



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

COASTAL HEARING ROOM

Copies of the resolutions and water quality/water rights orders can be obtained by calling (916) 341-5600 or downloading from our website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/.

The video of the Board Meeting is available to view on our website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/video.shtml

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 19, 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; 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***

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

Mary Wood, Consumer of a Private Water Utility

Konrad Fisher, Water Climate Trust

Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center

Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center

David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River

Kimberly Burr, Green Valley Creek

Drev Hunt, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Debbie Peterson, GROVER H2O

Osha Meserve, representing various entities in Sacramento and the Bay-Delta

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the March 5, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the March 5, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([March 19, 2024](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

2. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Abbey Warner*

No Action Taken

Commenters

Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to amend the State Fiscal Year 2023-24 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan by providing the Division of Financial Assistance Deputy Director with discretion to reduce the Water Recycling Funding Program construction grant maximum.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Michael Downey, Sandeep Kals, Anthony Austin, Andy Sawyer*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written comments are due by noon on March 11, 2024
- [Change Sheet #1](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheet #1 and the correction as read into the record

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0010](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Beth Olhasso, WaterReuse

Debra Ann Early, General Public

Victor Early, General Public

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean

Alexandra Gunnell, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Jesse Cain, City of Colusa

Geoff English, Central Coast Blue Regional Recycled Water Authority

Robert McDonald, Carpinteria Valley Water District

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting an Emergency Regulation amending Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fee Schedules in Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 4.5, Section 1040 of the California Code of Regulations.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: David Ceccarelli, John Russell, David Rose*

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

Motion: Vice Chair D’Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with the spelling correction read into the record

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0011](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group

Soren Nelson, Association of California Water Agencies

*Ricardo Ortega, Grassland Water District, Resource Conservation District &
Groundwater Sustainability Agency*

Jeof Wyrick, El Rico Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Peter Kiel, Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Morgan Campbell, Westside Water Authority

Johnny Gailey, Delta View Water Association

Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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 3:44:30 on the video for the March 19, 2024 Board Meeting.

The Board recessed at 11:51 a.m. until Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:01 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (arrived at 9:05 a.m.); 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 (virtually)
Mike Read, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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BOARD WORKSHOP

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

5. Public Workshop to receive comments on changes to the proposed regulation to make conservation a California way of life.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Karina Herrera, Charlotte Ely, James Nachbaur, David Rose, Garrett Lenahan, Pedro Aratanha, Andy Sawyer*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Public Notice](#)
- [Text of Proposed Regulation](#)
- Written Comments are due by March 27, 2024

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Andy Morris, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Darcy Burke, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Greg Thomas, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District*

Chelsea Haines, Association of California Water Agencies
Andrea Abergel, California Municipal Utilities Association
Bob Gore, The Gualco Group
Melissa Sparks-Kranz, League of California Cities
Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento Department of Utilities
Tia Fleming, California Water Efficiency Partnership
Stacy Taylor, Mesa Water District
Amy Talbot, Regional Water Authority
Fiona Sanchez, Irvine Ranch Water District
Yasmeen Nubani, Twentynine Palms Water District
Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District
Jennifer Shimmin, Eastern Municipal Water District
Rosario Cortés, WateReuse California
Clark Elliott, Desert Water Agency
Victoria Vasquez, California ReLeaf
Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville, Environmental Utilities Department
Nate Adams, Santa Margarita Water District
Jennifer Capitolo, California Water Association
Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance
Joe Berg, Municipal Water District of Orange County
Heather Cooley, Pacific Institute
Martha Davis, Mono Lake Committee
Mark Gold, Natural Resources Defense Council and Heal the Bay
Elizabeth Lovsted, San Diego County Water Authority
Tim Worley, Community Water Systems Alliance
Tim Worley on behalf of Sue Mosburg, CA-NV American Water Works Association
Sandra Rose, Monte Vista Water District
Craig A. Jones, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
John Norwood, California Pool & Spa Association, Pool & Hot Tub Alliance
Evan Jacobs, California American Water
Michael Hadley, Western Municipal Water District
Ariel Flores, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa
Erin Morales, Cucamonga Valley Water District
Ashley Overhouse, Defenders of Wildlife
Ryan Ojakian, Regional Water Authority
Lydia Ponce, Idle No More SoCal & Venice
Josh Watkins, City of Redding
Conner Everts, Southern California Watershed Alliance
Jace Nunes, Citrus Heights Water District
Michael Powers, Valley Center Municipal Water District
Charles Bohlig, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Erin Woolley, Sierra Club California
Greg Bundesen, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Molly Troup, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

*Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
Malissa Hathaway McKeith, Citizens United for Resources and the Environment, Inc.
Danielle Coats, Rancho California Water District*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on March 14, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on March 14, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittals are to be sent via e-mail to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, **03/19-20/2024 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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