



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
SIERRA HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 9:32 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Nichole Morgan

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director (remote)
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director (remote)
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Michael Read, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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

Ben King, Pacific Gold Agriculture, LLC

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the April 18, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed minutes.

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED: ([May 2, 2023](#))

Aye: Chair Esquivel
Vice Chair D'Adamo
Member Maguire

Nay: None

Absent: Member Morgan

Abstain: Member Firestone

UNCONTESTED ITEM*

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution amending the Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Guidelines.

Staff Presenting: [Tricia Carter](#), [Alex Huang](#), [Christopher Stevens](#), [Jean Fung](#)

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments (due by noon on April 25, 2023)

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the proposed Resolution.

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED: ([Resolution No. 2023-0013](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: Member Morgan

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, Karla Nemeth (DWR), Michael Anderson (DWR- Presentation)*

No Action Taken

Commenters

Tien Tran, Community Water Center

- ~~4. Update on monthly water production and conservation data reported by urban retail water suppliers.~~

CANCELED

Items 5 & 6 were taken out of order and heard before Item 3.

5. Update on status of the Underground Storage Tank (UST) 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 2024-2025.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Diane Barclay, Julie Osborn*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Cindy Williams, Pinnacle Environmental Management Support
Susan Garner, EquoLogic
Eric Holm, Ante Group Consulting*

6. Progress update on two years of implementation of the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) new regulations.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Christine Sotelo, Katelyn Hilty, Darrin Polhemus, Kim Niemeyer, Andy Sawyer*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

*Judy Morgan, Pace Analytical and Current Chair of CA ELTAC
Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association
Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies*

7. Board Member Reports.

For full details on each Board Member report, please review the video at [Board Videos | California State Water Resources Control Board](#). It begins at 3:02:21 on the video for the May 2, 2023 Board Meeting.

No Action Taken

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

No Action Taken

The Board recessed at 1:00 p.m. until Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (remote- joined at 10:10 a.m.); Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Nichole Morgan

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

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BOARD WORKSHOP

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

9. Workshop on the second revised draft initial biological goals report for Lower San Joaquin River Flow Objectives.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Erin Foresman, Stephen Louie, Tina Leahy, David Coupe, Andy Sawyer*
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - Written Comments (due by noon on May 12, 2023)

No Action Taken

Commenters

James Lynch, Merced Irrigation District
Ashley Overhouse, Defenders of Wildlife
William Sears, Tuolumne River Partners (San Francisco, Turlock Irrigation District, and Modesto Irrigation District)
Andrea Fuller, FISHBIO
Gary Bobker, The Bay Institute
Peter Drekmeier, Tuolumne River Trust

David Ragland, Tuolumne River Trust
Tim Strohane, Restore the Delta
Doug Obegi, Natural Resources Defense Council
Jon Rosenfield, San Francisco Baykeeper
Konrad Fisher, Water Climate Trust
Heinrich Albert, General Public
Erin Woolley, Sierra Club California
Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association
Brett Baker, Central Delta Water Agency
Denise Louie, Center for Biological Diversity

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on April 27, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on April 27, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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