



# **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025** **COASTAL HEARING ROOM**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9:03 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 (virtual); 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  
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director  
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board  
Elizabeth Carrillo, AGPA

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

# **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**

## **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**

*Spencer Fern, Restore the Delta*  
*Morgen Snyder, Restore the Delta*  
*Artie Valencia, Restore the Delta*  
*MacKenzie Owens, Restore the Delta*  
*Sara Medina, Restore the Delta*  
*Max Gomberg, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians*  
*Michael Frost, General Public*  
*Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Restore the Delta*  
*Roger Mammon, General Public*  
*Ashley Castaneda, Restore the Delta*  
*Eric Buescher, San Francisco Baykeeper*  
*Geoff Ellsworth, General Public*  
*Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon*  
*Gary Bobker, Friends of the River*  
*Mariah Lauritzen, Golden State Salmon*  
*Cintia Cortez, Restore the Delta*

## **PRESENTATION OF SUSTAINED SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS**

- *David Ceccarelli, with the Division of Administrative Services (DAS) presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Sarah Fong. Lucia Neri, also with DAS presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Davy Lan.*
- *Phil Crader, with the Division of Water Quality, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Steven Mullery.*
- *Brianna St. Pierre, with the Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Sarah Sugar and Anthony Wohletz.*
- *James Nachbaur and Laura Fisher, both with the Office of Research, Planning and Performance, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to the Making Conservation a California Way of Life & Drought Response team, consisting of: Charlotte Ely, Mary Penno, David Rose, Garrett Lenahan,*

*Marielle Rhodeiro, Paola Gonzalez, Karina Herrera, Christopher Hyun,  
Pedro Aratanha, and Ava Scally.*

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the March 18, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the March 18, 2025 Board Meeting minutes

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([April 2, 2025](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

## **UNCONTESTED ITEM**

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to authorize the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance or designee to approve cleanup and abatement account funds and execute agreements and amendments for sewer system administrator projects.

*Staff Presenting: Kristyn Abhold, Josh Ziese, Ellen Brooks*

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

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution No. 2025-0009](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

## **Commenters**

*None*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

3. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.  
*Staff Presenting: Abbey Warner*

**No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*None*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE**

4. Consideration and potential adoption of a proposed Order in the Matter of the draft Cease and Desist Order Issued Against David Collenberg for violations for failure to comply with diversion measurement and reporting regulations.

*Staff Presenting: Sam Bivins*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Proposed Order](#)

**Motion:** Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Order

**Seconded by:** Board Member Morgan

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Order WR 2025-0006](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

### **Commenters**

*Debi Ores, State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Enforcement*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

5. 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 3:13:17 on the video for the April 2, 2025 Board Meeting.

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

**No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*None*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 1:45 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 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.**

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.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE**

The Board will meet in closed session to deliberate on a proposed order in the Matter of the Draft Cease and Desist Order Issued Against David Collenberg for Violations for Failure to Comply with Diversion Measurement and Reporting Regulations. (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.**

## **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 March 27, 2025 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on March 27, 2025 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](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, **04/02/2025 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](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov), identifying the Board meeting date, and agenda item by name and number.

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\*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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