



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
COASTAL HEARING ROOM

Copies of the resolutions and water quality/water rights orders can be obtained by calling (916) 341-5600 or downloading from our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/.

The video of the Board Meeting is available to view on our website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/video.shtml

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9:13 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 10:39 a.m.); Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Andy Sawyer, Assistant Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Administrative Assistant II
Beba Maletic, Administrative Assistant II

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***

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

Mayor Saul Ayon, City of McFarland

Jim White, City of McFarland

Dario Diaz, City of McFarland

S. Aaron Resendez, McFarland Unified School District

Bella Fernandez, City of McFarland

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group

Fred Briones, Big Valley Rancheria

Becky Steinbruner, General Public

Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

Tanu Malhotra, State Water Resources Control Board

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the February 21, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the February 21, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([March 5, 2024](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Member Maguire
Member Firestone
Member Morgan

Nay: None

Absent: Vice Chair D'Adamo

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Erik Ekdahl*

No Action Taken

Commenters

Becky Steinbruner, General Public

3. Racial Equity Action Plan annual update.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Jenalyn Guzman, Adriana Renteria, Nicholas Martorano, Erik Ekdahl, Karen Mogus, Darrin Polhemus, Christine Gordon, James Nachbaur, John Russell, Yvonne West, Jackie Carpenter*
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - [Racial Equity Action Plan 2023 Annual Update](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance
Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
Konrad Fisher, Water Climate Trust
Chelsea Tu, Monterey Waterkeeper
Erick Orellana, Community Water Center
Kasil Willie, Save California Salmon
Francis Mendoza, Save California Salmon*

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting the proposed prioritization of drinking water regulations development for calendar year 2024.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Melissa Hall, Darrin Polhemus, David Rice*
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - [Draft Resolution](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0009](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Tim Worley, Community Water Systems Alliance

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. 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 6:55:40 on the video for the March 5, 2024 Board Meeting.

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

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:21 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 29, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on February 29, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittals are to be sent via e-mail to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, **03/05/2024 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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