



**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025**  
**COASTAL HEARING ROOM**

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The video of the Board Meeting is available to view on our website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/video.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/video.shtml)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 9:01 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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director  
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director  
Erik Ekdahl, 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.

# **TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

## **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**

- *Eric Lau, with the Division of Administrative Services, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the Accounting Branch, consisting of: Jamie Little, Denise Walker, Heather Bell, Lucy Singletary, Zia Her, Mark Denson, Tirunesh Futassa, Mark Kalashian, Phoebe Khan, Mariya Sjostrand, Amber Canchola, Won Suk Lee, Jennifer Russo, Samantha Lawton-Wilson, Yelena Galbina, and Andrey Rybikov.*
- *Phil Crader, with the Division of Water Quality, and James Nachbaur, with the Office of Research, Planning, and Performance, presented a Superior Accomplishment Award to the Wildfire Prevention Projects Team, consisting of: Krystle Taylor, Michael Hanks, and Marjan Ghotbizadeh.*

### **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**

*Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust  
Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental*

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the June 17, 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the June 17, 2025 Board Meeting minutes

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

**MOTION CARRIED** (July 15, 2025)

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** Member Maguire

## **BOARD WORKSHOP**

### **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

2. Board Workshop presentation on the draft 2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan.  
*Staff Presenting: Lawrence Sanchez, Robert Brownwood, Darrin Polhemus*
  - [Public Notice](#)
  - [Agenda Item](#)
  - [Draft 2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan](#)
  - Written Comments are due by noon on August 29, 2025

#### **No Action Taken**

#### **Commenters**

*Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies*

*Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action*

*Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*

### **DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

3. Board Workshop presentation on the draft State Fiscal Year 2025-26 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan with Supplemental Intended Use Plans and Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Acts of 2021, 2024, and 2025 and Propositions 1, 68, and 4.  
*Staff Presenting: Kristyn Abhold, Michael Downey, Joe Karkoski, Lisa Hong, Jean Fung*
  - [Public Notice](#)
  - [Agenda Item](#)
  - [Draft 2025-26 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan | Supplemental Intended Use Plans](#)
  - Written Comments are due by noon on July 28, 2025

#### **No Action Taken**

#### **Commenters**

*Lily Mackay, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (commented during Item 2)*

*Erick Orellana, Community Water Center*

*Bob Gore, The Gualco Group, Inc.*

*Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies*

*Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action*

*Tim Worley, Community Water Systems Alliance*

*Willis Hon, Nossaman for City of Los Banos*

*Frank Figueroa, City of Coachella*

*Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*

*Castulo Estrada, City of Coachella, Coachella Valley Water District*

4. Board Workshop on the Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

*Staff Presenting: Kristyn Abhold, Joe Karkoski, Anthony Austin*

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fund Expenditure Plan](#) | [Appendices](#)
- Written Comments are due by noon on July 31, 2025

## **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*Erick Orellana, Community Water Center*

*Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action*

*Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*

*Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway*

**The Board recessed at 2:03 p.m. until Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 9:01 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 11:15 a.m., resumed virtually at 11:50 a.m.)

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director  
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director  
Erik Ekdahl, Chief Deputy Director  
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board  
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### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

5. Current Hydrologic Conditions and Response.  
*Staff Presenting: Jessica Bean, Jeff Laird*

### **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

None

6. California Wastewater Needs Assessment – Phase 1 completion and next steps.  
*Staff Presenting: Dania Jimmerson, Greg Pierce (UCLA)*
  - [Agenda Item](#)

### **No Action Taken**

### **Commenters**

*Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*  
*Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association*  
*Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies*

7. Office of the Delta Watermaster: Periodic Report.

*Staff Presenting: Jay Ziegler, Will Anderson*

- [Agenda Item](#)

**No Action Taken**

**Commenters**

*None*

8. Quarterly Delta Stewardship Council Lead Scientist's Report: Review of current Delta science research, activities, and initiatives.

*Staff Presenting: Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Jay Ziegler, Will Anderson*

- [Agenda Item](#)

**No Action Taken**

**Commenters**

*None*

9. Office of Enforcement: 2025 Mid-Year Enforcement Data and Program Update.

*Staff Presenting: Yvonne West, Javier Orozco*

- [Agenda Item](#)

**No Action Taken**

**Commenters**

*None*

10. 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 4:11:35 on the video for the July 16, 2025 Board Meeting.

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

**No Action Taken**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 4:00 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 redirection 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 July 10, 2025 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on July 10, 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, **07/15-16/2025 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/>

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