

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2013**

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber called the meeting to order on August 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, California.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber; Member Tam M. Doduc; Member Steven Moore; Member Dorene D'Adamo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chair Felicia Marcus

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel	Caren Trgovcich, Chief Deputy Director
Bethany Pane, Office of Chief Counsel	Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
George Kostyrko, Office of Public Affairs	Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
Larry Lindsay, Division of Water Rights	Courtney Davis, Executive Office
Les Grober, Division of Water Rights	Liz Haven, Division of Financial Assistance
Craig Wilson, Office of the Delta Watermaster	Daniel Newton, Division of Financial Assistance

ANNOUNCEMENT

- *Evacuation information in case the fire alarm goes off during the 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 Chair

PUBLIC FORUM

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the State Water Board's jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda, or pending before the State Water Resources Control Board or any California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

None

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the July 23, 2013 Board Meeting minutes.

No Action Taken – Deferred to future Board Meeting.

2. Board Member Report.

Board Member Moore:

- *The Central Coast Water Board updated their post construction requirements in July to align with a State Water Board order that was adopted in February for Phase II municipal separate storm sewer systems. It was nice to see a detailed discussion from the Central Coast Water Board about where things are headed and what we'll learn from their process. It's good to know there is coordination between the State and Regional Water Boards.*

- *This month the North Coast Water Board is going to take up an interesting policy on nutrients on August 22nd. It is similar to what the Lahontan Water Board is doing to implement the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load. They'll look at nutrients and identify limits on the point sources and any opportunities available. There was a grant obtained through the U.S.D.A. by the local Resource Conservation District as well as the City of Santa Rosa to explore innovative approaches to reducing nutrients from nonpoint sources.*

Board Member Doduc:

- *At one of the Central Valley Water Board meetings they discussed one of the mandatory minimum penalty (MMP) items for over three hours. Member Doduc is strongly supportive of the due process and public participation effort even though during these discussions there is little room for discretion. She would like to know if there is a more efficient way to look at these MMP issues. She has requested a summary from Director of the Office of Enforcement, Cris Carrigan, on what we have learned from these MMP proceedings, any success stories, and costs in resources and time.*
- *The Central Valley Water Board also brought up the issue of petitions, especially petitions that are filed to the State Water Board and just sit there. The particular item discussed was a proposed administrative civil liability (ACL) for a dairy operator who petitioned the underlying requirements to the State Water Board. Member Doduc would like to see an improved petition handling process and the way we communicate with petitioners. She encourages staff to move as quickly as possible to get the proposed, revised regulations, described by Chief Counsel Michael Lauffer, out for public comment.*

Board Member D'Adamo:

- *Last week went on a tour of the Metropolitan Water District where the purpose was to pull together officials from Northern California agricultural water districts. The goal of the tour was to develop relationships with some key board members from Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley along with Metropolitan Water District board members. The idea was to develop stronger relationships so transfers and flow releases could take place. This would help to increase comfort levels with various stakeholders. It was also an opportunity to develop some common ground with the agricultural water districts in the north.*

UNCONTESTED ITEM* (Item 3)

- *3 Consideration of a proposed Resolution for project placement on the Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) Competitive Project List , and Approval of the WRFP Preliminary Funding Commitment for the [Santa Margarita Water District, Middle Chiquita Recycled Water Facilities Project, WRFP Project No. 3925-030.](#)

Motion: Member Doduc moved to adopt the proposed Resolution.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Spivy-Weber

MOTION CARRIED: ([Resolution No. 2013-0021](#))

Aye: Vice Chair Spivy-Weber
Member Doduc
Member Moore
Member D'Adamo

Nay: None

Absent: Chair Felicia Marcus

Abstain: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Informational Update by the [Office of Delta Watermaster on water activities within the Delta.](#)

- *Craig Wilson with the Office of Delta Watermaster made the presentation to the Board.*

5. Discussion of Board Members' priorities and organizational issues, including development of Groundwater Strategic Workplan.

No Action Taken

Commenters

Bob Gore, Gualco Group

Greg Zlotnick, San Luis-Delta Mendota Water Authority

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session is not open to the Public

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

- The Board will meet in closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding resolving petitions SWRCB/OCC Files A-2209(a)-(e). The petitions seek review of Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2012-0011 for Discharges from Irrigated Lands, Monitoring and Reporting Program Order Nos. R3-2012-0011-01, R3-2012-0011-02, and R3-2012-0011-03, and Resolution No. R3-2012-0012, issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).

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. on August 1, 2013, and will not be accepted after that time.

Submittal of **electronic Powerpoint presentations** must be received by 12:00 p.m. on August 1, 2013 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, "**8/6/13 BOARD MEETING (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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