



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 18, 2025

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street
Carmel Room

Los Angeles, CA 90013

Chair Nahai called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with both a physical and remote meeting location.

Chair Nahai explained the process for remote participation in the meeting and that the Board has Spanish interpretation services available through the Zoom platform. He announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Giselle Franco, one of the Spanish interpreters, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting in Spanish.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Board Members Present: Sabrina Ashjian, Norma Camacho (teleconference location), Michael Méndez, and David Nahai.

Board Member Absent: Marissa Christiansen

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Jenny Newman, Helen Rowe, Khalid Abdullah, Gerardo Rabelo, Alfredo Duran, Susana Lagudis, Amelia Carder, Adriana Nuñez, Adam Taing, Steven Webb, Danielle Robinson, Art Heath, Jeong-Hee Lim, Celine Gallon, Elisha Wakefield, Amanda Rosenblum, Jim Kang, Enrique Casas, and Kathy Bolivar

DAVID NAHAI, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Item 2 – Order of Agenda

There were no changes to the order of agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the November 20, 2025, Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve the minutes.

Seconded by: Board Member Méndez

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Absent

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

Item 4 – Board Member Communications

a. Ex Parte Disclosure – None

b. Board Member Reports - Board Members made end of the year remarks.

Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer invited Erin Wilson, the South Coast Regional Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, to present on the status of the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project. The Executive Officer also provided an update on the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory Stormwater Expert Panel Site Tour and public meeting on November 4, 2025.

Item 6 – Update from State Water Board

State Water Board Member Laurel Firestone provided an update on notable State Water Board activities.

Item 7 – Public Forum

Speakers:

- Ray Tahir, Gardena Valley Democratic Club
- Jolene Guerrero, LA County Public Works
- Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
- Walter Lamb
- Kathy Knight, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project

Uncontested Items

Chair Nahai announced uncontested Items 8, 9 and 10.

Item 8 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the City of Ventura’s Ventura Water Reclamation Facility (Ventura, CA, NPDES No. CA0064726).

Item 9 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Reclamation Requirements for the Leo J. Vander Lans Advanced Water Treatment Facility for the Alamitos Barrier Seawater Injection Project and Inland Injection Facilities Project, Long Beach, CA. Order No. R4-2025-XXXX, File No. 93-076

Item 10 – Consideration of Tentative Termination of Waste Discharge Requirements for Closure and Postclosure Maintenance, Taylor Ranch Surface Impoundment, Wood-Claeyssens Foundation, Ventura, CA; WDRs Order No. R4-2012-0057.

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion to approve uncontested Items 8, 9 and 10 with the Change Sheet for Item 9. He then asked for a Second and Roll Call vote.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve uncontested Items 8, 9 and 10.

Seconded by: Board Member Méndez
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea
Norma Camacho – Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Absent
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea

Chair Nahai announced agenda Item 11 and administered the oath.

Item 11 – Consideration of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Trash from Nonpoint Sources in Waterbodies Subject to Total Maximum Daily Loads for Trash

Staff Presentation: Elisha Wakefield, Senior Environmental Scientist

Speakers:

- Kristina Duggan, City of Long Beach, District 3, Councilmember
- Ray Tahir, Gardena Valley Democratic Club
- Benajmin Harris, Los Angeles Waterkeeper
- Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
- Gerald Greene, CWE

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion to approve contested Item 11. He then asked for a Second and Roll Call vote.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve contested Item 11.

Seconded by: Board Member Méndez
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea
Norma Camacho - Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Absent
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea

Item 12 – Closed Session

Legal counsel Adriana Nuñez announced that the Board would discuss Items 12.g., 12.l., and 12.k.

The Board went into closed session from 11:55 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned after closed session (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: helen.rowe@waterboards.ca.gov and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)

Written and submitted by Helen Rowe, Board Clerk on: February 27, 2026

Signature on file

Helen Rowe