
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor, Santa Barbara

Friday, October 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
City of Santa Barbara El Estero Water Resource Center and Charles E. Meyer
Desalination Plant
520 East Yanonali Street, Santa Barbara

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, October 9, 2025, at 9:03 a.m.

Board Business

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

Present: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Member Rodriguez, Member Hoskins, Member Roques, Member Harlan participated remotely.

Absent: None

Chair Gray declared a quorum present for the meeting

2. Introductions
[Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov]

Ryan Lodge introduced new Board member Dominic Roques.

3. Approval of Board meeting minutes, August 21, 2025

Motion: Chair Gray motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Vice Chair Wolff,

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

Abstain: Member Roques

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

4. Board member 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

- October 1, 2025 - Met with Member Hoskins for oath and orientation.
- October 2, 2025 - Attended Board briefing.

Member Harlan

- October 2, 2025 – Attended Board briefing.

Member Hoskins:

- October 1, 2025 - Attended a Board briefing.
- October 1, 2025 - Met with new Board Member Dominic Roques to administer his oath of office.
- October 2, 2025 - Call with Elias Rodriguez of California Rural Legal Assistance.

Vice Chair, Wolff:

- September 9, 2025 - Provided an update on irrigated lands regulatory requirements at the USDA Farm Service Agency Board meeting.
- October 3, 2025 - Participated in the State Water Board Chairs meeting in Sacramento.
- October 6, 2025 – Attended Board briefing.

Member Rodriguez:

- September 15, 2025 – Reappointed by the Governor.
- September 28-30, 2025 – Attended the California Association of Mutual Water Companies Annual Meeting in Long Beach.
- October 1, 2025 – Attended Board briefing.

Chair Gray:

- September 25, 2025 - Spoke with Brandon Bollinger of the Community Water Center.
- October 3, 2025 - Attended the State Water Board Chairs meeting.
- October 5, 2025 - Spoke with Sarah Lopez of Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
- October 6, 2025 - Attended the See Ag event and agricultural tour in Santa Maria.
- October 6, 2025 - Call with Brandon Bollinger of the Community Water Center.
- October 11, 2025 - Spoke with Natalie Herendeen of Monterey Waterkeeper.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison
[Sean Maguire, 916/341-5877, Sean.Maguire@waterboards.ca.gov]

Liaison Report: State Water Board liaison, Sean Maguire provided an update on recent State Water Board actions and statewide initiatives. Including drought response, funding programs, and data modernization efforts.

No Public Comments.

Public Forum

6. 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. Comments will generally be limited to three minutes, unless otherwise approved by the Chair. See instructions at the beginning of this agenda notice for submitting a request for extra time. Comments regarding pending adjudicatory matters will not be permitted.

One unnamed individual provided remarks about downtown Santa Barbara and other topics beyond the scope of Water Board's work or authority.

Waste Discharge Requirements

7. Consideration of Proposed Order R3-2025-0008, Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Reclamation Requirements for the Monterey One Water, Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project. Presented by, Rachel Hohn, Engineering Geologist, Rachel.Hohn@waterboards.ca.gov, Kristina Olmos, Water Resource Control Engineer, Kristina.Olmos@waterboards.ca.gov, and Leah Lemoine, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer Leah.Lemoine@waterboards.ca.gov

This item began with a staff presentation by Kristina Olmos and Rachel Hohn which included an overview of the Pure Water Monterey project, discussion of regulatory and permitting framework, compliance snapshot, and a summary of public outreach. The Board Members asked questions on the topics of availability of water quality data, frequency of monitoring, ability of the facility to manage extreme weather events, cybersecurity, redundancy of injection wells, and water affordability. Staff answered Board Members questions throughout and following the presentation.

Paul Sciuto, Monterey One Water General Manager, provided a 3-minute public comment expressing support for permit adoption. Paul Sciuto fielded questions from Board Members during and after his comment.

The following individuals also provided 3-minute public comments:

| Name | Organization |
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| Evan Jacobs | Director of Public Affairs, California American Water |
| Remleh Scherzinger | General Manager, Marina Coast Water District |
| Nina Beatty | City of Monterey resident |

Motioned to approve R3-2025-0008: Member Rodriquez

Second: Member Roques

Aye: Chair Gray, Vice Chair Wolff, Member Harlan, Member Hoskins, Member Roques, Member Rodriquez

Motion Carried: 6 to 0

Enforcement

8. Tamara Anderson, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Tamara.Anderson@waterboards.ca.gov presented the quarterly Enforcement Report summarizing actions taken between April 1 and July 31, 2025. The actions included Administrative Civil Liability Orders addressing effluent-limit violations at multiple wastewater facilities, and Expedited Payment Program letters issued to several facilities across the region. The Report included a Time Schedule Order issued to the City of Greenfield Wastewater Treatment Facility to implement phased upgrades and pursue funding through the Division of Financial Assistance. Notices of Violation were also issued across programs. Angela Schroeter, Assistant Executive Officer Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov and Tamara Anderson noted that enforcement efforts continue to prioritize violations impacting water quality, human health, and underrepresented communities.

No public comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Discussion/Informational Items

9. State Water Board Division of Water Quality Assistant Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality Annalisa Kihara Annalisa.Kihara@waterboards.ca.gov and Supervising Engineering Geologist Erica Kalve, Erica.Kalve@Waterboards.ca.gov presented an overview on the development of the Statewide Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) a four year project initiated in 2023 to identify and address inadequate or at-risk wastewater systems across California. Erica Kalve and Annalisa Kihara described Phase 1 accomplishments, development of baseline data, methods to assess risk and identification of data gaps. Phase 2 aims to refine cost estimates, identify solutions and develop technical and funding roadmaps through 2027. The presentation emphasized focus on advancing the human right to water and support for underrepresented communities.

No Public Comments

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

10. Executive Officer's Report: Executive Officer, Ryan Lodge, Ryan.Lodge@waterboards.ca.gov provided updates on regional priorities and initiatives. He discussed the Central Coast Water Board's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2024-2025, highlighting workforce planning, core program functions, climate adaption, environmental justice and program accomplishments. The next section of the executive officer's report covered updates on the Hacienda Apartments Septic-to-Sewer Project near Soledad, a high priority wastewater consolidation and small community sewer project. Executive Officer Lodge noted that the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance offers funding resources and data tools to assist with small community sewer and wastewater projects like Hacienda.

Ryan Lodge concluded his report by stating that the California Attorney General has filed a lawsuit against Sable Offshore Corp following a Central Coast Water Board enforcement referral. The case involves failure to comply with an investigative order and unauthorized discharges of waste to waters of the state.

The following individuals provided public comment. Commentors thanked the Board and urged continued accountability and oversight to protect the Gaviota Coast.

| Name | Organization |
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| Jeremy Frankl | Environmental Defense Center |
| Ted Morton | Santa Barbara Channelkeeper |

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 14:25

Friday, October 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Board Business

11. Roll Call
[Kai Johnson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3686
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Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00.

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

Absent: Member Harlan

Chair Gray announced that there was a quorum present at this meeting.

Educational Field Trip

12. Field Trip – City of Santa Barbara El Estero Water Resource Center and Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant
[Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer, 805/549-3140,
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Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

Jane Gray, Chair