



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 Tuesday, October 17, 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 (virtual); Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel (virtual)
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Emily McShane, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Beba Maletic, Administrative Assistant

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

Tod Hickman, General Public

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the October 3-4, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Firestone moved to adopt the October 3-4, 2023 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([October 17, 2023](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

UNCONTESTED ITEM

2. Concurrence with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order granting an exception to the Temperature Water Quality Objective in the State Thermal Plan for the Mountain House Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Staff Presenting: Khali Debbad, Zane Poulson, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Karen Mogus, Catherine Hagan

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments (were due by noon on July 24, 2023)

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

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED ([Resolution No. 2023-0039](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

3. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Erin Ragazzi, Jessica Bean, Andy Sawyer*

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

4. Report on quality assurance recommendations for the *Ceriodaphnia dubia* Toxicity Test and an update on the status of implementation of the Toxicity Provisions.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Katie Fong, Karen Mogus, Zane Poulson, Elizabeth Beryt, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Alvina Mehinto (SCCWRP), Christine Sotelo, Leana Van der Vliet (Environment and Climate Change Canada)*

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Paul Bedore, Robertson-Bryan, Inc. on Behalf of City of Stockton and City of Roseville
Sushmitha Reddy, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay
Jeff Miller, AQUA-Science LLC
Steve Jepsen, Clean Water SoCal
Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Mitchell Mysliwiec, Larry Walker Associates
Peter Arth, Enthalpy Analytical
Josh Westfall, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Sarah Lopez, Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association
Teresa Norberg-King, General Public

5. Office of the Delta Watermaster: Periodic Report.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Jay Ziegler, Andy Sawyer*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

6. A Quarterly Delta Stewardship Council Lead Scientist's Report. Review of current Delta science research, activities, and initiatives.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Dr. Laurel Larsen, Jay Ziegler*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

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 5:13:30 on the video for the October 17, 2023 Board Meeting.

Commenters

None

The Board recessed at 2:48 p.m. until Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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Emily McShane, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Mike Read, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

8. Public Workshop to receive public input on the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook.

(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Andrés Aguirre, Nick McGann, Zachary Rounds, Randy Barnard*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Staff Report](#)
- [Draft Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook](#)
- Written Comments (due by noon on October 20, 2023)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Christine Compton, Irvine Ranch Water District

Sean Cleary, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Backflow Prevention Institute

Dave Bolland, California Water Association

Rosario Cortés, WateReuse California

James Lee, Eastern Municipal Water District

Rolando Hazzard, C4-Cross Connection Control Consultants

Sue Mosburg, California-Nevada Section, American Water Works Association

John Graham, Private Contractor and Policy Consultant

*Danielle Rose, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Tom Enslow, California State Pipe Trades Council
Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies
Luis Huerta, General Public*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

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

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

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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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