

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0033

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS:

1. The Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management (Office) is an organizational unit within the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board).
2. Pursuant to Water Code section 7, the State Water Board is authorized to delegate authority to the Director for the Office (Director).
3. To promote efficiency in administering the Board's groundwater management program, it is desirable to delegate authority to the Director to act on behalf of the State Water Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Water Board delegates the authority herein to the Director with the following direction:
 - 1.1. The enumeration of delegated authorities in this resolution shall not be interpreted as revoking authorities already delegated, or hereafter delegated, to the Executive Director or to the Director, from the State Water Board or the Executive Director.
 - 1.2. Unless otherwise specified in this resolution, the authorities delegated to the Director under this resolution may not be redelegated except in the absence of the Director. The Director may delegate authority to a senior member of the Office staff to act on their behalf when the Director is absent or recused. Where this resolution authorizes the redelegation of authority, and the Director makes such redelegation, the staff member to whom the authority has been redelegated may further delegate to a member of the Office staff the ability to act on their behalf when the Office staff member is absent or recused, unless the Director directs otherwise.
 - 1.3. The Director shall administer and implement the delegation under this resolution as follows:
 - 1.3.1. Maintain the delegation, including any appendices, redelegation memoranda, and subsequent resolutions that add to, amend, or revoke the authorities identified therein.

- 1.3.2. Every two years, review the authority delegated herein and recommend to the State Water Board whether to revise the delegation.
 - 1.3.3. In exercising the authority delegated herein, and without restricting the authority specified, bring the following matters to the attention of the members of the State Water Board by appropriate communication:
 - 1.3.3.1. Matters of a unique or unusual nature;
 - 1.3.3.2. Matters that appear to depart from the policies of the State Water Board;
 - 1.3.3.3. Matters involving significant policy questions;
 - 1.3.3.4. Highly controversial matters;
 - 1.3.3.5. Matters that involve a substantial risk of litigation;
 - 1.3.3.6. Any matter that a Board Member requests to be brought to the attention of the State Water Board; and
 - 1.3.3.7. Any matter that, in the judgment of the Director, should be brought to the attention of the State Water Board.
2. That the State Water Board delegates to the Director the authority to take the following actions:
 - 2.1. General Administration.
 - 2.1.1. Conduct and supervise the general administrative activities of the Office, including preparing and signing documents, transmitting documents adopted or approved by the State Water Board, and maintaining custody of records. This general administrative authority may be redelegated.
 - 2.1.2. Amend or modify a decision or order to correct any obvious typographical or clerical error or oversight, pursuant to Water Code section 1124. This authority may be redelegated.
 - 2.1.3. Administer the fee schedule adopted pursuant to Water Code sections 1529.5 and 1530. This delegation includes the authority to approve or deny requests for fee waivers in accordance with the fee schedule and may be redelegated to the Assistant Director(s) for the Office.

2.2. State Intervention.

2.2.1. Approve or deny alternatives to requirements for measuring devices and measurement methodologies established by probationary determinations. Approval may be for a limited term and is authorized only if the Director finds that the alternative is reliable, accurate, and auditable. This authority may be redelegated to the Assistant Director(s) for the Office.

2.3. Enforcement.

2.3.1. Issue a notice of cease and desist order and, when a hearing has not been timely requested, issue a cease and desist order in accordance with Water Code section 1831 *et seq.* This authority may be redelegated to the Assistant Director(s) for the Office.

2.3.2. Issue an administrative civil liability complaint and, when a complaint has been issued and no hearing has been requested within the period provided under Water Code section 1055, issue an order imposing administrative civil liability. This authority may be redelegated to the Assistant Director(s) for the Office.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 1, 2026.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Nichole Morgan
Board Member Jared Blumenfeld

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board