



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 9:02 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; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Michael Lauffer Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Administrative Assistant II
Beba Maletic, Administrative Assistant II

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

PRESENTATION OF SUSTAINED AND SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

- *Ali Dunn, with the Division of Information Management and Analysis (OIMA) presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Michelle Tang. Tessa*

Fojut, also with OIMA presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Kimberly Pham.

- *James Nachbaur, with the Office of Research, Planning and Performance, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Jami Ferguson and Krystle Taylor.*
- *Kathy Owen, with the Division of Information Technology, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the 2023 SAFER Team: Hans Munz, Jose Rodarte, Nushin Safaverdi, Ryan De Anda, Russell Hernandez, Ramesh Samala, Rick Sayakhom, Sam Saroia, Tran Ngo, and Vijaya Bhaskar R. Jonnalagadda.*
- *Andrew Altevogt, with the Division of Drinking Water, presented two Superior Accomplishment Awards. One to the Open and Transparent Water Data Act Team: David Leslie, Bansari Tailor, Hee Kyung Lim, Mawj Khammas, William Allen, Matthew Basinger, Vijaya Bhaskar R. Jonnalagadda, Ramesh Samala, Tran Ngo, and Hans Munz. The second award went to the 2022 SAFER Team: Kristyn Abhold, William Allen, Matthew Basinger, Jarma Bennett, Emma Blankenship, David Chan, James Garrett, Jason Headington, Vijaya Bhaskar R. Jonnalagadda, Mawj Khammas, Randell Koen, Artena Kubik, David Leslie, Hee Kyung Lim, Rafael Maestu, Jonnel Medina, Hans Munz, Lucio Orellana, Matthew Pavelchik, Christina D. Raynard, Ibyang Rivera, Himali Rodrigo, Bansari Tailor, Alexandru Talpasanu, Michelle Tang, and Zoe Wu*

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

Alton Wright, General Public

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

MOTION CARRIED ([January 17, 2024](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

UNCONTESTED ITEMS

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution for the approval, authorization, and direction of the execution of certain documents and authorizing and directing certain actions for the benefit of and with respect to the administration and funding of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and in connection with the issuance by the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) of up to \$350 million aggregate par amount of its bonds.

Staff Presenting: Michael Downey, Joshua Ziese, Matt Wilson

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [1-4 California Clean Water 2024 Indenture Series](#)
- [1-4 California Clean Water 2024 Notice of Sale](#)
- [IBank SRF Preliminary Official Statement](#)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0001](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to approve one hundred percent principal forgiveness or grant funding for the County of Fresno's Westside Groundwater Project, Project No. 1000359-005C.

Staff Presenting: Pete Stamas, Matthew Freese, Ellen Brooks

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

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0002](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region to remove the regionwide bacteria water quality objectives and insert discussion of the statewide REC-1 Bacteria Provisions.

Staff Presenting: Daniel Sussman, Andrew Jensen, Elizabeth Beryt

- [Revised Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on October 16, 2023
- [Summary of Comments](#)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0003](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: James Nachbaur, Ava Scally, Jessica Bean*

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD

6. Consideration of a proposed Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for nitrogen compounds in the Santa Ynez River basin, Santa Barbara County.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presentation: Peter Osmolovsky, Daniel Ellis, Mary Hamilton, Sophie Froelich*

- [Revised Notice of Consideration of Approval](#)
- [Notice of Opportunity to Comment](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on October 23, 2023
- [Response to Comments](#)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0004](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Winston Hurst, Santa Barbara Flyfishers

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER BOARD

7. Consideration of a proposed Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to revise the total maximum daily load for toxic pollutants in Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presentation: Celine Gallon, LB Nye, Thanhloan Nguyen, Adriana Nunez*

- [Notice of Consideration of Approval](#)
- [Notice of Opportunity to Comment](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Factsheet](#)
- [Factsheet Glossary](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on October 15, 2023
- [Response to Comments](#)

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0005](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay

Glen Kau, City of Norwalk

Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. 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 1:37:22 on the video for the January 17, 2024 Board Meeting.

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

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on January 11, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on January 11, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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