



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 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, May 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo; Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone (remote); Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

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

Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental

Tod Hickman, General Public

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the May 7, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the May 7, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (May 21, 2024)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Chair Esquivel

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, Erik Ekdahl, Paul Gosselin (DWR), Steven Springhorn (DWR), Amanda Montgomery, Mike Conway, Marielle Rhodeiro

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

3. Update on status of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund and opportunity for public comment on allocation of certain funds generated from the petroleum storage fee, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299.43, for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Staff Presenting: Selica Potter, Dayna Cordano, Julie Osborn

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

4. 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 2:17:15 on the video for the May 21, 2024 Board Meeting.

The Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. until Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 9:04 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo; Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Meredith Thompson, SSMI

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BOARD WORKSHOP

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

5. Annual Public Workshop on the status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program.
Staff Presenting: Stephanie Holstege, Amanda Montgomery, David Coupe
 - [Public Notice](#)
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - [Staff Report 2024](#)
 - Written Comments were due by noon on May 13, 2024

No Action Taken

Opening Remarks:

Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

California Natural Resources Agency Presentation

Samantha Arthur, CNRA
Mario Llanos, CNRA

Melinda Dorin, Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Miguel Hernandez, CNRA
Tonya Marshall, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Evon Wilhoff, DWR

Commenters

Daniel Orr, Audubon California
Andrea Jones, Audubon California
Erin Woolley, Sierra Club California
Michael Lynes, Audubon California
Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute
Tom Sephton, The EcoMedia Compass
Sonia Herbert, General Public
April Leighton, General Public
William Cooper, The Becoming Project, Inc.
Daniela Flores, Imperial Valley Equity & Justice Coalition
Francisco Javier Meléndez Morales, General Public
John Hernandez, Our Roots Multicultural Center
Nikola N. Lakic, Geothermal Worldwide, Inc. (Nikola Lakic)
Irondad, General Public
Joan Taylor, General Public
Mariela Loera, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
Mary Ann Ruiz, Sierra Club
Jasmyn Phillips, General Public

Panel 1: Overview of Local Agencies' Partnership Salton Sea Projects

Patrick O'Dowd, Salton Sea Authority
Jessica Humes, Imperial Irrigation District (IID)
Frank Ruiz, Audubon California
Brian Schmidt, IID
Tina Shields, IID

Panel 2: Feasibility Study

Patrick O'Dowd, Salton Sea Authority
Evon Wilhoff, DWR
Corrie Stetzel, US Army Corps of Engineers

Commenters

Czar Tide, General Public
Tom Sephton, The EcoMedia Compass
Aydee Palomino, Alianza Coachella Valley
Cruz Marques, Alianza Coachella Valley
Ryan Sinclair, Loma Linda University
Rushil Ladhawala, Alianza Coachella Valley
Nikola N. Lakic, Geothermal Worldwide, Inc. (Nikola Lakic)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 4:26 p.m

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE/ DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517, accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and petitions for release from priority of state-filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517 (unassigned portion), 22235, 23780, and 23781 in favor of water right Application 25517X01 filed by the Sites Project Authority. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).)

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

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the status of and receive legal advice concerning a complaint filed against the Board pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000(d) *et seq.*, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's nondiscrimination regulation, at 40 C.F.R. Part 7, pertaining to the Board's water quality standards setting in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed (EPA File No. 01RNO-23-R9). (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)

The Board met 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 May 16, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on May 16, 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, **05/21-22/2024 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

If you have questions about the agenda, or if you do not have internet access and need a telephone number to participate in the meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600 prior to the date of the meeting.

If you would like to request a copy of public comments submitted on an agenda item, please send a request to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, identifying the Board meeting date, and agenda item by name and number.

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml

*Items on the uncontested items calendar may be removed at the request of any Board Member or person. If an item is removed from the uncontested items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the Board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent board meeting to allow input by interested persons.

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An alternate live-stream broadcast will also be available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/>

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