



# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026  
COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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 (arrived at 9:08 a.m.); 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 (left at 10:11 a.m.)  
Andy Sawyer, Assistant Chief Counsel (arrived at 10:11 a.m.)  
Stefan Spich, Office of Chief Counsel (arrived at 11:30 a.m.)  
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director  
Erik Ekdahl, Chief Deputy Director  
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
Elizabeth Carrillo, Analyst II  
Susan Reyes, Analyst II

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

# **TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

## **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**

*Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental*

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the May 5, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the May 5, 2026 Board Meeting minutes

**Seconded by:** Board Member Maguire

**MOTION CARRIED** (May 19, 2026)

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

### **COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL BOARD**

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to establish the total maximum daily loads and implementation plan for pyrethroid pesticides in Alamo River and New River, Imperial County.

***Staff Presenting: Emma McCorkle, David Lancaster***

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)

- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on November 22, 2024
- [Response to Comments](#)

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

**Seconded by:** Board Member Morgan

**MOTION CARRIED** (Resolution No. 2026-0017)

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Commenters**

*None*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

3. Racial Equity Action Plan Annual Update.

*Staff Presenting: Amy Kronson, Veronica Farwell, Anna Holder, Annalisa Kihara, Jessica Bean, Michael Downey, Jackie Carpenter, Selina Dolores, James Nachbaur, Christopher Marquis, Nathan Blacksmith, Karen Mogus*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Racial Equity Action Plan 2025 Annual Update](#)

**No Action Taken**

**Commenters**

*Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center*

*Erick Orellana, Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability*

**BOARD WORKSHOP**

**DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

4. Board Workshop Presentation on the draft State Fiscal Year 2026-27 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan with Supplemental Intended Use Plan for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Emerging Contaminants and Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Act of 2024 and Propositions 1, 68, and 4.

*Staff Presenting: Lisa Hong, Michael Downey, Bridget Chase, Matt Wilson*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)

- [Draft 2026-27 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan](#)
- Written Comments are due by noon on May 27, 2026

### **No Action Taken**

#### **Commenters**

*Heidi Oriol, Sacramento Area Sewer District*

*David Kehn, City of Chico*

*Brenley McKenna, WateReuse California*

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

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 3:38:56 on the video for the May 19, 2026 Board Meeting.

### **No Action Taken**

#### **Commenters**

*None*

**The Board recessed at 3:01 p.m. until Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 9:03 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  
David Rose, Office of 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  
Susan Reyes, Analyst II

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **BOARD WORKSHOP**

### **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

6. Annual public workshop on the status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program.

*Staff Presenting: Stephanie Holstege, Amanda Montgomery*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Staff Report 2026](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on May 11, 2026

### **No Action Taken**

### **Introduction:**

*Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency*

### **Commenters**

*Tina Shields, Imperial Irrigation District*

**Phase 1 Update**

*Joe Shea, California Natural Resources Agency  
Melinda Dorin, Department of Water Resources  
Mario Llanos, California Natural Resources Agency  
Evon Willhoff, Department of Water Resources  
Miguel Hernandez, California Natural Resources Agency  
Tonya Marshall, California Department of Fish and Wildlife*

**Commenters**

*Lauren Elachi, Audubon California  
Juan Pablo Landeros, Salton Sea Conservation Coalition  
Dan Orr, Audubon California  
Chris Stransky, GEI Consultants Inc  
Camila Bautista, Audubon California  
Czar Tide, Nureaum  
Brian Schmid, Formation*

**Panel 1**

*Joe Shea, California Natural Resources Agency  
Patrick O'Dowd, Salton Sea Authority  
Evon Willhoff, Department of Water Resources  
Susan Ming, Army Corps of Engineers*

**Panel 2**

*Iröndäd, Environmental Activist and Athlete  
Luis Olmedo, Comite Civico del Valle  
Eric Montoya Reyes, Los Amigos de la Comunidad  
Isamay Pasillas, Imperial Valley Equity and Justice*

**Commenters**

*Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute  
Larissa Sinclair, Visit Salton Sea & former cohort of the Audubon Salton Sea  
Leadership Program  
Czar Tide, Nureaum*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned on May 20, 2026 at 3:50 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 on May 19.**

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 on May 19.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on May 14, 2026 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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