

# CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

## 596<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2024, 9:00 A.M.

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### BOARD MEETING LOCATION

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Central Valley Water Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
Zoom Teleconference and Webcast

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The video of the Board Meeting is available to view on [YOUTUBE](#) at

(<https://youtube.com/live/8YBTISVqn7s?feature=share>).

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### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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Chair Mark Bradford, Vice Chair Nick Avdis, Member Elena Lee Reeder, Member Denise Kadara, and Member Arthur Baggett

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### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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Member Sean Yang

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### STATE WATER BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

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### STATE WATER BOARD OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL AND ENFORCEMENT STAFF PRESENT

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Emel Wadhwani, Assistant Chief Counsel  
Bayley Toft-Dupuy, Attorney IV  
Jessica Jahr, Attorney IV  
Kennedy Knight, Attorney  
Chris Moskal, Attorney

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**EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

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Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer  
Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer  
Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer  
John “JJ” Baum, Assistant Executive Officer  
Christina Shupe, Assistant Executive Officer  
Mindy Bunn, Clerk to the Board

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**AGENDA ITEM 1 – ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

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Chair Bradford called the 596<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum of the Board was present.

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**AGENDA ITEM 2 – INTRODUCTIONS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MEETING RULES**

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Chair Bradford made introductions and Executive Officer (EO) Patrick Pulupa introduced staff. Chair Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**AGENDA ITEM 3 – BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Member Lee Reeder submitted the following communications:**

- 30 October 2024 – Attended the State Water Board’s workshop on the Dairy General Order.
- 20/21 November 2024 – Attended the Clear Lake Hitch Summit in Upper Lake. The Summit provided a collaborative approach to conservation and restoration with Tribal Leadership, as well as partner agencies and departments.

**Member Kadara submitted the following communications:**

- 25 October 2024 – Attended the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Council Meeting.
- 20 November 2024 – Attended a meeting and wetlands tour with members of the Bureau of Land Management, Sequoia River Land Trust, local farmers, Audubon Society, and Tachi Yokut Tribe. The meeting purpose was to collaborate on restoring the ecosystems in the Central Valley. Specifically, restoring the Atwell Island Wetlands wildlife habitat to connect the many different wetlands.
- 2 December 2024 – Attended the swearing-in ceremony of Senator Hurtado.
- 5 December 2024 – Allensworth Progressive Association participated with the CA Office of Emergency Services at the Hazard Mitigation Summit. The Association

presented on impacts of flooding, drought, and mosquito infestation of water quality in the Community of Allensworth.

- 6 December 2024 – Attended the Self-Help Enterprises 60th anniversary celebration of serving communities with housing and infrastructure needs.
- Member Kadara also referred to the Arsenic Removal Program developed by the Gadgil Lab for Energy and Water Research at U.C. Berkeley. In 2019, Dr. Gadgil presented a study to the Regional Board addressing arsenic findings in rural areas. The Community of Allensworth has been participating in the program since 2018 and completed Phases 1 and 2 addressing groundwater. Phase 3 is underway addressing domestic water.
- Member Kadara noted the U.C. Berkeley Ph.D. graduate students were documenting the Regional Board Meeting today for a project they were doing on the Community of Allensworth and their history of water challenges.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – STATE WATER BOARD LIAISON UPDATE**

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State Water Board Member Nichole Morgan provided an update to the Central Valley Water Board. For a copy of the report, please email [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov).

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – PUBLIC FORUM**

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Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction and not scheduled for consideration at this meeting or pending before the Board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

##### **Commenters**

None

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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Chair Bradford noted prior to each Board Meeting, the EO works with the Executive Assistant and the Board's Program Managers to compile a report on the status of the Board's programs and initiatives since the previous Board Meeting.

EO Pulupa provided Retirement Resolutions to Richard Muhl, Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist, Compliance and Enforcement Unit, Sacramento Office and Bryan Smith, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Water Quality Certifications Programs, Redding Office. Richard and Bryan were celebrated with Board Resolutions recognizing their contributions to water quality safety, as well as words of congratulations from staff members, Board Members, friends, and colleagues.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETING**

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Motion to adopt previous Board Meeting minutes from the 18 October 2024 Board Meeting.

## **MOTION TO ADOPT THE OCTOBER 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Motioned: Vice Chair Avdis

Seconded: Member Lee Reeder

### Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Member Baggett	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-1

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## **AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS 11 - 13**

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### **UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, section 647.2, subd. (f).) Uncontested items are those items that are not being contested at the Board Meeting and will be acted on without discussion. If any person or Board Member requests discussion, the item may be removed from the Uncontested Calendar.

### **WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

- a. Bogle Vineyards, Inc. and The Bogle Family Limited Partnership, Bogle Delta Winery, Yolo County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2011-0033
- b. City of Los Banos, City of Los Banos Disposal Site, Merced County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2020-0020
- c. Greystar Development West, LLC, Big Horn Apartments Project, Sacramento County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- d. Hughson Nut, Inc., Hughson Nut Processing Facility, Merced County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- e. Midway Peaking, LLC & PAO Investments, LLC, Midway Peaking Facility, Fresno County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2009-0052.
- f. Ratto Brothers, Inc., Ratto Brothers, Stanislaus County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements

## **NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

- a. Calaveras County Water District, Forest Meadows Wastewater Reclamation Plant, Calaveras County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES Permit No. CA0085278)
- b. Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District, Discovery Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant, Contra Costa County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES Permit CA0078590)

## **CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

- a. Frank Marks & Sons, Inc., Sand and Gravel Quarry, Stanislaus County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-050
- b. Hyde Caviar LLC dba Sterling Caviar, Sterling Caviar LLC, Elverta, Sacramento County – NPDES Permit CA0085197
- c. West Valley Investments, LLC and Western Valley Meat Company, Beef Packers Fresno Processing Facility, Fresno County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-089

## **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 8 (UNCONTESTED CALENDAR ITEMS 11 – 13)**

Motioned: Member Lee Reeder

Seconded: Vice Chair Avdis

### Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Baggett	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-1

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## **AGENDA ITEM 9 – UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (USFS) AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) REGIONWIDE – CONSIDERATION OF:**

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### **Commenters**

Rick Hopson, USFS  
Genevieve Rasmussen, BLM  
Jason Jimenez, USFS  
Stan Dodson, Central Sierra Environmental Research Center  
John Buckley, Central Sierra Environmental Research Center

- Resolution R5-2024-XXXX Certifying Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Nonpoint Source (NPS) Discharges Related to Certain Activities Conducted by the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 9 (RESOLUTION CERTIFYING FINAL EIR FOR WDRS FOR NPS DISCHARGES RELATED TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE USFS AND BLM)**

Motioned: Vice Chair Avdis  
Seconded: Member Lee Reeder

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Baggett	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-1

- Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2024-XXXX for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Activities Conducted by the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management on Federal Lands.

**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 9 (WDRS FOR NPS DISCHARGES RELATED TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE USFS AND BLM ON FEDERAL LANDS)**

Motioned: Member Lee Reeder  
Seconded: Vice Chair Avdis

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Baggett	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-1

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**AGENDA ITEM 10 – CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND THE TULARE LAKE BASIN**

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**Commenters**

Michelle Berditshevsky, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center  
Brian Orion, Environmental Advocates  
Brandy McDaniels, Pit River Nation  
Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center  
Sam Davidson, Trout Unlimited  
Matt Clifford, Trout Unlimited  
Gregory Wolfin, Pit River Tribe

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Motioned: Vice Chair Avdis  
Seconded: Member Kadara

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Absent
Member Lee Reeder	Yes
Member Baggett	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Vice Chair Avdis	Yes
Chair Bradford	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-1

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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The Board Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. to the 21 February 2025 Board Meeting in Rancho Cordova.