
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2026, 8:00 a.m.
Friday, February 27, 2026, 8:00 a.m.
Central Coast Water Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Video and teleconference recordings of the meeting are currently available on the following website: <https://cal-span.org/static/meetings-RWQCB-CC.php>

Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 26, 2026, 8:04 a.m.

Board Business

1. Roll call and declaration of quorum
Kai Johnson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3686,
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Present: Chair Gray, Member Rodriguez, Member Roques, Vice Chair Wolff,
Member Hoskins

Absent: Member Harlan

Chair Gray declared quorum for the meeting

2. Introductions
[Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
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Julia Hill was introduced as an Environmental Scientist in the 401 Program.

Emily Jensen Wolf was introduced as an Environmental Scientist in the Stormwater Program.

Grace Young was introduced as the new Sea Grant Fellow.

Karyn Steckling was introduced as a Water Resource Control Engineer in the Stormwater Program.

3. Approval of Board meeting minutes, December 11-12, 2025

Motion: Member Rodriguez

Second: Member Roques

Aye: Chair Gray, Member Rodriguez, Member Hoskins, Member Roques

Absent: Member Harlan

Abstain: Vice Chair Wolff

Motion Carried: 4 to 0

JANE GRAY, CHAIR | RYAN E. LODGE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

4. Central Coast Water Board Members (Board Members) communications, including ex parte disclosures and Board member reports. Board members will identify any ex parte discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.40, and Board members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Member Roques

- January 9, 2026 - Met with Assemblymember Dawn Addis.
- January 30, 2026 - Attended Board briefing related to the Diablo Canyon item with Member Hoskins.
- February 11, 2026 - Attended the Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel working group meeting via Zoom.
- February 18, 2026 - Attended Board meeting briefing meeting with Member Hoskins.

Member Hoskins:

- January 9, 2026 - Met with Assemblymember Dawn Addis.
- January 20, 2026 - Spoke with the Retired Active Men organization in San Luis Obispo on general topics.
- January 30, 2026 - Attended Board briefing related to the Diablo Canyon item with Member Roques.
- February 3, 2026 - Phone call with Martha Guzman Aceves regarding the Community Water Center.
- February 3, 2026 - Attended staff briefing on Diablo Canyon Section 401 Certifications.
- February 18, 2026 - Attended Board meeting briefing with Member Roques.

Vice Chair Wolff

- January 20, 2026 – Attended the Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting, San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport PFAS Voluntary Cleanup and Abatement Agreement.
- February 4, 2026 - Attended Board meeting briefing related to the Diablo Canyon item.
- February 5, 2026 - Participated in a presentation at Cal Poly on water-related career opportunities.
- February 10, 2026 - Attended the San Luis Obispo County Airport PFAS groundwater contamination public meeting.

Member Rodriguez:

- February 4, 2026 - Attended Board briefing related to the Diablo Canyon item.
- February 20, 2026 - Attended Board meeting briefing.

Chair Gray:

- January 13, 2026 - Call with Natalie Herendeen of Monterey Coastkeeper.
- January 20, 2026 – Attended the Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting, San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport PFAS Voluntary Cleanup and Abatement Agreement.
- January 29, 2026 - Attended Board briefing for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant item.
- February 2, 2026 - Call with Brandon Bollinger of the Community Water Center.
- February 10, 2026 - Attended the San Luis Obispo County Airport PFAS groundwater contamination public meeting.
- February 12, 2026 - Participated in a Bren panel discussion held by the University of California, Santa Barbara.
- February 19, 2026 - Attended Board meeting briefing.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison, Sean Maguire

State Water Board Liaison, Sean Maguire provided updates on leadership and ongoing efforts to revise and improve the State Board's strategic work plan. Sean Maguire also reported initiatives including prioritization of the Bay-Delta Plan update this year and continued progress on efforts such as the irrigated lands expert panel.

6. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair [Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer]

Nomination of the Central Coast Water Board's Vice Chair.

Chair Gray nominated Member Rodriguez as Vice Chair. Member Rodriguez accepted the nomination.

Motion: Chair Gray

Second: Member Hoskins

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Member Rodriguez, Member Hoskins, Member Roques

Absent: Member Harlan

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Nomination of the Central Coast Water Board's Chair.

Vice Chair Rodriguez motioned to nominate Chair Gray for reelection as Chair.

Chair Gray accepted the nomination.

Second: Member Wolff

Minutes

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins,
Member Roques

Absent: Member Harlan

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

NPDES

7. Consideration of Permits for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Power Plant, San Luis Obispo County

7a. Proposed Order R3-2026-0001, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Pacific Gas and Electric Company Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit CA0003751*

7b. Proposed Order 34024WQ31, Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Federal License

[Harvey Packard, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer; Phil Hammer, Senior Environmental Scientist, Mark Lemus, Water Resource Control Engineer, Drew Friedrichs, Water Resource Control Engineer, April Woods, Environmental Scientist]

Staff presented the proposed NPDES Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant and provided an overview of the Facility's permitting and compliance history and described changes to effluent limitations and requirements for the new Permit. Staff explained that the permit includes new special studies, such as: dilution modeling, seafoam assessment, climate hazard evaluation, updated impingement and entrainment studies. Water Board staff discussed the removal of receiving water limitations, among other permit-related topics. Water Board staff also described the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's renewal licensing procedure for Diablo Canyon Power Plant's reactors triggering the need for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Water Board staff discussed how the 401 Water Quality Certification would require compliance with the proposed NPDES permit and PG&E's industrial stormwater permit. Representatives from PG&E provided information on current plant operations, marine monitoring, timelines related to decommissioning, mitigation, and future updates to the Board and staff.

Board members asked questions about timelines for required studies, climate change risks, regulatory authority over radioactive discharges, once-through cooling requirements, decommissioning, how the permit aligns with SB 846, and other permit-related questions. Thirty-two public commenters expressed both support and opposition. Staff recommended adoption of the permit and certification with edits, including that climate change study results be shared with appropriate agencies in a timely manner.

7a.

Motion: Vice Chair Rodriguez motioned to adopt the Order R3-2026-0001, Waste Discharge Requirements for Pacific Gas and Electric Company Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, with edits.

Second: Member Wolff

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins, Member Roques

Absent: Member Harlan

7b.

Motion: Vice Chair Rodriguez motioned to adopt Order 34024WQ31, Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Federal License.

Second: Member Wolff

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins, Member Roques

Absent: Member Harlan

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 15:11.

Friday, February 27, 8:00 a.m.

Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Friday, February 27, 2026, 8:01 a.m.

Board Business

8. Roll call and declaration of quorum
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Present: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Roques, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins

Absent: Member Harlan

Chair Gray declared quorum for the meeting

9. Introductions [Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
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Public Forum

10. Any person may orally address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda.

No Public Comments

11. Status Update: Administrative Orders on Consent for California Men's Colony, CDCR, and U.S. EPA [Tamara Anderson, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Arwen Wyatt-Mair, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Mark Lemus, Water Resource Control Engineer]

Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer, explained that the informational item responds to a request from Board members for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to provide an update on the status of CDCR's compliance with the two Administrative Orders on Consent (AOCs) issued by U.S. EPA to address alleged violations at the California Men's Colony water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Tamara Anderson, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, introduced the item, followed by U.S. EPA representatives Amy Miller (Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, Region IX) and Adam Howell (Case Lead), who summarized CDCR's progress in meeting the conditions in the AOCs. They noted that unpermitted discharges from the drinking water infrastructure had been stopped and that several repairs had already been made to some of the critical infrastructure at the wastewater treatment plant. U.S. EPA acknowledged that CDCR has made significant operational improvements at the wastewater treatment plant, but emphasized that additional work is still needed, specifically concerning copper and other constituents in the effluent.

Laurie Perri, Chief of the Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Section with CDCR, summarized several of the tasks completed under the AOCs, outlined completed and ongoing repairs at the drinking water reservoirs and wastewater treatment plant, and presented updated timelines for wastewater treatment plant improvements extending through the end of 2029. Board members asked detailed questions regarding staffing, emergency response, pretreatment oversight, contracting delays, and milestone and compliance tracking.

No public comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

12. Consideration of Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of ACL Order: Goleta West Sanitary District. [Angela Schroeter, Assistant Executive Officer, Tamara Anderson, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Paul Ciccarelli, Attorney IV, State Water Board Office of Enforcement]

Angela Schroeter, Assistant Executive Officer, introduced the proposed settlement to resolve an alleged violation by Goleta West Sanitary District for the unauthorized discharge of an estimated 1,071,696 gallons of untreated

wastewater in February 2024 from a corroded force main that ultimately reached the Pacific Ocean.

Prosecution Team members Tamara Anderson, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, and Paul Ciccarelli, State Water Board Office of Enforcement Attorney, presented the facts of the case and explained the basis for the proposed administrative civil liability of \$1,551,145 against Goleta West Sanitary District, including potential for harm scoring, high volume discharge considerations, and the application of a cleanup and cooperation factor. Tamara Anderson also explained, as a term of settlement, the proposed administrative civil liability amount would be suspended to fund the Santa Barbara County Point of Entry and Point of Use Pilot Project, a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that is consistent with the Central Coast Water Board's settlement project priorities. The Prosecution Team recommended that the Board adopt the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order R3-2025-0074, with edits to update the Order number to R3-2026-0023, finding the settlement fair, reasonable, and consistent with State Water Board's Enforcement Policy.

Board members asked questions about spill detection and monitoring, response procedures, communication protocols, historical pipeline assessments, corrosion and cathodic protection, and details related to the proposed SEP.

Joey Hilliard, General Manager of Goleta West Sanitary District, summarized both completed and ongoing corrective actions, including emergency repairs, enhancements to monitoring and alarm systems, and advanced inspections and assessments of the force main.

The following individuals provided public comment.

Name	Title/Organization
Paula Perotte	Mayor of the City of Goleta
Jennifer Smith	Mayor Pro Tempore (District 3) of the City of Goleta
Laura Capps	Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara
Molly Troup	Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

Motion: Member Hoskins motioned to adopt Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order R3-2025-0074 with edits to update the Order number to R3-2026-0023.

Second: Vice Chair Rodriguez

Aye: Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Hoskins, Member Roques

Nay: Chair Gray, Member Wolff

Absent: Member Harlan

Motion Carried: 3 to 2

13. Enforcement Report [Tamara Anderson, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Kelsey DeLong, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Angela Schroeter, Assistant Executive Officer]

Kelsey DeLong, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, presented the quarterly Enforcement Report summarizing recent Central Coast Water Board enforcement actions taken between August 1 and December 31, 2025. The enforcement actions included the issuance of three Administrative Civil Liability Orders (ACLs) to resolve mandatory minimum penalties for effluent limitation violations, two discretionary ACLs resolved through settlement, two Expedited Payment Program letters, and Notices of Violation covering various Central Coast Water Board regulatory programs.

No public comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

14. Executive Officer's Report [Executive Officer, Ryan Lodge]

Ryan Lodge introduced the report by explaining the purpose and structure of the Executive Officer's Report, noting that it primarily consists of table-based summaries of routine staff work, such as enrollments in general orders, cleanup case closures, and ongoing compliance activities, as well as updates on special projects or items requested by Board members.

Executive Officer Lodge provided an update from the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP), which included a recent pesticide monitoring study conducted in the Pajaro and Salinas River watersheds. Board members asked questions about the source of the pesticides, how to interpret the data, and how the findings fit within existing monitoring programs.

No public comments were received.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 15:25.

Jane Gray, Chair