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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Thursday, May 28, 2026

Council Chambers  
City of Simi Valley  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

Simi Valley, CA 93063

Chair Nahai called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Chair Nahai explained the process for remote participation in the meeting. He mentioned that the Board Spanish interpretation services were not available. He announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Chair Nahai thanked the City of Simi Valley for allowing the use of the Council Chambers despite the emergency they encountered last week with the Sandy Fire.

### ***Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum***

Board Members Present: Sabrina Ashjian, Marissa Christiansen, Michael Méndez, and David Nahai

Board Member Absent: Norma Camacho

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Jenny Newman, Helen Rowe, Khalid Abdullah, Gerardo Rabelo, Alfredo Duran, Axel Jurgens, Adriana Nuñez, Jeong-Hee Lim, Veronica Cuevas, Don Tsai, Adam Tang, Catherine Hawe, and Kathy Bolivar

### ***Item 2 – Order of Agenda***

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

## **BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

### ***Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the April 23, 2026 Meeting***

There were no changes to the minutes.

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

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea

Norma Camacho – Absent

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

### ***Item 4 – Board Member Communications***

- a. Ex Parte Disclosure - None
- b. Board Member Reports (Board Members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction.)

*Board Member Christiansen* reported that the Gardena Grove Tank and evacuation caused her to think about the Regional Water Board's response plan for emergencies. She would be interested in hearing from staff in the Executive Officer's report on the safeguards and protocols in place for a similar situation. Board Member Christiansen mentioned the Sandy Fire and it being tracked toward the Santa Susanna Field lab. She would be interested to know if Boeing has any plans for responding to the fire.

*Board Member Christiansen* attended a symposium at UCLA on Rebuilding Resilience after the LA fires in 2025.

*Board Member Méndez* reported on the oil spill in East Los Angeles. A contracting company burst an oil pipeline and sent tens of thousands of gallons of oil throughout the streets, impacting health and safety of public schools, community residents and businesses in the area. The oil spill impacted the water system, the LA River, and marine and aquatic life.

*Vice Chair Ashjian* reported that she attended WQCC earlier this month. She thanked State Water Board staff and everyone for sharing on the emerging topics. Vice Chair Ashjian thanked the Executive Officer for her presentation at WQCC on the regional water board work. She also reported that the next Santa Monica Bay Restoration Committee meeting is June 18, 2026.

*Chair Nahai* reported on attending WQCC and reported that the Executive Officer's presentation on the work of the regional board was well received. Chair Nahai mentioned that next week there will be a 3-day conference in Los Angeles called Verde Exchange. Chair Nahai will be a panelist on a plenary panel that will discuss actions in the aftermath of the Palisades and Eaton fires and discuss resiliency

going forward. Chair Nahai also reported that he will attend his first Regional Oversight Committee meeting, for the Safe Clean Water Program in June.

### ***Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report***

The Executive Officer provided an update on the following items:

- The oil spill in East Los Angeles – The oil remains contained within the storm drains and the LA River. No product has been observed south of the Pacific Coast Highway bridge. A defensive containment boom has been deployed at Ocean Blvd. to protect the Long Beach Harbor. Water board staff are monitoring the situation and have visited the LA River and the storm drain outfall where the discharge to the LA River occurred to observe cleanup activities.
- Phillips 66 Carson and Wilmington Refineries – Phillips 66 recently submitted a Master Workplan Addendum. This framework will significantly accelerate and expedite staff’s assessment and remediation during the transition from active refining to redevelopment. The regional water board is hosting in person open house workshops on June 3, 2026, in Wilmington and June 4, 2026, in Carson to help residents learn more about the cleanup approach and provide input.

The Regional Water Board entered into an agreement with developer Catellus-Deca LLC for Wilmington under the California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act (CLRRA). The Regional Water Board negotiated a CLRRA agreement for Carson.

### ***Item 6 – Update from State Water Board***

State Board Member Laurel Firestone provided an update on the following items.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund conducted a board workshop to accept comments on May 19, 2026. The State Water will conduct a Board meeting in July 2026, to consider adoption of the proposed fund. The State Water Board has an interactive report online for the Racial Equity Action Plan. The State Water Board issued a decision on the draft permit for the Sites Reservoir Project for water rights. The Delta Conveyance project hearings will be held in June 2026. The agricultural expert panel is finalizing its recommendations in response to panel charge questions. In June 2026, the State Water Board staff will present several information items. On June 11, 2026, June 12, 2026, July 30, 2026 and July 31, 2026 there will be public meetings on fees and funding.

### ***Item 7 – Public Forum***

#### **Speakers:**

- Ray Tahir
- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Patricia McPherson, Grassroots Coalition
- Shontel Johnson
- Ray Tahir, Gardena Democratic Club

## UNCONTESTED ITEMS

*Chair Nahai stated the uncontested items calendar as Items 8 and 9.*

***Item 8 – Consideration of Tentative Termination of Waste Discharge Requirements for Grizzly Bear’s Burgers, Acton, CA. (File No. 90-080). Comment submittal deadline was May 7, 2026.***

***Item 9 – Consideration of Tentative Termination of Waste Discharge Requirements for Residential Community on Tract 49240, Acton, CA. (File No. 91-017). Comment submittal deadline was May 7, 2026.***

*Chair Nahai asked for a Motion and a Second, and then asked for a Roll Call vote, for the uncontested items 8 and 9.*

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

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

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

## CONTESTED ITEMS

*Chair Nahai announced agenda items 10, 11, and 12 and administered the oath.*

### **Waste Discharge Requirements that serve as NPDES Permits**

#### *Renewal*

***Item 10 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the City of Thousand Oaks, Hill Canyon Treatment Plant, Camarillo, CA. (NPDES No. CA0056294). Comment submittal deadline was April 8, 2026.***

***Item 11 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewal for City of Simi Valley’s Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant, Simi Valley, CA. (NPDES No. CA0055221). Comment submittal deadline was April 20, 2026.***

#### *Time Schedule Order*

***Item 12 – Consideration of Tentative Time Schedule Order for City of Simi Valley’s Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant, Simi Valley, CA. (NPDES No. CA0055221). Comment submittal deadline was April 27, 2026.***

**Staff Presentation:** Veronica Cuevas, Water Resource Control Engineer

**City of Simi Valley Presentation**

**Introduction:** Dee Dee Cavanaugh, Mayor, Simi Valley

**Presentation:** Al Sexton, City of Simi Valley and Ashli Desa, Larry Walker Association

**Speakers:**

- Amy Mueller, Calleguas Municipal Water District
- John Demers, Fox Canyon GMA
- Jodi Switzer, Farm Bureau of Ventura County

**Board Deliberations and Questions**

Veronica Cuevas, Jenny Newman and Adriana Nuñez answered Board members' questions.

*Chair Nahai asked for a Motion to approve contested Item 10. He then asked for a Second and Roll Call vote.*

MOTION: Chair Nahai made a motion to approve contested Item 10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Chair Nahai asked for a Motion to approve contested Item 12. He then asked for a Second and Roll Call vote.*

MOTION: Chair Nahai made a motion to approve contested Item 12.

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

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea  
Norma Camacho - Absent  
Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

***Item 13 – Closed Session***

Legal counsel Adriana Nuñez announced that the Board would discuss Items 13.c., 13.(ii)., and 13.(iii).

The Board went into closed session at 12:11 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](mailto:helen.rowe@waterboards.ca.gov) and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)

***Written and submitted by Kathy Bolivar, Acting Board Clerk on: June 25, 2028***

*Signature on File*

*Kathy Bolivar*