



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024
COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 9:01 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (arrived at 9:12 a.m.); Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan (virtual)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Michael Lauffer Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Administrative Assistant II
Michael Read, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Instructions were given in regard to participating in the Remote Meeting.
- The Board meeting is being webcasted and recorded.

BOARD MEETING

***Public comments on agenda items will be limited to 5 minutes
or otherwise at the discretion of the Board Chair***

PRESENTATION OF SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

- *Joe Karkoski, with the Division of Financial Assistance, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the Expedited Drinking Water Grant Program team (Pete Stamas, Matthew Freese, Parmdeep (Eric) Uppal, Bridget Chase, Joseph Escobar, Bridget Binning, Koreenia Harmon, Maria Duenas, Stephanie Kwong, and Jean Fung).*

PUBLIC FORUM

(Approximately 30 minutes at the beginning of Board Meeting and any remaining speakers at the call of the Chair)

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the State Water Resources Control Board's jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda or pending before the State Water Board or any California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

No Action Taken

Commenters

*John Skardon, Tailwater Systems
Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon*

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the January 17, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the January 17, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

MOTION CARRIED (February 6, 2024)

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean*

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

3. Office of the Delta Watermaster: Periodic Report.
Staff Presenting: Jay Ziegler, David Coupe
 - [Agenda Item](#)

Item was postponed to a future meeting.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution reapproving the Final Initial Biological Goals for Lower San Joaquin River Flow Objectives.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Tina Cannon Leahy, David Coupe, Erin Foresman, Stephen Louie*
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - Draft Resolution ([Clean](#) | [Redline](#))
 - [Final Initial Biological Goals](#)

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0006](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

5. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters portion of the 2024 California Integrated Report.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Ana Maria Saenz, Celene Udasco, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Stacy Gillespie*

- [Notice of Adoption](#)
- [Notice of Opportunity to Comment](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on April 3, 2023
- [Supplemental Documents](#)
- [Change Sheet #1](#)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheet #1 and additional changes as shown on the screen and read into the record by Rebecca Fitzgerald.

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0007](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Dr. Geremew Amenu, Los Angeles County Public Works

Amanda Carr, County of Orange

Jodi Switzer, Calleguas Creek Watershed TMDL Stakeholder Group

Benjamin Harris, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

Ashli Desai, Stakeholders Implementing TMDLs in the Calleguas Creek Watershed

Sarah Mulder, City of Ventura

Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

Eric Dubinsky, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway

Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Discussion on yearly Strategic Work Plan and Board Priorities.

Staff Presenting: Eric Oppenheimer, Jonathan Bishop

- [Draft State Water Board 2024 Strategic Workplan](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Sharon Green, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Dr. Donna Miranda-Begay, Tubatulabal Tribe and CA Tribal GIS

Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association

7. Board Member Reports.

No Action Taken

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at [Board Videos | California State Water Resources Control Board](#). It begins at 7:02:41 on the video for the February 6, 2024 Board Meeting.

8. [Executive Director's Report](#).

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

PERSONNEL

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the appointment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of public employee, or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another employee unless the employee requests a public hearing. (This closed session is authorized by Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a)(1).)

The Board did not meet in Closed Session on the above item.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on February 1, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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