
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, June 12, 2026

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6075 Kimball Avenue, Building A
Chino, CA 91708

And via Video and Teleconference (Gov. Code, § 11123.2)

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scandura called the meeting to order with a quorum on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 1. INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

***Indicates that attendance was virtual.

Speaker

Chair Scandura introduced Director Steve Elie, President of the Board of Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) of Chino CA. Director Elie welcomed the Santa Ana Water Board to the IEUA headquarters and expressed appreciation for the collaborative relationship between the agency and the board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair John Scandura
Vice Chair Gloria Alvarado
Board Member William "Bill" Ruh
Board Member Kris Murray
Board Member Letitia Clark
Board Member Sixto "Al" Lopez

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Eric Lindberg, Executive Officer
Brian Covellone, Assistant Executive Officer

JOHN SCANDURA, CHAIR | ERIC LINDBERG, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Vanessa Fuerte, Clerk to the Board
Dan Mefford, Information Technology Specialist I
Don Nguyen, Information Technology Associate
Nick Amini, Branch Manager, Surface Water and Agriculture Branch
Jagroop Khela, Branch Manager, Planning Implementation and Permitting Branch
Alan Kuoch, Branch Manager, Groundwater Protection Branch
Michelle Beckwith, Senior Environmental Scientist - Supervisor
Kaitlin Diaz, Environmental Scientist

STATE WATER BOARD PRESENT

Heraclio Pimentel, Regional Board Counsel
Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Board Liaison***
Carson Capps, Attorney, Office of Enforcement
Catherine Hawe, Attorney, Office of Enforcement

COURT REPORTER PRESENT

Marlee Nelson***

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE PRESENT (if self-identified)

Steve Elie, IEUA
Kevin Alexander, IEUA
Liz Hurst, IEUA
Charles Pomeroy, Attorney for Hixon Metal Finishing
Bruce Greene, Hixon Metal Finishing
Sarah Spinuzzi, Attorney, Orange County Coastkeeper
Ryan Kerns, Chief of Watershed Protection for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Ana Gutierrez, Community member of the City of Ontario
Maria Vasquez, member of Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
Karen Spiegul, Chair of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Dawn Rao, Chair of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
Joe Baca Jr., Vice Chair of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
Juanita Warren, Mayor of Fontana
Helen Tran, Mayor of San Bernardino
Carlos Zamano, City Manager for the City of Highland
Bianco Velasco, Assistant Director of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works
Harold Zamora, Assistant City Engineer for the City of Moreno Valley
Chris Bland, Stormwater Program Manager for the San Bernardino County Stormwater Program
Ismeal Gonzales, Resident of Reno Valley, member of CCA EJ
Tatiana Flores, member of CCA EJ
Claudia Guares, Community member
Luis Maria Hernandez, Community member
Maricella Contreras, Community member of the City of Ontario

James Fortuna, Orange County Manager of North Orange County Watershed Management Area
Steve Strepeck, Assistant City Engineer for the City of Menifee
Nathan Merlinsky, City of Chino Public Works Department
John Pourkazemi, City Engineer for the City of Perris
Phil Duper, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda
Cynthia Gabaldon, on behalf of the City of Big Bear
Jennifer Dehira, member of CCAEJ
Marvin Norman, member of CCAEJ
Ana Gonzales, member of CCAEJ
Stuart McKibbon, City Engineer for the City of San Jacinto
Kathleen Brune, Community Member
Sava Kapu, City of Corona
Jilleen Ferris, City Engineer for the City of Hemet
Nathan Mustafa, Public Works Director for the City of Riverside
Monica Heredia, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director for the City of Redlands
Jason Uhley, General Manager of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Change in the order of Agenda items

Item 10 will be heard after Item 2

Public Notice

Executive Officer Eric Lindberg gave a verbal update regarding a 30-day extension of the public comment for the tentative regional MS4 permit, issued on June 11. The comment period deadline has been extended from June 19 to July 20. The Board will hold a hearing on the tentative regional MS4 permit at its regular meeting on July 24. The Board intends to close the hearing at the conclusion of the meeting on July 24 and will consider adoption of the regional MS4 permit on August 21 after consideration of all evidence and comments provided.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were 33 speakers during the Public Forum portion of the Board Meeting. Comments included requests for Spanish language support at meetings and extensions of the MS4 comment period. A recording of the oral communications and responses, if any, made during the Public Forum portion of the Board Meeting is available on the Santa Ana Water Board's page at the following link:
https://cal-span.org/meeting/rwqcb-sa_20260612/

ITEM 3. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

State Water Board Member Dorene D'Adamo provided an update on State Water Board activities.

ITEM 4. REGIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF April 24, 2026

Motion: Chair Scandura moved to adopt the April 24, 2026, Board meeting minutes.

Seconded by: Board Member Murray

MOTION PASSED

Aye: Board Member Lopez
Board Member Clark
Board Member Murray
Board Member Ruh
Vice Chair Alvarado
Chair Scandura

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEM 5. CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ARE LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK

Item *6. Rescissions; R8-2026-0035

Motion: Chair Scandura moved to adopt Order Number R8-2026-0015.

Seconded by: Board Member Clark

MOTION PASSED

Aye: Board Member Lopez
Board Member Clark
Board Member Murray
Board Member Ruh
Vice Chair Alvarado
Chair Scandura

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEM 7. Chino Basin Program

Representatives Kevin Alexander and Liz Hurst of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) presented an update to the Board on the Chino Basin Program.

Break: 11:09 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.

ITEM 8. Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, Hixson Metal Finishing, Orange County

The Santa Ana Water Board conducted a public hearing on Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R8-2026-0007. The Board deliberated in a closed session to consider evidence. The board moved forward with the order and penalties.

Motion: Board Member Vice Chair Alvarado, moved to adopt Order Number R8-2026-0007

Seconded by: Board Member Clark

MOTION PASSED

Aye: Board Member Lopez
Board Member Clark

Board Member Murray
Board Member Ruh
Vice Chair Alvarado
Chair Scandura

Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ITEM 9. Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, K2 Minerals, LLC, San Bernardino County

Carson Capps, counsel representing the Prosecution Team, received a signed waiver from discharger prior to the item being heard, and has requested that the hearing be continued for a future meeting.

ITEM 10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Eric Lindberg, Executive Officer, gave a verbal report on the GKN Aerospace hazardous materials emergency in Garden Grove.

ITEM 11. BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Board Members provided comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered a closed session at 12:26 p.m. – 1:12 p.m. to discuss Item 8, pursuant to government code section 11126 subdivision C3.

ADJOURMENT

Chair Scandura adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

ERIC T. LINDBERG, PG CHG
Executive Officer

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