



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
SIERRA HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone (virtual); Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Meredith Thompson, Staff Services Manager I

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Instructions were given in regard to participating in the Remote Meeting.*
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REVISED
ITEM 4 – REMOVED
ADDED NEW ITEM 4.1

BOARD MEETING

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

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

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group on behalf of the City of Antioch

Jennifer West, WaterReuse CA

Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation

Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Joseph Weber, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Chris McCloud, Big Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians

Ron Montez Sr., Tribal Elder for Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Fred Briones, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Jeniece Jack, Big Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians

Dr. Jeanine Pfeiffer, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Patricia Franklin, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Anna Kladzyk Constantino, FlowWest / Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Theodora Johnson, Scott Valley Agriculture Water Alliance

Kirk Blaine, Native Fish Society

Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center

Lauren Sweezey, Scott Valley Agriculture Water Alliance

Robert Donlan, Ellison Schneider Harris & Donlan on behalf of Blue Triton Brands, Inc.

(Mr. Donlan did not speak. Instead, Chief Counsel Michael Lauffer noted for the record that Mr. Donlan had intended to speak on a motion recently filed with the State Water Board regarding the Blue Triton proceeding. Chief Counsel Lauffer had informed Mr. Donlan that the comments would not be permissible at this time under the Board's meeting notice and limitations on ex parte communications, and that Mr. Lauffer would provide the Board Members paper copies of the previously served motion.)

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the May 16-17, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the May 16-17, 2023 minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (June 6, 2023)

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: Vice Chair D'Adamo

Abstain: None

UNCONTESTED ITEM*

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to authorize the Executive Director or Designee to enter into or amend contracts utilizing drought resilience and response contract allocations.

Staff Presenting: Robert LaCasse, Erik Ekdahl

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution.

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2023-0015](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: Vice Chair D'Adamo

Abstain: None

Commenters

Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.

Staff Presenting: Erik Ekdahl, Marianna Aue, Erin Ragazzi, Charlotte Ely, Marielle Rhodeiro

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Sari Sommarstrom, General Public
Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center*

- ~~4. Hydrological Updates.~~

REMOVED

- 4.1 Information item on the drought and conservation reporting to the SAFER Clearinghouse.

Staff Presenting: Eric Zuniga, Darrin Polhemus

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Soren Nelson, Association of California Water Agencies
Andrea Abergel, California Municipal Utilities Association
Sue Mosburg, California-Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association*

*Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District
Christopher Gabelich, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center*

5. Board Member Reports.

No Action Taken

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at [Board Videos | California State Water Resources Control Board](#). It begins at 3:18:07 on the video for the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

No Action Taken

The Board recessed at 1:01 p.m. until Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

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Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Meredith Thompson, Staff Services Manager I
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

7. Consideration of addition of tribal beneficial uses to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Staff Presenting: Alyssa Aucelluzzo, Robert McCarthy, Diane Riddle, Tina Leahy

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Panelists

Gary Mulcahy, Winnemem Wintu Tribe

Emily Moloney, Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians

Krystal Moreno, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

Kasil Willie, Save California Salmon

Laverne Bill, Nomlaki Band of Paskenta Indians

Commenters

Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Merry Kate Lowry, Tribal Marine Collaborative

Andria Ventura, Clean Water Action

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

Ben Eichenberg, San Francisco Baykeeper

Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance

Keiko Mertz, Friends of the River

Atta Stevenson, President- California Indian Water Commission

Sydney Speizman, Stanford Environmental Law Clinic

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on June 1, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on June 1, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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