



#### State Water Resources Control Board

# INFORMATION FOR PRESENTATION OF POLICY STATEMENTS ON MAY 19, 2025, IN THE WATER RIGHT HEARING ON THE PROPOSED DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office is holding
a Public Hearing on the pending Petitions for Change of Water Right
Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482
(Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) of the
Department of Water Resources.

Policy statements will be heard in person and by Zoom Webinar on May 19, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m., at Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California.

Interested persons must register in advance to join the hearing on May 19 by Zoom.

Parties or interested members of the public who would like to watch this hearing without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel at: bit.ly/aho-youtube

#### LANGUAGE SERVICES AND ACCESSIBILITY:

This hearing will be conducted in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services for the hearing, or sign language services, please use one of the following options by May 5, 2025:

- Submit a Language Services Request online
- Call (916) 341-5254
- E-mail languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

### **PURPOSE OF HEARING**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) is conducting a public hearing about the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. A more detailed description of the Delta Conveyance Project and the associated petitions for change can be found in the July 31, 2024 Notice of Public Hearing, which is available on the AHO's webpage for the proceeding: <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/administrative\_hearings\_office/delta-conveyance.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/administrative\_hearings\_office/delta-conveyance.html</a>.

#### **POLICY STATEMENTS**

The AHO and members of the Board will hear policy statements from interested members of the public on **May 19, 2025**. As reflected in the July 31 Notice of Hearing, each oral policy statement or oral summary of written policy statements shall not exceed 5 minutes. The hearing officer may impose a shorter time limit based on the number of people who request to make an oral presentation.

Members of the public who wish to present a policy statement may do so in person or may join remotely using Zoom. Members of the public may also listen to and watch the proceeding in person or on YouTube at bit.ly/aho-youtube.

During the presentation of policy statements, the hearing officer will invite those who are present in person at the physical location of the hearing to speak first. Then, the hearing officer will invite those appearing on the Zoom platform to present their policy statements or summaries of written policy statements.

#### How to Present a Policy Statement in Person:

Interested members of the public who wish to present a policy statement in person are requested, but not required, to register using the Registration Form <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/2ZQhiQwJYb">https://forms.office.com/g/2ZQhiQwJYb</a> and indicate an intent to present a statement in person. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. at the Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California. Persons requiring reasonable modification or accommodation for disabilities should promptly (preferably at least 7 days before the hearing) contact the AHO by phone at (916) 341-6940 or by e-mail at DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.

## How to Present a Policy Statement Using Zoom Webinar:

The AHO, in coordination with the Water Board's Division of Information Technology, has implemented new security procedures to ensure a safer and more secure virtual hearing space. These new security procedures have been in place since April 1, 2025, are effective at maintaining a secure space, and will minimize the risk of any future disruption.

Advance registration is necessary to participate in the hearing by Zoom Webinar on May 19. Filing a Notice of Intent form is not necessary to participate in this proceeding under these new procedures.

1. To register, anyone who intends to present a policy statement should complete the Registration Form at https://forms.office.com/g/2ZQhiQwJYb by the close of business on **Thursday**, **May 15**, **2025**.

You may also scan the QR code below to access the Registration Form from your phone or tablet.



- 2. The AHO will send an individualized link to join the webinar to each interested person who has completed the Registration Form at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 19. This link is specific to the registered person and e-mail address and should not be shared with other users. The same link cannot be used to access the hearing on more than one device.
- 3. If you registered for the proceeding and have not found your individual link to join the hearing before the start of the hearing at 9:00 a.m., please check your junk and spam mail folders. If you did not receive an individualized link or need other technical assistance, please e-mail DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.
- **4.** To join the hearing on May 19, please click the "Join" link in the personalized e-mail from Zoom. Please consider signing in early to allow time to address any technical issues.
- **5.** Each interested person will enter the proceeding as an "Attendee." Attendees will be able to see and hear video tiles of the hearing officer in the hearing room and other AHO staff, but will not be able to turn on their own camera or microphone features when the proceeding begins.
- 6. The hearing officer will call the name of each interested person who has registered for the hearing when it is that person's turn to speak. When the hearing officer calls your name, please raise a virtual "Zoom" hand to help AHO staff. The Zoom application may present a pop-up window asking for agreement to be elevated to a "Panelist." AHO staff will then elevate you to a "Panelist" to present your policy statement. There may be a short pause while the system elevates you. You are not being disconnected. After you finish your statement, AHO staff will return you to Attendee status, and the hearing officer will call the name of the next speaker. After you have presented your policy statement, please exit the Zoom Webinar. You may observe the remainder of the hearing using the YouTube livestream.

- 7. If your device freezes, please restart the device. If you experience technical difficulties during the hearing, please notify staff at <a href="mailto:DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov">DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov</a>. AHO staff will be monitoring the e-mail inbox.
- **8.** If you do not plan to speak during the proceeding, please do not attend the Zoom Webinar and instead view the livestream of the proceeding on the AHO's YouTube channel at bit.ly/aho-youtube.
- **9.** For questions about public participation on May 19, please e-mail the AHO at DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.

The AHO will hear remaining policy statements from any member of the public unable to appear on May 19, on **August 12, 2025, by Zoom only**.

Date: April 25, 2025

Nicole L. Kuenzi Presiding Hearing Officer

Administrative Hearings Office