



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024
COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 9:01 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo; Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
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 SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

Erik Ekdahl, with the Division of Water Rights, and Kathy Owen, with the Division of Information Technology, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the UPWARD Project Team consisting of: Naila Malik, Stephen Severon, Jennifer Hernandez, Lindsay A. Kammeier, Tyler Gee, Andrew Hill, Jacob Pasner, Jeffrey Parks, Brent Vanderburgh, Cheryl Holden, Jeffrey Kapellas, Kiranmai Kesireddy, John Carotta, Jonnel Medina, Alexandru Talpasanu, Mischa Matsunami, and Sanjeet Singh.

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

Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

Mike McCullough, Monterey One Water

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the April 16-17, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the April 16-17, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (May 7, 2024)

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

Nay: None

Absent: Chair Esquivel

Abstain: None

UNCONTESTED ITEM

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to apply for and accept grants for Underground Storage Tank Corrective Action and Leak Prevention, and to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9.

Staff Presenting: Dayna Cordano, Steven Mullery, Cheryl Prowell, Annalisa Kihara, Merswind Reyer

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

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with the correction as read into the record by Michael Lauffer

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0016](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: Chair Esquivel

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.

Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, Erin Ragazzi

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

4. Recycled Water Research Program Update.

Staff Presenting: Laura McLellan, Cindy Figueroa, Claire Waggoner, Julie Minton (Water Research Foundation), John Albert (Water Research Foundation), Peter Grevatt (Water Research Foundation)

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

5. Consideration of a proposed Order setting aside water quality certifications for the Merced River and Merced Falls Hydroelectric Projects, Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project, and Don Pedro and La Grange Hydroelectric Projects.

Staff Presenting: Stephanie Postal, Erin Ragazzi

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Proposed Order](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on April 9, 2024

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Order

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

MOTION CARRIED ([Order WQ 2024-0046](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: Chair Esquivel

Abstain: None

Commenters

Cindy Charles, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Chris Shutes, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Thomas M. Berliner, Merced Irrigation District

Keiko Mertz, Friends of the River

BOARD WORKSHOP

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

6. Proposed revisions to Site Cleanup Subaccount Program ranking methodology and funding prioritization.

Staff Presenting: Ben Heningburg, Craig Sanchez, Joe Karkoski, Merswind Reyer

- [Agenda Item](#) ([Attachments A & B](#))

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Board Member Reports.

No Action Taken

No Board Member Reports.

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

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE/ DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517, accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and petitions for release from priority of state-filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517 (unassigned portion), 22235, 23780, and 23781 in favor of water right Application 25517X01 filed by the Sites Project Authority. (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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on May 2, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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