



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023
SIERRA 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, August 2, 2023 at 9:33 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; Member Nichole Morgan (departed at 3:30 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
Andy Sawyer, Assistant Chief Counsel
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
Eric Oppenheimer, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Emily McShane, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Administrative Assistant II
Mike 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

William Weiss, Lake County Land Stewards

BOARD BUSINESS

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

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the July 18, 2023 minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Firestone

MOTION CARRIED ([August 2, 2023](#))

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Drought Update and Current Hydrologic Conditions.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Marielle Rhodeiro, Karina Herrera, Jessica Bean, Zachary Zwahlen, Erin Ragazzi, Marianna Aue*

No Action Taken

3. Department of Transportation Public Awareness Campaign regarding Stormwater Pollution to water ways.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Loren Magana (Caltrans), Jarma Bennett, Karen Mogus*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

4. Update on the Clear Lake hitch emergency.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, John Murphy, Amanda Pearson, Valerie Zimmer, Anu Krishnaswamy*
 - [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Fred Briones, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Robert Gore, Gualco Group / CA Association of Winegrape Growers
Peter Windrem, General Public
Michael Miller, CA Association of Winegrape Growers
William Weiss, Lake County Land Stewards
Joe Weber, Big Valley Rancheria
Alicia Castellanos, Big Valley Rancheria
Jenece Jack, Big Valley Rancheria
Rebecca Harper, Lake County Farm Bureau

PUBLIC HEARING- WILL NOT BEGIN BEFORE 1:00 P.M.

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

5. Administrative Procedure Act Public Hearing to receive comments on a proposed Maximum Contaminant Level for Hexavalent Chromium and Draft Environmental Impact Report.
(Staff Presentation) *Staff Presenting: Bethany Robinson, Kim Niemeyer, Randy Barnard, Darrin Polhemus*
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - [Revised Public Notice](#)
 - Written Comments (due by noon on August 4, 2023)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Oscar Ortiz, City of Indio
Thom Bogue, City of Dixon (personal comments)
James Ward Jr., Dixon City Treasurer (personal comments)
Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Tim Worley, Community Water Systems Alliance
Norman Benson, General Public
Joanne Le, Coachella Valley Water District
Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies
Kelli Hutten, General Public
Oracio Gonzalez, City of Coachella
Trudi Hughes, California League of Food Producers
Valentin Cornejo, General Public
Jesus Calvillo, General Public

Rebecca Quintana, AGUA Coalition
Jesus "Tutuy" Montes, AGUA Coalition
Nydia Medina, General Public
Raquel Sanchez, AGUA Coalition
Rosibel Bejar, General Public
Yesenia Segovia, representing the Central Valley
Salma Alatorre, General Public
Uriel Saldivar, AGUA Coalition
Mayra Hernandez, Community Water Center
Maria Luisa Munoz, General Public
Rob Spiegel, California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Eileen Conneely, American Chemistry Council
Karina Cervantez, California Association of Mutual Water Companies
Yasmeen Nubani, Twentynine Palms Water District
Kyle Jones, Community Water Center
Edmund Fitzgerald, General Public
Andrea Abergel, California Municipal Utilities Association
Andria Ventura, Clean Water Action
Michael Claiborne, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
Bryan Osorio, Resident of the City of Delano
Evangelina Marujo, General Public
Castulo Estrada, City of Coachella
Michael Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District / Agua
Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Community Water Center
Antonio Jauregui, Community Water Center

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. 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 8:08:15 on the video for the August 2, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on July 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 July 27, 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, **08/02/2023 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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