



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Thursday, April 23, 2026

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

320 West 4th Street
Carmel Room

Los Angeles, CA 90013

Chair Nahai called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Chair Nahai explained the process for remote participation in the meeting. He mentioned that the Board Spanish interpretation services were not available. He announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Board Members Present: Sabrina Ashjian, Norma Camacho, Marissa Christiansen, Michael Méndez, and David Nahai

Early Departure: Vice Chair Ashjian departed after closed session.

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Jenny Newman, Helen Rowe, Khalid Abdullah, Gerardo Rabelo, Alfredo Duran, Axel Jurgens, Adriana Nuñez, Art Heath, Jeong-Hee Lim, Celine Gallon, Jim Kang, Adriana Vallejo, Snejana Toneva, Veronica Cuevas, Don Tsai, Adam Taing, Bobbi Torres, Ching To, Bronwyn Kelly, Joshua Cwikla, Stefani Daryanto and Kathy Bolivar

Item 2 – Order of Agenda

There were no changes to the order of agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the March 26, 2026, Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve the minutes.

Seconded by: Board Member Camacho

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

Item 4 – Board Member Communications

- a. Ex Parte Disclosure - None
- b. Board Member Reports (Board Members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction.)

Board Member Christiansen reported that she traveled with SoCal Grantmakers to Sacramento to meet with funders and California Natural Resource Agency staff. They discussed wildfire and climate.

Board Member Camacho recognized and thanked Jenny Newman and her staff for their participation in the Water Quality Permitting Consortium on April 16, 2026.

Board Member Méndez thanked staff and stakeholders for their work and wished everyone a happy belated Earth Day.

Vice Chair Ashjian wished everyone happy Earth Month and reported that on April 22, 2026, *she* attended the Environmental Working Groups Earth Day celebration. Vice Chair Ashjian also attended the Pure Water Las Virgenes Triunfo groundbreaking ceremony. Vice Chair Ashjian and Jenny Newman attended the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting last week. During the Commission meeting, the State Water Board staff member provided a working group information item about post fires and ways of best practices collaboration amongst the state.

Chair Nahai wished everyone happy Earth Day and reported that last Thursday, he attended a press conference with Mayor Bass for the launch of the wastewater recycling plant at Tillman.

Item 5 – Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer reported on the following items:

On April 11, 2026, the Regional Programs staff from the TMDL and Nonpoint Sources, and the MS4 Units participated in the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's 18th Annual Earth Day event. On April 16, 2026, Regional Programs and Watershed Regulatory Section staff participated in the Los Angeles Water Quality Permitting Consortium #2. The next consortium workshop is tentatively scheduled for Fall of 2026 and will focus on the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water's Process Memo 97-005. On April 15, 2026, the Los Angeles Water Board Surface Water and Groundwater Division staff, along with Cal EPA staff, attended the 10th Anniversary Environmental Justice and Enforcement Symposium held at the California Endowment Center. The keynote speaker, Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman, spoke on the role of his office in environmental cases.

Item 6 – Update from State Water Board

State Board Member Laurel Firestone provided an update on the following items.

An update to the hydrologic update she provided in March 2026. State Water Board finalized the Board's annual priorities. The State Water Board returned jurisdiction of the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin back to the Department of Water Resources for continued evaluation and assessment. The State Water Board adopted some minimal impact exclusions for two basins Tulare Lake and Tule Subbasin. The State Water Board issued a draft decision and draft permit for the Sites Reservoir Project. The State Water Board plans to hold one or more workshops on Mono Lake. The State Water Board adopted the Proposition 4 United States-Mexico border funding.

Item 7 – Public Forum

- Ray Tahir, TESC Environmental
- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust

UNCONTESTED ITEMS

Item 8 – Tentative Amendment of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Newhall Land & Farming Company, Proposed Resource Management and Development Plan and Spineflower Conservation Plan, Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County (Order No. R4-2012-0139; File No. 11-068)

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion and a Second, and then asked for a Roll Call vote, for the uncontested item 8.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve uncontested Item 8.

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea
Norma Camacho – Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Yea
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 9 – Consideration of Tentative Resolution Approving Proposed Special Study for Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts’ A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility. (Comment submittal deadline was April 6, 2026)

Presentation: Joshua Westfall, Senior Environmental Scientist, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Speakers: No Public Comments

Chair Nahai announced agenda Information Item 10. Executive Officer, Arredondo asked the Board to vote on Item 9 first.

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion and a Second and then asked for a Roll Call vote for Item 9.

MOTION: Board Member Camacho made a motion to approve Item 9.

Seconded by: Board Member Méndez
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea
Norma Camacho – Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Yea
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea

Chair Nahai announced agenda Information Item 10.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 10 – Update on the San Gabriel River Temperature Study conducted by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts for the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0053619), San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0053911), Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0053716), Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0054011), and the Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant (NPDES No. CA0054119). Staff from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts will present a summary of the results of the San Gabriel River Temperature Study and next steps.

Staff Introduction: Jenny Newman, Assistant Executive Officer

Presentation: Robert Ferrante and Katie Marinovich LA County Sanitation Districts

Speakers:

- Ray Tahir, TESC Environmental and Gardena Vally Democratic Club

Item 12 – Closed Session

Legal counsel Adriana Nuñez announced that the Board would discuss Item 12.I.(ii) The Board went into closed session from 10:48 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 11:50 a.m.

Chair Nahai announced agenda Item 11

ENFORCEMENT

Item 11 – Consideration of Proposed Settlement of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R4-2025-0268 (The Boeing Company) in the matter of thirty-nine (39) alleged effluent limit violations of the Boeing Company’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) from January 2023 to March 2025. For procedural questions, contact the Advisory Team. For questions related to the proposed settlement, contact the Prosecution Team [Advisory Team Contacts: Jenny Newman, jenny.newman@waterboards.ca.gov and adriana.nunez@waterboards.ca.gov; Prosecution Team Contacts: Russ Colby, Assistant Executive Officer, russ.colby@waterboards.ca.gov, and Kailyn Ellison, kailyn.ellison@waterboards.ca.gov]

Chair Nahai read an opening statement and provided information on the Parties and the order of the proceedings.

Legal Counsel, Adriana Nuñez provided additional directions and introductory remarks.

Introductory Remarks for the Prosecution Team: Russ Colby, Assistant Executive Officer

Prosecution Team Presentation: Ching To, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, the Los Angeles Water Board Compliance and Enforcement, Kailyn Ellison, and Noah Bennett, legal counsel State Board Office of Enforcement.

The Boeing Company Presentation: Katie Moxley, the Director of Remediation and Environmental Policy with The Boeing Company.

Speakers:

- Ben Harris on behalf of both Los Angeles Waterkeeper and Heal the Bay
- Jen Knack, Parents Against SSFL
- Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Foundation
- Melissa Bumstead, Parents Against SSFL
- Solomon Adams, Wishtoyo Foundation
- Troyese Robinson
- Mark Perryman
- Mireya Gil, Wishtoyo Foundation

Board Deliberation:

Board members asked questions of the Prosecution Team, The Boeing Company, and interested persons.

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion and a Second and then asked for a Roll Call vote for Item 11.

MOTION: Board Member Christiansen made a motion to reject the proposed settlement and directed staff to offer the Board a different option for Item 11.

Seconded by: Board Member Camacho
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Absent
Norma Camacho – Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Yea
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: helen.rowe@waterboard.ca.gov and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)

Written and submitted by Helen Rowe, Board Clerk on: May 28, 2026

Signature on File
Helen Rowe