
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

City Hall, City of Goleta

130 Cremona Drive, Goleta, CA 93117

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Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Board Business

1. Roll call and declaration of quorum
[Kai Johnson, Clerk to the Board]

Present: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Roques, Member Hoskins

Absent: Member Wolff

Chair Gray declared a quorum for the meeting.

2. Introductions
[Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer]

Central Coast Water Board staff recognized Harvey Packard's upcoming retirement after more than 34 years of service to the State of California and the Central Coast Water Board. Harvey served as a Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer and the region's first section manager, leading major water-quality efforts and mentoring generations of staff. Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer Tamara Anderson presented a resolution of appreciation, and Board members and staff thanked him for his service.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Member Wolff

Resolution Adopted: 4 to 0

3. Approval of Board meeting minutes, April 16-17, 2026.

Motion: Member Roques

Second: Vice Chair Rodriguez

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Member Wolff

Member Wolff joined the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

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 Wolff

- May 22, 2026 - Hosted the San Luis Obispo County Sierra Club at Wolff Vineyards for a presentation on sustainability, with emphasis on water quantity and water quality in permanent crops.
- May 2026 - Held two calls with District 3 Supervisor, Don Ortiz-Legg, regarding the San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Management Program and the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport.
- June 11, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting.

Member Hoskins

- May 14-15, 2026 - Attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- June 3, 2026 - Attended public meeting in Soledad regarding the Hacienda Apartments wastewater consolidation.
- June 9, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Chair Gray.

Member Roques

- April 22, 2026 - As a Board member of the Coastal San Luis Obispo Resource Conservation District attended a meeting with Senator Laird's staff, San Luis Obispo County Special Districts, and a California Special Districts Association representative.
- April 30, 2026 - Attended the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, Central Coast Region meeting in Aromas, including a field tour of a managed aquifer recharge project in Aromas.
- May 6, 2026 - Attended the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting, where the County presented an update on its desalination planning process.
- May 7, 2026 - Attended the Morro Bay National Estuary Program State of the Bay event at Cuesta College.
- May 14-15, 2026 - Attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting in Sacramento.

- June 3, 2026 - Attended public meeting in Soledad regarding the Hacienda Apartments wastewater consolidation.
- June 10, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting.

Vice Chair Rodriguez

- April 24 and May 29, 2026 - Attended monthly Chair and Vice Chair meeting.
- May 14-15, 2026 - Attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- May 28, 2026 - Attended a groundbreaking for a recycled water recharge facility in Carpinteria.
- June 3, 2026 - Attended public meeting in Soledad regarding the Hacienda Apartments wastewater consolidation.
- June 4, 2026 - Attended a Brownstein presentation on the water and land use connection in Santa Barbara.
- June 11, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Member Wolff.

Chair Gray

- May 1, 2026 - Call with Santa Barbara County Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann, County staff, the Trust for Public Land, Central Coast Water Board staff, and Executive Officer Lodge regarding the Gaviota Marine Terminal.
- May 4, 2026 - Call with Brandon Bollinger of the Community Water Center.
- May 14-15, 2026 - Attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting.
- May 18, 2026 - Attended the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport Voluntary Cleanup and Abatement Agreement Community Advisory Group meeting.
- May 19, 2026 - Attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies Clean Water SoCal Workshop on nutrient management research in Southern California.
- June 1, 2026 - Administered the oath of office to incoming Board Member Farfalla Borah.
- June 2, 2026 - Call with Central Coast Water Board staff and City of Santa Barbara staff.
- June 3, 2026 - Attended public meeting in Soledad regarding the Hacienda Apartments wastewater consolidation.
- June 9, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Member Hoskins.
- June 16, 2026 - Call with Brandon Bollinger and Kelsey Hinton of the Community Water Center.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison
Sean Maguire provided an update on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

6. Public Forum

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

Administrative Items

7. Board Calendar 2027

Executive Officer Lodge presented the proposed 2027 Board meeting calendar. The Board discussed and continued the item to the following day, June 18, 2026.

8. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Ryan Lodge presented the Executive Officer's Report, including summary tables of Section 401 water quality certification applications and issuances, groundwater cleanup case closures and performance metrics, and general order and waiver enrollments completed since the previous Board meeting.

Ryan Lodge highlighted two agricultural projects recommended for approximately \$2 million in Clean Water Act section 319 grant funding and recognized Grants Program Manager Katie McNeill and Irrigated Lands Program staff for their work on the proposals. If approved, the projects would implement source-control practices on 70 small-scale farms and install vegetated ditches in the Salinas and Pajaro River watersheds. The funding recommendations remain subject to State Water Board and USEPA approval.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Enforcement

9. Enforcement Update

Central Coast Water Board Enforcement Coordinator, Kelsey DeLong, provided a brief overview of the services the enforcement program provides, the enforcement report, and an enforcement program update including a recommendation to maintain the same Central Coast Water Board enforcement program priorities, a summary of administrative civil liabilities and settlement projects from the past five years, a review of existing settlement project priorities and considerations, and provided a status update on in-progress settlement projects funded by suspended administrative civil liabilities. Kelsey DeLong provided an update on the San Juan Bautista Sewer Force Main Compliance Project (CP) and the third party-performed Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), the Santa Barbara County Point of Entry (POE) and Point of Use (POU) Pilot Project.

In response to board member questions, Kelsey DeLong, Angela Schroeter (Assistant Executive Officer), and Tamara Anderson (Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer) provided additional details regarding leadership continuity and contractor oversight at the City of Hollister's Domestic Wastewater

Recycling Facility, described the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay's Central Coast Drinking Water Well Testing Program, and explained how funds in the State Water Board's Cleanup and Abatement Account are used and how the region may benefit from them.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Proposed Board Resolution

10. Proposed Resolution R3-2026-0043 to Approve a One-Year Extension of a Voluntary Cleanup and Abatement Agreement to Address Per- and Polyfluoralkyl (PFAS) Contamination at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport

Nick Smaira and Greg Bishop of the Central Coast Water Board presented on work performed under a Voluntary Cleanup and Abatement Agreement reached in 2023 between the Central Coast Water Board and the County of San Luis Obispo and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The presentation also covered a negotiated extension and side letter that adds additional work to be performed over a 12-month period.

Board Members asked questions about replacement water and emphasized resident requests to the County of San Luis Obispo and CAL FIRE for PFAS-related blood testing and health evaluations. Board Members also asked questions about a recent human health risk assessment and plans for an updated version.

The following individuals provided public comment.

Name	Title / Organization
Kathy Boarland	Individual
Mike Oliveria	Individual
Daniel Cheung	Attorney / County of San Luis Obispo

Motion: Member Wolff moved to adopt proposed Resolution R3-2026-0043 to Approve a One-Year Extension of a Voluntary Cleanup and Abatement Agreement to Address Per- and Polyfluoralkyl (PFAS) Contamination at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport

Second: Vice Chair Rodriguez

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Discussion/Informational Items

11. [Item removed]

12. Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP) Update

Melissa Daugherty of the Central Coast Water Board and Isabel Kent of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program presented an update on CCAMP.

The update focused on CCAMP's monitoring program and budget cuts to CCAMP and related programs affecting CCAMP's work.

No public comments were received.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Proposed Board Resolution

13. Consideration of Proposed Resolution R3-2026-0040 to Augment the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program Endowment and Low Impact Development Fund Update [Julia Dyer; Melissa Daugherty; Leah Lemoine, Trent Buchanan]

Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP) staff presented on the financial history of CCAMP and proposed Resolution R3-2026-0040 to transfer \$500,000 previously reserved for a Sustainable Watershed Basin Plan Amendment Project within the CCAMP-GAP endowment to the CCAMP endowment.

Stormwater staff presented an update on the Low Impact Development (LID) Fund and its planned use for a Central Coast Post Construction Requirements (PCRs) related project. The project will create guidance documents for use by the Central Coast regulated community that will promote the utilization of alternative compliance projects that can provide stormwater capture, water quality, and sustainable augmentation of groundwater. Board Members had questions related to the use of the LID Fund, the use of the guidance documents generated by use of the LID Fund, and how potential alternative compliance projects may function, which staff addressed.

Motion: Member Roques moved to adopt Revised Proposed Resolution R3-2026-0040, Allocation of Funds to Augment the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program Endowment

Second: Vice Chair Rodriguez

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

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 17:02.

Thursday, June 18, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Gray called the meeting to order on Thursday, June 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Board Business

14. Roll call and declaration of quorum
Kai Johnson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3686,
Kai.Johnson@waterboards.ca.gov

Minutes

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

Absent: None

Chair Gray declared a quorum for the meeting.

15. Introductions [Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer]

Executive Officer Lodge introduced State Water Board Member Sean Maguire. State Board Member Sean Maguire provided updates on development of a statewide contaminants of emerging concern strategy, release of a revised draft Dairy Order, and completion of the Agricultural Expert Panel report, with additional workshops planned. He also discussed growing funding constraints for safe drinking water projects and noted the upcoming retirement of Joe Karkovski and resignation of State Water Board Member Laurel Firestone.

The Board returned to Item 7, 2027 Board Calendar, continued from the previous day, June 17, 2026.

Motion: Vice Chair Rodriguez moved to approve the 2027 Board calendar as proposed.

Second: Member Roques

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Public Workshop**16. Public Workshop on proposed Order R3-2021-0040-A1, as amended by State Water Board Order WQ 2023-0081 [Elaine Sahl; James Bishop; and Sarah Treadwell]**

Ryan Lodge introduced the public workshop and the goal to receive input on the proposed revisions to the Central Coast region's Agricultural Order in proposed Order R3-2021-0040-A1, as amended by State Water Board Order WQ 2023-0081 (proposed order).

Elaine Sahl, Senior Environmental Scientist and Irrigated Lands Program (ILP) Manager, presented an overview of the ILP and provided background on the objectives and requirements of the Agricultural Orders adopted and implemented by the Central Coast Water Board since 2004. Next, Sarah Treadwell, staff Engineering Geologist, presented an overview of the proposed revisions to the Central Coast Agricultural Order R3-2021-0040 that are responsive to the State Water Board's remands (in State Water Board Order WQ 2023-0081). Sarah Treadwell also described how to use the revisions log document to identify which State Water Board remand applies to each revision in the proposed order.

James Bishop, Senior Engineering Geologist (Technical Specialist), provided the third Water Board staff presentation on the proposed compliance pathways that are responsive to the State Water Board direction “to incorporate a requirement or reach an agreement in which dischargers or their third-party representatives provide short-term and long-term alternative water supplies for residents relying on groundwater in areas where the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate is exceeded as a result of agricultural operations.” (see WQ 2023-0081). The proposed order includes the Drinking Water Solutions Program where in Dischargers may choose to comply with the proposed order via either the Individual Drinking Water Protection (IDWP) or the Alternative Water Supply Program (AWSP) compliance pathway. James Bishop described the proposed requirements of each pathway, including the monitoring and reporting schedule that is designed to be revisited and revised within 10 years to incorporate evaluation of additional nitrogen applied and nitrogen removed data and in anticipation of near future actions of the State Water Board in response to the recommendations of the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel. Board Members engaged with staff throughout the presentations on the proposed revisions and asked about new proposed requirements.

The following individuals provided public comment and engaged with Board Members in response to their questions:

Name	Organization
Tess Dunham	Kahn, Soares & Conway
Suzette N. T. Santiago	Preservation, Inc.
Sarah Lopez	Preservation, Inc.
Noelle Cremers	Wine Institute
Kjia Rivers	Community Water Center
Elias Rodriguez	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA)
Jose Jesus Rodriguez	Community Member
Clio Maya-Johnson	California Rural Legal Assistance
Maria Velasquez	Misión San Lucas
Tony Carrillo	Community Member

No action was taken as this is an informational workshop.

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 16:46.

Jane Gray, Chair