

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PENDING GENERAL ORDERS
DISCLOSURE FORM**

Note: This form is intended to assist the public in providing the disclosure required by law. It is designed to document meetings and phone calls. Written communications may be disclosed by providing a complete copy of the written document, with attachments. Unless the board member(s) provided you with a different contact person, please send your materials to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Use of this form is not mandatory.

1. Pending General Order that the communication concerned:

Utility Wildfire General Order

2. Name, title and contact information of person completing this form:

Note: Contact information is not mandatory, but will allow the Water Board to assist you if additional information is required. If your contact information includes your personal residence address, personal telephone number or personal email address, please use a separate sheet of paper if you do not want that information posted on our website. However, this information may be provided to members of the public under the Public Records Act.

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3. Date of meeting, phone call or other communication: January 13, 2026

Time: 10:00-10:35am

Location: SMUD Headquarters

4. Type of communication (written, oral or both): Oral

5. Names of all participants in the communication, including all board members who participated:

Paul Lau (SMUD Chief Executive Officer and General Manager), Steve Lins (Deputy General Counsel/Director of Government Affairs), Katharine Larson (State Regulatory Program Manager), Josh Stoops (State Regulatory Affairs Representative), Board Member Nichole Morgan

6. Name of person(s) who initiated the communication:

Joshua Stoops

7. Describe the communication and the content of the communication. Include a brief list or summary of topics discussed at the meeting, any legal or policy positions advocated at the meeting, any factual matters discussed, and any other disclosure you believe relevant. The Office of Chief Counsel recommends that any persons requesting an ex parte meeting prepare an agenda to make it easier to document the discussion properly. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

In person meeting at SMUD HQ. Discussed SMUD concerns regarding Utility Wildfire General Order, including (1) estimated number of routine maintenance projects that would be required to enroll at significant cost to SMUD ratepayers despite lacking demonstrated benefit to water quality, (2) expansion of jurisdiction and duplication of existing regulation, and (3) unclear and potentially expansive consultation requirements. Also discussed potential solutions, such as limiting coverage to in-water projects.

8. Attach a copy of handouts, PowerPoint presentations and other materials any person used or distributed at the meeting. If you have electronic copies, please email them to facilitate web posting.