



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
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 17, 2026 at 9:04 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (joined virtually at 12:58 p.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
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Erik Ekdahl, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Elizabeth Carrillo, AGPA
Beba Maletic, 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

Ryan Bezerra, BKS Law Firm - City of Camarillo

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group

Ryan Senneff, General Public

Nancy Arbuckle, General Public

Martin Gothberg, General Public

Santeena Pugliese, Department of Water Protection

Norma Wallace, General Public

Dan Metz, Sky Acres Mutual Water Company

Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the March 3, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the March 3, 2026 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

MOTION CARRIED (March 17, 2026)

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: Vice Chair D'Adamo

Abstain: None

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to delegate authorities for use and allocation of available Cleanup & Abatement Account Funds for Tier 2 – Secondary Urgency Cleanup & Abatement Account projects.

Staff Presenting: Karen Mogus, Josh Ziese, Adriana Renteria, Lauren Marshall

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

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0009)

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: Vice Chair D'Adamo

Abstain: None

Commenters

Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Kristina Duggan, Councilmember, City of Long Beach

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEM 3 WILL NOT BEGIN BEFORE 1:00 P.M.

3. Mono Lake modeling information item.

Staff Presenting: Jonathan Bishop, Jessica Bean, Erin Bender, David Rose, Alex Hall (UCLA Center for Climate Science), Ben Bass (UCLA Center for Climate Science), Eric Tillemans (LADWP), Mike Deas Watercourse Engineering), Maureen McGlinchy (Mono Lake Committee), Greg Reis (Mono Lake Committee), Graham Meese (CDFW), Ryan Cooper (CDFW), Dean Tonenna (Kootzaduka'a Tribe)

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Paul McFarland, Mono County Board of Supervisors

Edie Chang, California Air Resources Board

Ann Logan, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

Marc Del Piero, Self - past Vice Chair SWRCB

Peter Vorster, Consultant to the Mono Lake Committee

Noah Williams, Vice-Chair for CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee

Madi Richards, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Bartshe Miller, Mono Lake Committee

Conner Everts, Southern California Watershed Alliance
David Winkler, General Public
Taylor Broadhead, Audubon California
Martha Davis on behalf of Mary Nichols, former Chair of CARB and Secretary of CNRA
Brian Schmid, Formation Environmental
Yohannes Yimam, Formation Environmental
George Paul, Formation Environmental
Nancee Murray, Friends of the Inyo
Geoffrey McQuilkin, Mono Lake Committee
Lauryn Garcia, State Senator Henry Stern
Redgie Collins, California Trout
Richard Roos-Collins, CalTrout
Martha Guzman Aceves, General Public
Rose Reis-Jackson, Member Mono Lake Committee
Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles City Council, retired
5 Mono Lake Volunteers on behalf of the 75 members of the Mono Lake Volunteers
Heidi Calvert, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marina Castellino, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network Executive Office
Diego Murguia, General Public
Erin Ryan, University of Southern California and Florida State University
Maura Monagan, Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Mark Lopez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Clare Letmon, Los Angeles Business Council
Tapash Das, Jacobs
Mark Gold, General Public
Santeena Pugliese, Department of Water Protection
Melanie Torres, Pacoima Beautiful
Andrew Gronewold, University of Michigan
David Schrom, General Public
Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California
Arturo Garcia, TNC
Ryan Burnett, Point Blue Conservation Science
Rich Adams, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Scott Stine, General Public

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 1:27:10 on the video for the March 17, 2026 Board Meeting.

No Action Taken- Item was heard directly after Item 2.

Commenters

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned on March 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public.

Closed Session may be held on Tuesday, March 17, Wednesday, March 18, or both days. No open meeting agenda items will be heard on Wednesday, March 18.

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 redirection 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 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 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 March 12, 2026 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on March 12, 2026 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, **03/17/2026 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.

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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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