



# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023  
SIERRA HEARING ROOM

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 9:31 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo; Member; Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director  
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director  
Courtney Tyler, Acting Clerk to the Board  
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board  
Michael Read, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *Instructions were given in regard to participating in the Remote Meeting.*
- *The Board meeting is being webcasted and recorded.*

## **BOARD MEETING**

***Public comments on agenda items will be limited to 5 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair***

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Recognition of Board Clerk Jeanine Townsend's Service to the Board and the State of California.  
*Staff Presenting: Joaquin Esquivel, Charlie Hoppin, Felicia Marcus, Nichole Morgan, Dorene D'Adamo, Sean Maguire, Laurel Firestone, Michael Lauffer, Eric Oppenheimer, Eileen Sobeck*

## **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*Cintia Cortez, Restore the Delta*  
*Ashley Overhouse, Defenders of Wildlife*  
*Bob Gore, General Public*

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

***(Approximately 30 minutes at the beginning of Board Meeting and any remaining speakers at the call of the Chair)***

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the State Water Resources Control Board's jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda or pending before the State Water Board or any California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

## **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*Shawna Grady, Ellison Schneider Harris & Donlan LLC*  
*Shayne McCool Peller, General Public*  
*Tom Krazan, Areas*  
*Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*  
*Tien Tran, Community Water Center*  
*Ngodoo Atume, Clean Water Action*

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

2. The Board will consider adoption of the January 18-19, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the January 18-19, 2023 minutes

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair D'Adamo

**MOTION CARRIED** ([January 18-19, 2023](#))

**Aye:** Chair Esquivel  
Vice Chair D'Adamo  
Member Maguire  
Member Firestone

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** Member Morgan

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

3. Drought Update and Current Hydrologic Conditions.  
*(Staff Presentation) Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, James Garrett, Claudia Bucheli, Eric Zuniga*

## **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center*

4. Update on monthly water production and conservation data reported by urban retail water suppliers.  
*(Staff Presentation) Staff Presenting: Marielle Rhodeiro, Charlotte Ely, James Nachbaur*

### **No Action Taken**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE**

5. Consideration of proposed order prepared by the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) on petition of Edward Voice for reconsideration of State Water Board [Order WR 2022-0152](#), which granted petitions of Garberville Sanitary District to change water-right License 3404 (Application A009686) and water-right Permit 20789 (Application A029981).  
*Staff Presenting: Alan Lilly*
  - [Agenda Item](#)
  - [Proposed Order](#)
  - [Notice of Petition for Reconsideration](#)

**Motion:** Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Order WR 2023-0006](#))

**Aye:** Chair Esquivel  
Vice Chair D'Adamo  
Member Maguire  
Member Firestone  
Member Morgan

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

### **Commenters**

*Edward Voice, General Public*

*Jennie Short, Garberville Sanitary District*

*Kristin Vogel, General Public*

*Linda Sutton, Redway Resident*

### **DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

6. Public Workshop to receive input on the Draft Guidelines for the Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program.  
*Staff Presenting: Pete Stamas, Meghan Tosney, Jean Fung*
  - [Agenda Item](#)
  - [Notice](#)

### **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*Dawn White, Golden State Water Company*  
*Clint Oliver, Central Valley Business Federation*  
*Rami Kahlon, California Water Service*  
*Magali Torres, California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce*  
*Jennifer Capitolo, California Water Association*  
*Erick Orellana, Community Water Center*  
*Jennie Short, Garberville Sanitary District*  
*Erik Johnson, Tuolumne Utilities District*

#### 7. Board Member Reports.

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at [Board Videos | California State Water Resources Control Board](#). It begins at 3:21:43 on the video for the February 7, 2023 Board Meeting.

### **No Action Taken**

#### 8. [Executive Director's Report](#)

### **No Action Taken**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE**

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on the proposed order prepared by the Administrative Hearings Office on petition of Edward Voice for re-consideration of State Water Board Order WR 2022-0152, which granted petitions of Garberville Sanitary District to change water-right License 3404 (Application A009686) and water-right Permit 20789 (Application A029981). This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).

### **The Board did not meet in Closed Session on the above Item.**

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on the proposed order being prepared by the Administrative Hearings Office on the draft Cease and Desist Order issued by the Assistant Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights Permitting and Enforcement Branch to BlueTriton Brands, Inc. This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).

### **The Board met in Closed Session on the above Item.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on February 2, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on February 2, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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\* Items on the uncontested items calendar may be removed at the request of any Board member or person. If an item is removed from the uncontested items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent board meeting to allow input by interested persons.

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