



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
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 Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 9:31 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Assistant 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.*

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

*Geoffrey McQuilkin, Mono Lake Committee
Kimberly Burr, Green Valley Creek- Russian River
Fred Briones, Native American Fiber Program*

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the December 6-7, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the December 6-7, 2022 minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([December 6-7, 2022](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

2. Drought Update and Current Hydrologic Conditions.
Staff Presenting: Erik Ekdahl, Matt Pavelchik, Sarah Ries, Jeff Laird, Chris Harris

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Joe Weber, Big Valley
Ron Montez, Sr., Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Luis Santa, Robinson Rancheria Pomo Indians of California
Jaime Boggs, Robinson Rancheria
Chris Mccloud, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Alix Tyler, Big Valley Rancheria, EPA Department
Fred Briones, Native American Fiber Program*

OFFICE OF THE DELTA WATERMASTER & DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

3. Consideration of proposed Regulation Modifying Water Right Ownership Notice Requirements and Reporting Dates.

Staff Presenting: Michael George, Roberto Cervantes, Andy Sawyer, Garrett Lenahan

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution and proposed Regulations](#)
- Written Comments (due by December 21, 2022)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2023-0001](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Office of the Delta Watermaster: Periodic Report.

Staff Presenting: Michael George, Lindsay Kammeier, Andy Sawyer

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

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

Staff Presenting: Dr. Laurel Larsen, Michael George, Andy Sawyer

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

6. Board Member Reports.

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at: [SWRCB Board Meeting January 4, 2023 - YouTube](#) It begins at 5:41:37 on the video for the January 4, 2023 Board Meeting.

No Action Taken

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

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:12 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 December 29, 2022 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on December 29, 2022 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, **01/04/2023 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item)**. If you have questions about the agenda, contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600.

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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* 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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