

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Thursday, June 25, 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

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Jenny Newman, Helen Rowe, Khalid Abdullah, Gerardo Rabelo, Alfredo Duran, Amelia Carder, Axel Jurgens, Adriana Nuñez, Art Heath, Jeong-Hee Lim, Celine Gallon, Lexlith Mederos, Jaime Sayre, Angelica Castaneda, Ann Lin, Devin DiNappoli, Mital Desai, Michelle Campell, and Kathy Bolivar

Item 2 – Order of Agenda

The Executive Officer, Susana Arredondo, stated that the Update from the State Water Board (Item 6) would be heard after (Item 3) the Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2026.

BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the May 28, 2026

There were no changes to the minutes.

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

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea

Norma Camacho – Abstained

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

Item 6 – Update from State Water Board

State Water Board Chair, Joaquin Esquivel, provided an update on the following items.

State Water Board Member Laurel Firestone is transitioning off the State Water Board. State Water Board Chair Esquivel will act as the liaison until the position is filled. Chair Esquivel thanked the Regional Water Board Members for attending the WQCC meeting in May 2026 and provided the following updates: In May 2026, the State Water Board heard an update on the Racial Equity Action Plan. In May 2026, the State Water Board released a draft decision for the Sites Reservoir Project. The State Water Board heard the final report from the agricultural expert panel. Today, June 25, 2026, the State Water Board is holding the second workshop of Mono Lake water levels.

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 Méndez reported on the environmental health impacts associated with hundreds of gallons of oil spilled in Boyle Heights and the LA River. and the Lineage warehouse.

Board Member Christiansen reported that earlier this month she attended the Recharge LA symposium on water and climate resilience.

Chair Nahai reported that he attended his first Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting with Jenny Newman, and Celine Gallon. The committee discussed four SIPS that were approved.

Vice Chair Ashjian and Board Member Camacho did not provide reports.

Item 5 – Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer, Susana Arredondo, provided an update on the following items:

- The former Athens Tank Farm/Ujima Village – This site has fully transformed and named the Earvin Magic Johnson Regional Park. A public open house will be held this evening at the Enterprise Park Gymnasium, located at 133055 Clovis Avenue. The open house is hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board and the Department of Toxic Substance Control. The purpose of the open house is to provide an update and answer questions regarding the ongoing environmental cleanup activities. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board is acting as lead regulatory agency and overseeing all site cleanup activities and enforcement. Exxon/Mobil Environmental Solutions Company is the responsible party for conducting and funding the environmental remediation work.
- The Lineage Storage Facility Fire – On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, a fire erupted at a 500,000 square-foot cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights in the City of Los Angeles. On Saturday, June 20, 2026, Governor Newsome declared a State of Emergency to further support the response and recovery efforts and to secure additional resources. The Lineage Logistics cold storage facility is covered by the Statewide Industrial General Permit since 2020. Based on records prior to the fire, the facility is complying with the permit.

The firefighting water from the fire is entering the storm drain system—owned and operated by the City and County of Los Angeles—and ultimately flowing into the Los Angeles River. Water has been flowing into the river for about a week. The City plans to divert the water to the sewer for treatment once sufficient access is allowed. The County reports that it is installing booms where the storm drain enters the river and across the river at Imperial Highway and Willow Street. A full report of the incident will be submitted to the Los Angeles Water Board upon the cessation of this emergency.

- Employee Recognition (Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award)
 1. Award Presentation by Dr. Angelica Castaneda, Supervisor, Site Clean Up IV Unit, Recipient – Devin DiNappoli
 2. Award Presentation by Ann Lin, Supervisor, UST – San Gabriel Unit, Recipient – Mital Desai

Item 7 – Public Forum

Speakers:

- Constance Villalvazo, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Park
- Clara Solis, Save San Pascual Park
- Ray Tahir
- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Italia Salvaje, Ballona Land Trust
- Benjamin Harris, LA Waterkeeper
- Angelo Gladding
- Barbara Eisenstein, Friends of South Pasadena Nature Park
- Yael Pardess, Save San Pascual Park

UNCONTESTED ITEMS

Chair Nahai stated the uncontested items calendar as Items 8 and 9.

Waste Discharge Requirements that serve as NPDES Permits

Renewal

Item 8 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewal for Tesoro Operations LLC; Hathaway Tank Farm, CA. NPDES No. CA0058343. (Comment submittal deadline was May 14, 2026)

Item 9 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewal for Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, Los Angeles Refinery – Wilmington Facility, located in Wilmington, California, CA. NPDES No. CA0003778. (Comment submittal deadline was May 15, 2026)

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion and a Second and then asked for a Roll Call vote to approve items 8 and 9.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve uncontested Items 8 and 9.

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

Chair Nahai announced Information Item agenda Item 10.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Recycled Water

Item 10 – Updates on Regional Recycled Water Projects by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the City of Los Angeles, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

Staff Introduction: Adam Taing, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer

Presentation:

John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager – Water Resources and Technical Services, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Pure Water Las Virgenes)

Martha Tremblay, Assistant Chief Engineer and Assistant General Manager, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Pure Water Southern California)

Evelyn Cortez Davis, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Pure Water Los Angeles)

Christina Jones, Environmental Engineer, Program Management, LA Sanitation & Environment (Pure Water Los Angeles)

Ben Tanimoto, Waterworks Engineer, Program Planning, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Pure Water Los Angeles)

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Pure Water Las Virgenes)

Speakers: No Public Comments

Board Questions: The presenters responded to Board Member's questions.

Break: 11:40 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.

Chair Nahai announced Other Business agenda Item 11 and administered the oath.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 11 – Consideration of Tentative Resolution Approving the City of Los Angeles' Proposed 2026-2028 Special Study for the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant; NPDES Permit Nos. CA0109991 and CA0053856. (Comment submittal deadline was May 25, 2026)

Presentation:

Dr. Ochan Otim, Senior Chemist with Environmental Monitoring Division, LA Sanitation & Environment

Speakers: No Public Comments

Board Questions: Ms. Newman and Dr. Otim responded to Board Member's questions.

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

MOTION: Vice Chair Asjian made a motion to approve contested Item 11.

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 12 – Closed Session

Legal counsel Adriana Nuñez announced that the Board would discuss Items 12.d., 12.h., 12.l(ii) and 12.l(iii).

The Board went into closed session at 12:19 pm to 1:37 p.m.

The meeting adjourned after closed session (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: helen.rowe@waterboards.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: July 23, 2026

Signature on File
Helen Rowe