



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024
COASTAL HEARING ROOM**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 16, 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 9:14 a.m.); 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
Meredith Thompson, Special Assistant to the Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

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

- *Veronica Farwell, with the Office of Public Participation, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the Racial Equity Trainers Team, consisting of: Anna Holder, Amelia Nishimura, Erin Garner, Jacob Mendoza, Karmina Padgett, Kelsey Thompson-Briggs, Maxine Cottrell, Molina Hauv, Rebecca Asami, and Sheila Chrisine McQuaid-Moran.*
- *Amy Kronson, also with the Office of Public Participation, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to Jenalyn Guzman for her work with Racial Equity and Environmental Justice.*

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

Kevin O'Brien, Downey Brand LLP

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the July 2-3, 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the July 2-3, 2024 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([July 16, 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 or Designee to continue into an Interagency Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, for consultation services on analytical methods and research for the Drinking Water Program.

Staff Presenting: Mariela de la Paz Carpio-Obeso, Robert Brownwood, Kim Niemeyer

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

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0020](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt amendments to the Wastewater Operator Certification Program Fees in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 26 (commencing with section 3670).

Staff Presenting: Keisha Kelley, Christine Gordon, Daniel Freed

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#) ([Attachment 1](#) | [Attachment 2](#))
- [Attachment A - Regulation Text](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0021](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to authorize use of Supplemental Environmental Project funds for the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay's Central Coast Drinking Water Well Testing Program.

Staff Presenting: Tamara Anderson, Kailyn Ellison, Thea Tryon, Angela Schroeter, Yvonne West

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on June 3, 2024
- [Response to Comments](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2024-0022](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD WORKSHOP

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

5. Board Workshop on the draft Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

Staff Presenting: Jasmine Oaxaca, Joe Karkoski, Lauren Marshall

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Fund Expenditure Plan](#)
- Written comments are due by noon on July 24, 2024

No Action Taken

Commenters

Ignacio Gonzalez, General Public

Erick Orellana, Community Water Center

Angela Islas, Central California Environmental Justice Network

6. Board Workshop on the draft State Fiscal Year 2024-25 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) with Supplemental IUP for the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019; Supplemental IUPs for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Emerging Contaminants (and Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities) and Lead Service Line Replacement funding; revised guidelines for Small Community Grant Drinking Water funding; and Budget Act General Fund Appropriations.

Staff Presenting: Michael Downey, Joe Karkoski, Kim Dinh, Jean Fung, Lindsey Harms

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [DWSRF IUP with Supplemental IUPs](#)
- Written comments are due by noon on July 24, 2024

No Action Taken

Commenters

Marc Serna, South Coast Water District

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group / South Coast Water District

Angela Islas, Central California Environmental Justice Network

Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies

Andy Morris, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Dawn White, Golden State Water Company

Erick Orellana, Community Water Center

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 5:04:15 on the video for the July 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 2:18 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on July 11, 2024 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on July 11, 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, **07/16/2024 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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*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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