



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 22, 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 Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Laurel Firestone

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

PRESENTATION OF SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS AND SUSTAINED SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

- *Deputy Director Karen Mogus, with the Division of Water Quality, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplish Award to Jeanie Mascia.*
- *Assistant Deputy Director Eric Lau, with the Division of Administrative Services, presented a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to the DAS-Human*

Resources Branch Transactions Unit (Christy L. Glunz, Leslie M. Bierwirth-Douglas, Araceli Palomino, Claudia E. de la Torre Ortiz, Jessica M. Laborin), and two Superior Accomplishment Awards. One to the DAS- Disability Unit (Poneh K. Jones, Betty M. Miles Carter, Lora P. Krenzler, Carmen D. Harris) and the other to the DAS- Contact Tracing Coordinators (Maxine L. Freeman (not present) and Christina L. Edwards).

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

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency (Presentation)

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the February 7, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the February 7, 2023 minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED ([February 22, 2023](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: Member Firestone

Abstain: None

UNCONTESTED ITEM (ITEM 2)

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to resume contaminant source investigation activities in the San Gabriel Valley Groundwater Basin. *Staff Presenting: Steve McMasters, Cheryl Prowell, Arthur Heath, Norma Menjivar, Hugh Marley, Anita (Xiao-Xue) Fang, Annalisa Kihara, Karen Mogus*
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - [Draft Resolution](#)

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution 2023-0004](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: Member Firestone

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Drought Update and Current Hydrologic Conditions.

Staff Presenting: Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle, Dana Heinrich, Karla Nemeth (DWR, Presentation)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Doug Obegi, Natural Resources Defense Council

Erin Woolley, Sierra Club California

Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center

Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon

Bruce Kinabrew, General Public

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 2:41:47 on the video for the February 22, 2023 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on February 16, 2023 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on February 16, 2023 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, **02/22/2023 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.

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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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