:10:10 on the video for the August 6, 2025 Board Meeting.

9. Executive Director's Report.

## No Action Taken

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

## ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE/ DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the water right change petition filed by the California Department of Water Resources to add two new points of diversion and rediversion to water right permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) for the State Water Project associated with the Delta Conveyance 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 may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517, accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and petitions for release from priority of state-filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517 (unassigned portion), 22235, 23780, and 23781 in favor of water right Application 25517X01 filed by the Sites Project Authority. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).)

The Board met in Closed Session on the above item.

## OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the status of and receive legal advice concerning a complaint filed against the Board pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000(d) et seq., and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's nondiscrimination regulation, at 40 C.F.R. Part 7, pertaining to the Board's water quality standards setting in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed (EPA File No. 01RNO-23-R9). (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)

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

#### 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.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments <u>must be received by</u> 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on July 31, 2025 and will not be accepted after that time.

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