

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Minutes of Meeting

3:30 P.M., Thurs., October 9, 2025
Shackleford Falls, and
9:00 A.M., Fri., October 10, 2025
Rain Rock Casino Event Center
777 Casino Way, Yreka, CA 96097

Thursday, October 9, 2025

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1. Field Trip to Shackleford Creek (Sarah Schaefer, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation)

Board members (Hector Bedolla, Greg Giusti, and Jake Mackenzie), staff, and members of the public visited Shackleford Creek to observe and discuss watershed conditions and impacts to salmonids. The field trip was organized by Quartz Valley Indian Reservation.

Friday, October 10, 2025

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

- ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present: Hector Bedolla, Alex Hart, Greg Giusti, Jake Mackenzie

Regional Water Board staff present: Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen, Josh Curtis, Claudia Villacorta, Deidre Wilkerson, Kason Grady, Eli Scott, Chris Watt, Brenna Sullivan

- iii. **Board Member Reports:** Board members thanked the organizers and attendees of the Shackleford Creek field trip, and staff for organizing the Board Meeting.

Board Member Mackenzie reported that he attended a tour of the Elk River watershed, thanking staff and partners for organizing that tour. Chair Bedolla reported that he met with staff to Assemblymember Chris Rogers.

- iv. **State Board Liaison's and Executive Officer's Reports:** State Board Liaison and Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo gave a comprehensive report that included updates on the Bay Delta Plan, continued hearings for the Delta Conveyance Project, Wastewater Needs Assessment, the Second Agricultural Expert Panel, the Wastewater Operator Certification Program, Wildfire Emergency Proclamation implementation, and the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project.
- v. **Board Chair's Report:** Chair Bedolla thanked the Karuk Tribe for hosting this Board Meeting at their facility and on their land.
- vi. **Public Forum:** Comments were received from the following members of the public:
 - Alicia Williams, Independent Activist and Community Builder
 - Andy Colonna, Salmon Returning

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 14-15, 2025

Motion: Board Member Hart moved to adopt the meeting minutes for August 14-15, 2025. Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion. Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

Mackenzie: aye

Hart: aye

Bedolla: aye

Giusti: aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop Item

- 3. Public Workshop on Conceptual Framework for Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Agricultural Activities in the Scott and Shasta Watersheds (*Eli Scott*)

Eli Scott, Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, presented the conceptual framework for the waste discharge requirements, including enrollment criteria, monitoring requirements, and adaptive management processes.

Presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board throughout the presentation and after. Board Member Mackenzie highlighted the information that was shared on the Shackleford Creek field trip regarding the impact of water diversions and expressed the importance of coordinating with the Division of Water Rights on this issue.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- Theodora Johnson, Scott Valley Agriculture Water Alliance
- Ryan Walker, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau
- David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River
- Angelina Cook, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
- Brandon Fawaz, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau
- Matt Parker, Siskiyou County/GSA
- Sarah Schaefer, Environmental Director, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
- Blair Hart, Hart Cattle Inc
- Rick Dean, Siskiyou County
- Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center
- Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center
- Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation
- Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
- Vivian Helliwell, Salmon Returning
- Andy Colonna, Salmon Returning
- Alicia Williams, Independent Activist & Community Builder
- Betsy Stapleton

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Information Items

4. Executive Officer's Report (*Valerie Quinto*): Executive Officer Quinto highlighted the articles in the written Executive Officer's report, including an update on the Integrated Report process and information on the Governor's Emergency Wildfire Proclamation and Suspensions.

5. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Other Items of Interest
(*Valerie Quinto*): None

6. Closed Session: None.

7. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 4, 2025, and

9:00 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2025

Regional Water Board

5550 Skylane Blvd, Ste A

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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