



# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

SIERRA HEARING ROOM

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 9:03 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (arrived at 9:17 a.m.); Member Sean Maguire; Member Laurel Firestone; Member Nichole Morgan

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director  
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director  
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director  
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board  
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board  
Elizabeth Carrillo, AGPA

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Instructions were given in regard to participating in the Remote Meeting.
- The Board meeting is being webcasted and recorded.

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## 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

*Bob Gore, The Gualco Group on behalf of fee payers*

*Geoff Ellsworth, former Mayor of St. Helena and Napa County*

### BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the January 7, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the January 7, 2025 Board Meeting minutes

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([January 22, 2025](#))

**Aye:** Chair Esquivel  
Member Maguire  
Member Firestone  
Member Morgan

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Vice Chair D'Adamo

**Abstain:** None

### UNCONTESTED ITEM

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution delegating authority to the Executive Director, the Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute certain contracts and amendments.

*Staff Presenting: [Eric Lau](#), [Julie Osborn](#)*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution No. 2025-0003](#))

**Aye:** Chair Esquivel  
Member Maguire  
Member Firestone  
Member Morgan

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Vice Chair D'Adamo

**Abstain:** None

**Commenters**

*None*

**DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to amend the Administrator Policy Handbook to incorporate provisions pursuant to Assembly Bill 805 (2024) for the appointment of administrators to inadequate sewer services.

*Staff Presenting: James Garrett, Kristyn Abhold, Annalisa Kihara, Ellen Brooks*

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Administrator Policy Handbook ([Redline](#) | [Clean](#))
- [Change Sheet #1](#)

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheet #1

**Seconded by:** Board Member Firestone

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution No. 2025-0004](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Commenters**

*Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies*

*Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Community Water Center*

*Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association*

*Jahari Garcia, Community Water Center*

## **DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting the Water Quality Control Policy to Standardize Cost Reporting in Municipal Stormwater Permits.

*Staff Presenting: Amanda Magee, Annalisa Kihara, Catherine Hagan*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy](#)
- [Draft Staff Report](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on July 9, 2024
- [Response to Comments](#)

**Motion:** Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair D'Adamo

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution No. 2025-0005](#))

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

### **Commenters**

*Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance*

*Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

5. 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 2:01:20 on the video for the January 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Sessions are not open to the Public

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE/ DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the water right change petition filed by the California Department of Water Resources to add two new points of diversion and rediversion to water right permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) for the State Water Project associated with the Delta Conveyance Project. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).)

**The Board met in Closed Session on the above item.**

The Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on procedural or substantive decisions to be reached in the proceeding to consider the petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517, accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and petitions for release from priority of state-filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517 (unassigned portion), 22235, 23780, and 23781 in favor of water right Application 25517X01 filed by the Sites Project Authority. (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).)

**The Board met in Closed Session on the above item.**

### **OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL**

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the status of and receive legal advice concerning a complaint filed against the Board pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000(d) *et seq.*, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's nondiscrimination regulation, at 40 C.F.R. Part 7, pertaining to the Board's water quality standards setting in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed (EPA File No. 01RNO-23-R9). (This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)

**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. (Noon) on January 16, 2025 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on January 16, 2025 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](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, **01/22/2025 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

If you have questions about the agenda, or if you do not have internet access and need a telephone number to participate in the meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (916) 341-5600 prior to the date of the meeting.

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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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