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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Thursday, March 26, 2026

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 9:10 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.

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

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

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Jenny Newman, Helen Rowe, Khalid Abdullah, Gerardo Rabelo, Alfredo Duran, Susana Lagudis, Amelia Carder, Axel Jurgens, Adriana Nuñez, Art Heath, Jeong-Hee Lim, Celine Gallon, Jim Kang, Adriana Vallejo, Randy Ly, Steven Webb, Veronica Cuevas, Danielle Robinson, Joshua Cwikla, Stefani Daryanto and Kathy Bolivar

### ***Item 2 – Order of Agenda***

The Executive Officer, Susana Arredondo, requested that Items 8 and 9 be moved to the uncontested items calendar.

Chair Nahai requested a vote to move Item 8 to the uncontested items calendar.

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DAVID NAHAI, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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MOTION: Board Member Camacho made a motion to move Item 8 to the uncontested items calendar.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Ashjian  
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

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

## **BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

### ***Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the February 26, 2026, Meeting***

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION: Board Member Christiansen 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 – Yea  
Michael Méndez – Yea  
David Nahai – Yea

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

a. Ex Parte Disclosure

*Board Member Méndez reported on one communication.*

Board Member Méndez had a meeting with Kristina Duggan, City of Long Beach Councilmember. They discussed general issues about urban storm water and the impacts to the beaches of Long Beach.

b. Board Member Reports

*Board Member Camacho* reported that in March 2026, she listened to the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting discussion focused on the regional program. The bi-annual report was approved and sent on file to the LA Board of Supervisors for review. In April 2026, there will be a focus on the municipal program. In May 2026, there will be a Spring recess. Starting June 2026, Chair Nahai will join the ROC committee. Board Member Camacho informed the County of LA Public Works of the change.

*Vice Chair Ashjian* reported that Sunday, March 22, 2026, was World Water Day and the theme was water and gender, highlighting the link between water access and gender equality. The next Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2026. The meeting will be held at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina del Rey. Vice Chair Ashjian, Chair Nahai and Susanna Arrendondo, Executive Officer, met with the new general manager of the Metropolitan Water District, Shivaji Deshmukh to discuss the work of stakeholders in the community.

*Chair Nahai* reported he attended the Water Reuse Symposium held in Los Angeles. Chair Nahai highlighted that the symposium was about wastewater, recycling, water and reuse programs. Chair Nahai mentioned that some participants with wastewater recycling projects are dealing with regulations and because of the pressures of regulations the participants can assure the public the recycled wastewater is clean, healthy and safe.

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

The Executive Officer, Susana Arredondo provided an update on the following items:

- The Phillips 66 Refinery-Carson – On March 19, 2026, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) staff met with the community groups involved with the site cleanup to address inquiries regarding work plan statuses, CAO compliance and future cleanup levels. These stakeholders have requested increased transparency of LARWQCB enforcement staff capacity and invited regional staff to participate in upcoming community public meetings.
- Workshop Collaboration with Los Angeles County Planning for Future Land Uses for Community with Existing Oil Wells. There are 7 in-person workshops and 1 virtual workshop scheduled in communities with existing oil wells. The first workshop was held on February 25, 2026, and the last workshop is scheduled for April 17, 2026.

The Site Cleanup Program and Underground Storage Tank Program staff collaborated with the County of Los Angeles staff on materials for the presentation for these workshops. The LARWQCB are participating in the workshops along with CalGEM, LA County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County of Public Works, LA Fire Department, and LA County Chief Sustainability Office. On March 13, 2026, the Executive Officer attended the workshop in Rowland Heights. She met with other agencies, heard public comments, and introduced attendees to the Los Angeles Water Board’s role in the oil will process.

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

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

Annual Priorities Discussion – Next month, distribution of the final strategic work plan. A release of the Agricultural (Ag) Expert Panel. A final Ag presentation and report from the panel in June or July 2026. Administrative release draft of AHO and the water sites permit for the site’s reservoir application. The administrative hearing office is moving Delta Conveyance Project application. An informational

workshop was held on Mono Lake.

### ***Item 7 – Public Forum***

#### **Speakers:**

- Robert Allart, City of Long Beach 5<sup>th</sup> Council District
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Colin Averill, City of Long Beach
- Marvin Sachse
- Candice Dickens
- Wataru Kumagia, City of Long Beach
- Tammy Takigawa, City of Long Beach
- Shanda Beltran, Representing Lakewood SP PR, LLC
- Benjamin Harris, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

### **UNCONTESTED ITEMS**

***Item 9 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for Owens Brockway Glass Container, Inc., Vernon, CA. (NPDES No. CA0056464). Comment submittal deadline was March 2, 2026.***

### **CONTESTED ITEMS**

***Item 8 was moved to the uncontested items calendar.***

***Item 8 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for Shell Oil Products US-Carson Distribution Facility, Carson, CA. (NPDES No. CA0000809). Comment submittal deadline was February 23, 2026.***

*Chair Nahai asked for a Motion to approve uncontested Items 8 and 9. He then asked for a Second and Roll Call vote.*

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

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

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

*Chair Nahai announced agenda Information Item 10.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

***Item 10 – Update on the Los Angeles River Temperature Study conducted by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation and the City of Burbank for the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0056227), Los-Angeles Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0053953), and the Burbank Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0055531). Staff from the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation will present a summary of the results of the Los Angeles River Temperature Study and next steps.***

**Staff Introduction:** Steven Webb, Supervisor, Municipal Permitting Unit

**Presentation:** Ronald Mayuyu, Water Reclamation, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Chris Minton and Larry Walker Associates, Steve Walker Public Works, City of Burbank, and Karina Gonzalez, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

**Staff Conclusion:** Celine Gallon, Manager, Regional Programs Section and Jeong-Hee Lim, Manager, Watershed Regulatory Section

**Speakers:**

- Benjamin Harris, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

**Break: 11:48 a.m. – 11:59 a.m.**

*Chair Nahai announced agenda Information Item 11.*

***Item 11 – Presentation by TreePeople on their November 2025 report, “Untapped Potential, Leveraging School Yards for Stormwater Management and Climate Resilience, Living Schoolyards.”***

**Staff Introduction:** Jenny Newman, Assistant Executive Officer

**Presentation:** Dustin Herrmann, TreePeople and Amanda Magee, State Water Board STORMS Unit Supervisor

**Speakers:**

- Benjamin Harris, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

***Item 12 – Closed Session***

There were no items announced for closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: [helen.rowe@waterboard.ca.gov](mailto:helen.rowe@waterboard.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: April 23, 2026***

*Signature on File*  
*Helen Rowe*

