

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Minutes of Meeting

6:00 P.M., Wed., October 8, 2025
County of Del Norte Board of Supervisors
Flynn Administrative Center
981 H Street, Suite 100
Crescent City, CA 95531

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:

Hector Bedolla, Alex Hart, Gregory
Giusti, Jake Mackenzie

Regional Water Board staff present:

Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen (via
Zoom), Josh Curtis (via Zoom),
Claudia Villacorta, Deidre Wilkerson,
Chris Watt, Brenna Sullivan, David
Kuszmar, Ben Zabinsky, Kason
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Information Item

1. Update on Water Quality Monitoring Results, Community Engagement, and Lily Bulb Order Development in the Smith River Plain (*Ben Zabinsky, Brenna Sullivan, Chris Watt, and David Kuszmar*)

David Kuszmar, Ben Zabinsky, Chris Watt, and Brenna Sullivan presented updates on water quality monitoring results, community engagement efforts, and

the development of the Lily Bulb Order in the Smith River Plain. The updates included detailed information on monitoring study results, community outreach activities, and the proposed regulatory framework for lily bulb cultivation to address water quality concerns. The presentation also included information on Salmonids in the Smith River Plain, presented by Katie Rian, representing CA Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Marisa Parish Hanson, an employee of NOAA, speaking as a private citizen with fisheries expertise.

Presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board throughout the presentation.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- Jaytuk Steinruck - Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation
- Sheryl Steinruck - Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation
- Marva Jones-Scott - Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation
- Greg King - Siskiyou Land Conservancy
- Rhonda Scott - Tolowa tribal member/elder
- Regina Chichizola - Save CA Salmon
- Rachel McCain - Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation
- Monica Hiner - Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation
- James Ray - CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- Tara Dettmer - self
- Craig Strong - Friends of Del Norte/self
- Karen Rath
- Josefina Barrantes - EPIC
- Joe Gillespie - Friends of Del Norte
- Alicia Williams - Community at large & environment
- Ben Zumeta
- Kyla Castaynaro - self/Tolowa Dee-Ni Tribal member
- Chuski Scott - self/Smith River Community
- Deborah Jaques - Pelican Science
- Carl Page - Tidewater Goby
- Adam Spencer - public
- JJ - public
- Jacob Bear – public
- Sandra Jerabek - self
- Don Gillespie - self
- Michelle Carrillo - Smith River property owner, private well

Specific comments can be reviewed on [Cal-Span's Prior Board Meeting Video recordings](http://cal-span.org/) (<http://cal-span.org/>).

2. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment:

3:30 p.m., Thursday, October 9, 2025

Shackleford Falls, and

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 10, 2025

Rain Rock Casino Event Center

777 Casino Way, Yreka, CA 96097

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

These minutes were drafted with the assistance of Microsoft Copilot AI using the transcript of the meeting and edited by Valerie Quinto.