



**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**  
**COASTAL HEARING ROOM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 18, 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 (remote); Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director  
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, JUNE 18, 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**

*Mary Wood, General Public*

*John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency*

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the June 4, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the June 4, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([June 18, 2024](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

## **UNCONTESTED ITEMS**

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to apply for, accept, and/or amend a federal Clean Water Act section 319 Grant and to execute and amend contracts and grants to support the Nonpoint Source Program.

*Staff Presenting: Jessica Leonard, Paul Hann, Anthony Austin*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

**Seconded by:** Board Member Maguire

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution No. 2024-0017](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Commenters**

*None*

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to apply for, accept, and/or amend federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Grants.

*Staff Presenting: Bridget Chase, Ellen Brooks, Jasmine Oaxaca, Joe Karkoski*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

**Seconded by:** Board Member Maguire

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution No. 2024-0018](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Commenters**

*None*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. Office of the Delta Watermaster: Periodic Report.

*Staff Presenting: Jay Ziegler*

- [Agenda Item](#)

### **No Action Taken**

#### **Commenters**

None

5. Quarterly Delta Stewardship Council Lead Scientist's Report: Review of current Delta science research, activities, and initiatives.

*Staff Presenting: Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Jay Ziegler*

- [Agenda Item](#)

### **No Action Taken**

#### **Commenters**

None

## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

6. Consideration of a proposed Order denying the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Petition for Reconsideration of Order WR-2019-0148 amending permits for operation of the Cachuma Project.

*Staff Presenting: Penn Scoble, Diane Riddle, Max Cassell*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- Proposed Order ([Clean](#) | [Redline](#))
- Written comments were due by noon on May 2, 2024

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Order

**Seconded by:** Board Member Maguire

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Order WR 2024-0007](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Commenters**

*Michael Jackson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation*

*Maggie Hall, Environmental Defense Center on behalf of California Trout*

*Peter Cattle, Cachuma Conservation Release Board*

*Scott Shapiro, Downey Brand for the Cachuma Conservation Release Board*

*Steve Anderson, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District*

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

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 2:41:05 on the video for the June 18, 2024 Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 12:05 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 met 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 did not meet in Closed Session on the above item.**

### **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

The Board will meet in closed session to deliberate on a proposed order denying the United States Bureau of Reclamation's petition for reconsideration of Order WR 2019-0148 amending permits for operation of the Cachuma project. (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.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on June 13, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on June 13, 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](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, **06/18/2024 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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