STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2026

COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 9:02 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (virtual, departed at 11:15 a.m.); Member Sean Maguire; Member Nichole Morgan; Member Jared Blumenfeld

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 (departed at 2:37 p.m.)
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Susan Reyes, Analyst II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

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
Saul Ayon, City of McFarland
Greg Davis, Eden Produce Company
Angelina Cook, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Regina Chichizola, Communities United for Water Protection
Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association
Gary Bobker, Friends of the River
Eric Buescher, San Francisco Baykeeper
Peter Drekmeier, Yosemite Rivers Alliance
Cintia Cortez, Restore the Delta

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the August 25-26, 2026 and September 1, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the August 25-26, 2026 and September 1, 2026 Board Meeting minutes
Seconded by: Board Member Maguire
MOTION CARRIED (September 15, 2026)
Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Morgan
Member Blumenfeld
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2. Consideration of a proposed resolution adopting an emergency regulation amending water right fee schedules in title 23, sections 1040, 1044, 1063, 1064 and 1066 and adding section 1040.5 of the California Code of Regulations.
   Staff Presenting: David Ceccarelli, John Russell, Cassaundra White, David Rose
   - Agenda Item | Attachment 1
   - Draft Resolution
   - Proposed Regulation Text

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with changes to the regulation text as read into the record by David Rose
Seconded by: Board Member Morgan
MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0035)

Aye:	Chair Esquivel
	Vice Chair D'Adamo
	Member Maguire
	Member Morgan
	Member Blumenfeld
Nay:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Commenters
Bob Gore, The Gualco Group
Jennifer Spaletta, Stoel Rives LLP
Michael Miiller, California Association of Winegrape Growers

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting emergency regulations amending Drinking Water Fee Schedules in title 22, section 64300, 64305, 64310 and 64315 of the California Code of Regulations.
   Staff Presenting: David Ceccarelli, John Russell, Cassaundra White, Nicole DiCamillo
   - Agenda Item | Attachment 1
   - Draft Resolution
   - Proposed Regulation Text

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution
Seconded by: Board Member Blumenfeld
MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0036)

Aye:	Chair Esquivel
	Vice Chair D'Adamo
	Member Maguire
	Member Morgan
	Member Blumenfeld
Nay:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Commenters
None

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting emergency regulations amending the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program fee regulations in title 22, California Code of Regulations section 64802.25.
   Staff Presenting: David Ceccarelli, John Russell, Cassaundra White
   - Agenda Item | Attachment 1
   - Draft Resolution
   - Proposed Regulation Text

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution
Seconded by: Board Member Blumenfeld
MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0037)
Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Morgan
Member Blumenfeld
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Commenters
None

5. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting emergency regulations revising the Core Water Quality Regulatory Fee Schedules contained in Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9, Article 1, sections 2200 and 2200.7 of the California Code of Regulations.
   Staff Presenting: David Ceccarelli, John Russell, Cassaundra White, Serena Liu
   - Agenda Item
   - Draft Resolution
   - Proposed Regulation Text
   - 2027 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines

Motion: Board Member Blumenfeld moved to adopt the proposed Resolution
Seconded by: Board Member Morgan
MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0038)
Aye: Chair Esquivel
Member Maguire
Member Morgan
Member Blumenfeld
Nay: None
Absent: Vice Chair D'Adamo
Abstain: None

Commenters
Spencer Saks, California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Chris D'Aiuto, Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association
Michele Derry, San Bernardino County Flood Control District

ITEM 6 WILL NOT BEGIN BEFORE 12:00 P.M.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

6. Consideration of a proposed Order in the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2013-0122 for Milk Cow Dairies in the Central Valley Region, SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2283(b).
   Staff Presenting: Stacy Gillespie, Phil Wyels, Brianna St. Pierre, Kelsey Moore
   - Transmittal Letter
   - Agenda Item
   - Proposed Dairy Order
   - Proposed Dairy Order- Showing Revisions from June 15, 2026 Revised Draft Dairy Order
   - Written Comments were due by noon on July 30, 2026
   - Change Sheet #1

Please note that Board Member D'Adamo is recused from this item and will not participate in the discussion.

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Order with the revised Change Sheet #1 and the changes to the clean version of the Order read into the record by Assistant Chief Counsel Wyels, along with express authority to renumber footnotes and ensure cross-references are appropriately maintained
Seconded by: Board Member Blumenfeld
MOTION CARRIED (Order WQ 2026-0028)

Aye:	Chair Esquivel
	Member Maguire
	Member Morgan
	Member Blumenfeld
Nay:	None
Absent:	Vice Chair D'Adamo
Abstain:	None

Commenters
Patrick Pulupa, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dairy Panel
Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway
JP Cativiela, Dairy Cares & Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program
Paul Sousa, Western United Dairies

Non-Governmental Organization Panel
Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action
Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation
Michael Claiborne, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center

Commenters
Madi Richards, California Coastkeeper Alliance
Angelica Rodriguez, California Rural Legal Assistance
Daniella Legostaev, California Farm Bureau Federation
Jesus Tutuy Montes, General Public
Esteban Curiel, General Public
Martha Curiel, General Public
Robert Porter, General Public
David Cory, ILRP Coalitions
Maureen Thompson, Valley Water Collaborative
Rachel Gray, Central Valley Salinity Coalition
Nicole Bell, Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority-ILRP
Nicole Bell, Kern Water Collaborative - Kern Management Zone
Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center
Modibo Keita, Sustainable Conservation
Angelina Cook, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Kevin Abernathy, Milk Producers Council
David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River
Noelle Cremers, Wine Institute
Ben Eichenberg, San Francisco Baykeeper
Leslie Martinez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability on behalf of David Rodriguez of Defensores del Valle Central para el Aire y Agua Limpio
Elise Lanman, Dairy Institute of California
Michael Boccadoro, Dairy Cares
Sarah Schaefer, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center
Vivian Helliwell, General Public

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Board Member Reports.

No report.

No Action Taken

Commenters
None

The Board recessed at 6:39 p.m. until Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned on September 16, 2026 at 10:50 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public.

Closed Session may be held on Tuesday, September 15, Wednesday, September 16, or both days. No open meeting agenda items will be heard on Wednesday, September 16.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on September 10, 2026 and will not be accepted after that time**.

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on September 10, 2026 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, **09/15/2026 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item)**.

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