

# CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

## 597<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025, 9:00 A.M.

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### BOARD MEETING LOCATION

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Central Valley Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
Zoom Teleconference and Webcast

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### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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Chair Mark Bradford, Vice Chair Nick Avdis, Member Elena Lee Reeder, and  
Member Denise Kadara

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### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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Member Sean Yang  
Member Arthur Baggett

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### STATE WATER BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

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Nichole Morgan

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### STATE WATER BOARD OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL AND ENFORCEMENT STAFF PRESENT

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Jessica Jahr, Attorney IV  
Kennedy Knight, Attorney  
Chris Moskal, Attorney

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**EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

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Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer  
Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer  
Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer  
John “JJ” Baum, Assistant Executive Officer  
Christina Shupe, Assistant Executive Officer  
Mindy Bunn, Clerk to the Board

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**AGENDA ITEM 1 – ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

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Chair Bradford called the 597<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum of the Board was present.

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**AGENDA ITEM 2 – INTRODUCTIONS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MEETING RULES**

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Chair Bradford made introductions and Executive Officer (EO) Patrick Pulupa introduced staff. Chair Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**AGENDA ITEM 3 – BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Chair Bradford submitted the following communications:**

- 3 February 2025 – Participated in the monthly Water Board’s Chairs’ discussion. Discussion topics included federal funding for projects and potential implications for state programs, post-fire issues in Los Angeles, and water system restoration. Lastly, it was confirmed the 2025 Water Quality Control Council meeting will be held in Sacramento on May 1-2, 2025.

**Member Lee Reeder submitted the following communications:**

- 31 January 2025 – Participated in the CV-SALTS workshop that discussed the Priority 2 Management Zones.
- 19 February 2025 – Participated in the Racial Equity Team meeting: 2025 Regroup.

**Member Kadara submitted the following communications:**

- 18 January 2025 – Attended the community water leaders network reunion, a group of community and elected officials working on water issues in respective disadvantaged communities
- 31 January 2025 – Participated in the CV-SALTS workshop that discussed the Priority 2 Management Zones.
- 12 February 2025 – Participated in the February 2025 Board briefing.
- 19 February 2025 – Participated in the Racial Equity Team: 2025 Regroup meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4 – STATE WATER BOARD LIAISON UPDATE**

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State Water Board Member Nichole Morgan provided an update to the Central Valley Water Board. For a copy of the report, please email [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov).

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**AGENDA ITEM 5 – PUBLIC FORUM**

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Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction and not scheduled for consideration at this meeting or pending before the Board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

**Commenters**

Alex MacDonald, private citizen  
Larry Leroy Ladd, private citizen

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**AGENDA ITEM 6 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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Chair Bradford noted prior to each Board Meeting, the EO works with the Executive Assistant and the Board's Program Managers to compile a report on the status of the Board's programs and initiatives since the previous Board Meeting.

EO Pulupa provided Superior Accomplishment Awards to:

Misty Pontes, Environmental Scientist, Redding office  
Houa Yang, Scientific Aid, Sacramento office  
Galvin Kauffman, Senior Engineering Geologist, Sacramento office

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**AGENDA ITEM 7 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETING**

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Motion to adopt the previous Board Meeting minutes from the 13 December 2025 Board Meeting.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE DECEMBER 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Motioned: Vice Chair Avdis  
Seconded: Member Lee Reeder

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Member Baggett	Absent
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 4-0-0

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**AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS  
13 - 16**

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**UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, section 647.2, subd. (f).) Uncontested items are those items that are not being contested at the Board Meeting and will be acted on without discussion. If any person or Board Member requests discussion, the item may be removed from the Uncontested Calendar.

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

- a. California Department of Transportation, 06-0W920 Grapevine Rehabilitation Project, Kern County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- b. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region – Consideration for adoption of tentative Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2025-XXXX for Small Food Processors and Related Agricultural Processors Within the Central Valley Region
- c. City of Chico Public Works Department, Humboldt Road Burn Dump Operational Unit and Humboldt Road Private Properties Operational Unit, Butte County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. R5-2009-0046 and R5-2009-0047
- d. City of Sacramento, 28th Street Landfill, Sacramento County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2004-0039
- e. County of Kern, Taft Recycling & Sanitary Landfill, Kern County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2012-0066
- f. Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm Repowering Project, Merced County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements

- g. Jen California 26, LLC, Stone Beetland Project, Sacramento County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- h. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, Billy Wright Solid Waste Landfill, Merced County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2023-0011
- i. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority, Highway 59 Solid Waste Landfill, Merced County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2014-0139
- j. Pacific Coast Producers, Inc., Oroville Processing Facility and Palermo Land Application Area, Butte County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2017-0023

#### **NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

#### **THIS ITEM MOVED FROM THE CONTESTED CALENDAR**

- 11. City of Anderson, Anderson Water Pollution Control Plant, Shasta County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES No. CA0077704)
  - a. Burney Forest Products, A Joint Venture, Shasta Green, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Industries, Burney Forest Products, Shasta County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES No. CA0082490)
  - b. Cutler-Orosi Joint Powers Wastewater Authority, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Tulare County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES Permit No. CA0081485)
  - c. Paradise Irrigation District, Paradise Water Treatment Plant, Butte County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES No. CA0083488)

#### **RESCISSIONS (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

- a. Calaveras Timber Trails Association Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility, Calaveras County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-006

#### **CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

- a. Comunidad Nuevo Lago, Inc., Shady Lakes Comunidad Nuevo Lago, Fresno County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 75-079

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 8 (UNCONTESTED CALENDAR ITEMS 13 – 16)**

Motioned: Member Kadara

Seconded: Chair Bradford

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Baggett	Absent
Member Kadara	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 4-0-0

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## **AGENDA ITEM 9 – PIT RIVER SUB-WATERSHED IRRIGATED LAND REGULATORY OPTIONS**

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### **Co-presenters**

Bruce Houdesheldt, Sacramento Valley Water Coalition  
Tami Humphrey, Northeastern California Water Association  
Henry Giacomini, Hat Creek Ranch

### **Commenters**

Ned Coe, MODOC County Supervisor  
Gregory Wolfin, Pit River Tribe  
Leslie Boyle, Alturas Ranches

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## **AGENDA ITEM 10 – DELTA REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM UPDATE**

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### **Co-presenters**

Melissa Turner, MLJ Environmental  
Michael Wackman, MLJ Environmental

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## **AGENDA ITEM 11 – CITY OF ANDERSON, ANDERSON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT, SHASTA COUNTY NPDES PERMIT**

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This item was moved to the uncontested calendar.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 12 – ELECTION OF 2025 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

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After deliberation, the Board elected:

- 2025 Chair – Nicholas Avdis
- 2025 Vice Chair – Elena Lee Reeder

### **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 12 (2025 CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR)**

Motioned: Member Kadara  
Seconded: Chair Bradford

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Baggett	Absent
Member Kadara	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 4-0-0

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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The Board Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to the 24-25 April 2025 Board Meeting in Fresno.