



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 Wednesday, October 16, 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; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Sean Maguire

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Elizabeth Carrillo, AGPA
Susan Reyes, AGPA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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

Diego Viramontes, City of McFarland

Saul Ayon, City of McFarland

Mary Wood, General Public

BOARD BUSINESS

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

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the October 1, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED (October 16, 2024)

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Firestone

Nay: None

Absent: Member Maguire

Abstain: Member Morgan

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

2. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.

*Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, Erin Ragazzi, Karla Nemeth (DWR),
Michael Anderson (DWR), Steven Springhorn (DWR)*

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution regarding flow efforts in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

Staff Presenting: Erin Ragazzi, Erik Ekdahl, Marianna Aue, Zachary Zwahlen, Phillip Dutton

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Change Sheet #1](#)

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheet #1, with additions as read into the record by Erin Ragazzi based on input from Vice Chair D'Adamo, language changes as read in by Michael Lauffer, and further discussion on long-term objectives and goals at a future meeting, as stated by Erik Ekdahl.

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0036](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: Member Maguire

Abstain: None

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Panel:

Crystal Robinson, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Michael Harris, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Scott Petitioners Panel:

Councilmember Arron "Troy" Hockaday, Karuk Tribe of California

Craig Tucker, Yurok Natural Resources Department

Nathaniel Kane, Karuk Tribe of California, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's

Associations, Institute for Fisheries Resources, & Environmental Law Foundation

Siskiyou County Groundwater Sustainability Agency:

Matt Parker, Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Laura Foglia, University of California, Davis and Larry Walker Associates

Ray Haupt, County of Siskiyou, District 5

Michael Kobseff, County of Siskiyou, District 3

Agricultural Panel:

Ryan Walker, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau

Gary Black, Scott Valley Conservation Consultant

Brandon Fawaz, Siskiyou County Farmer

Shasta Petitioners Panel:

*Dave Webb, Friends of the Shasta River
Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance
Sarah Schaefer, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation*

Final Panel:

*Michael Harris, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Michael Belchik, Yurok Tribe
Eli Scott, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Laura Foglia, University of California, Davis and Larry Walker Associates
Nathaniel Kane, Karuk Tribe of California, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's
Associations, Institute for Fisheries Resources, & Environmental Law Foundation
Ryan Walker, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau
Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance*

Commenters

*Konrad Fisher, Water Climate Trust
Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center
Richard F. Marshall, Siskiyou County Water Users Association
Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center
Angelina Cook, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Andrew Marx, Shasta River Steward for Native Fish Society
Alex Biering, California Farm Bureau
Ashley Overhouse, Defenders of Wildlife
Akashdeep Singh, Union of Concerned Scientists
Josh C.V. Knutilla, General Public
Ned Nichols, General Public
Theodora Johnson, Scott Valley Agriculture Water Alliance
Gareth Plank, General Public
Kry, General Public
Kasil Willie, Save California Salmon
Kam Bezdek on behalf of Analise Rivero, California Trout
Matt Clifford, Trout Unlimited
Vivian Helliwell, Commercial Fishing Family Business
Eli Scott, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
Scott Harding, American Whitewater
Charnna Gilmore, Scott River Watershed Council*

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4. 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 9:52:22 on the video for the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:15 p.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.

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the water right change petition filed by the California Department of Water Resources to add two new points of diversion and rediversion to water right permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) for the State Water Project associated with the Delta Conveyance Project. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).)

The Board met in Closed Session on the above item.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the status of and receive legal advice concerning a complaint filed against the Board pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000(d) *et seq.*, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's nondiscrimination regulation, at 40 C.F.R. Part 7, pertaining to the Board's water quality standards setting in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed (EPA File No. 01RNO-23-R9). (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)

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 October 10, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on October 10, 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, **10/16/2024 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

If you have questions about the agenda, or if you do not have internet access and need a telephone number to participate in the meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600 prior to the date of the meeting.

If you would like to request a copy of public comments submitted on an agenda item, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the Board meeting date, and agenda item by name and number.

Agenda and items will be available electronically at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml

*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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