



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025
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, November 4, 2025 at 9:05 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
Phil Wyels, Assistant Chief Counsel
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Susan Reyes, AGPA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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

John Martin, Institute of Progressive Medicine

Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED (November 4, 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 for the approval, authorization, and direction of certain actions including the execution of certain documents related to the administration and funding of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and in connection with the issuance by the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) of up to \$600 million aggregate par amount of its bonds.

Staff Presenting: Michael Downey, Joshua Ziese, Matt Wilson

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [California Clean Water 2025 Indenture Series](#)
- [1-4 California Clean Water 2025 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. 2025-0033)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.

Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

4. Saxitoxins, Benzotriazole, and Trifluoroacetic Acid Analytical Method Development in Collaboration with Department of Food and Agriculture – Center for Analytical Chemistry.

Staff Presenting: Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso, Robert Brownwood, Melissa Hall, Mohammadrez Chehelamirani (CDFA), Barzin Moradi (CDFA), John Kelly (CDFA)

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

5. Update on flow-related efforts in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, including long-term efforts.

Staff Presenting: Daniel Shultz, Erin Ragazzi, Zachary Zwahlen, Marianna Aue

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Panel:

Michael Harris, CDFW

Crystal Robinson, CDFW

Siskiyou County Farm Bureau Panel:

Ryan Walker, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau

Brandon Fawaz, Local Producer

Laura Foglia, Larry Walker and Associates

Commenters

Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center

David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River

Konrad Fisher, Water Climate Trust

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

Eli Asarian, Riverbend Sciences

Angelina Cook, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation

Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center

Madi Richards, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Eli Scott, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Brook M Thompson, UC Santa Cruz Ph.D. Student

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

6. Consideration of a proposed Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

Staff Presenting: Jasmine Oaxaca, Kristyn Abhold, Lauren Marshall

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written comments were due by noon on July 31, 2025

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2025-0034)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Angela Islas, Central California Environmental Justice Network

Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center

Fray Argueta, Community Member

Gloria Vasquez, Community Member

Alejandra Cruz, Community Member

Jimena Cruz, Community Member

Guadalupe Beltran, Central California Environmental Justice Network

Rhett Anderson, Self-Help Enterprises

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. 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 5:43:50 on the video for the November 4, 2025 Board Meeting.

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

No Action Taken

The Board recessed at 5:19 p.m. until Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 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 (arrived at 9:13 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Michael Laufer, Chief Counsel
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Elizabeth Carrillo, AGPA

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BOARD WORKSHOP

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

9. Workshop on draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for consideration of potential updates to the Bay-Delta Plan to incorporate the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Proposal (also referred to as a Voluntary Agreement) for the Tuolumne River.

Staff Presenting: Stephen Louie, Tim Nelson, Diane Riddle, Erin Foresman, Dan Worth, David Coupe, Erik Loboschefsky (DWR)

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement](#)
- Written Comments are due by noon on November 7, 2025

No Action Taken

Panel 1: Tuolumne River Parties- General Managers

Brad Koehn, Turlock Irrigation District
Jimi Netniss, Modesto Irrigation District
Dennis Herrera, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Michael Cooke, Turlock Irrigation District
John Davids, Modesto Irrigation District
Ellen Levin, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Panel 2: Tuolumne River Parties- Technical Staff

Olivia Cramer, Turlock Irrigation District
Matt Moses, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Bill Sears, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
David Kowalik, HDR, Inc.

Panel 3: Non-governmental Organization

Jon Rosenfield, San Francisco Baykeeper
Devon Pearse, Friends of the River

Panel 4: Non-governmental Organization

Chris Shutes, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Peter Drekmeier, Yosemite Rivers Alliance
Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association

Commenters

David Monroy on behalf of Assemblymember Juan Alanis, California State Assembly
District 22
Councilmember David Cohen, City of San Jose
Tom Chambers, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)
Karen Hardy, BAWSCA
Webster Lincoln, BAWSCA
Leslie Marden-Ragsdale, BAWSCA
Aziz Akbari, Alameda County Water District
Julianne Phillips, Office of Senator Alvarado-Gil
Tom Smegal, BAWSCA
Dave White, Opportunity Stanislaus
Adrian Covert, Bay Area Council
Amber Rossow, Association of California Water Agencies
Don Gilbert, on behalf of the California Municipal Utilities Association
Dave Warner, General Public
Tom Hofstra, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
Trisha Valasquez, Save California Salmon
Martin Gothberg, General Public
Denise Louie, Center for Biological Diversity
Verna Jigour, Rainfall to Groundwater
John Buckley, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
Mary Butterwick, General Public

James Clarke, General Public
Mark Gonzalves, General Public
Efraim Lopez, Save California Salmon
Les Kishler, General Public
David Ragland, Yosemite Rivers Alliance
Tom Hicks, City of San Francisco resident
Kristopher Anderson, California Chamber of Commerce
John Herrick, General Public
Rebecca Dawn Wu, River organizations TRT
Gordon Hollingsworth, General Public
Tom Myers, Stanislaus Audubon Society
Carol Thornton, Yosemite Rivers Alliance
Dick Powers, Yosemite Rivers Alliance
Kate Laughlin, General Public
Christina Berteau, General Public
John McManus, General Public
Drew Bost, Mid-Peninsula Water District
David Schrom, General Public
Ron Beltramo, Northern California Council - Fly Fishers International
Hilary Hug, General Public
Andrew Nepomuceno, Magic, Incorporated
Ali Cetin, General Public
Jeff Brown, General Public
John Rosapepe, General Public
Jeffrey Hook, Magic, Incorporated
Cynthia Neuwalder, General Public
Arnold Thompson, General Public
Gary Bobker, Friends of the River
Kathryn Hug, General Public
Jason Foster, General Public
Margaret Hetherington, General Public
David Muffly, Magic, Incorporated

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:16 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 met 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 30, 2025 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on October 30, 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. Please indicate in the subject line, **11/04-05/2025 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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