



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026
COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 9:15 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 Nichole Morgan; Member Jared Blumenfeld (departed at 12:47 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Stefan Spich, Office of 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, Analyst II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

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

- Remarks by Board Member Jared Blumenfeld

Commenters

Tina Bennett, General Public

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the June 16-17, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the June 16-17, 2026 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED (July 7, 2026)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Member Blumenfeld

UNCONTESTED ITEMS

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt amendments to the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Fees in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4, Chapter 13 (commencing with section 63850).

Staff Presenting: Keisha Kelley, Josh Ziese, Helen Wuellner

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Attachment A](#) | [Attachment 1](#) | [Attachment 2](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0023)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Member Blumenfeld

Commenters

None

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt amendments to the Wastewater Operator Certification Program Fees in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, Chapter 26 (commencing with section 3670).

Staff Presenting: Keisha Kelley, Josh Ziese, Helen Wuellner

- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Attachment A](#) | [Attachment 1](#) | [Attachment 2](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0024)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Member Blumenfeld

Commenters

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4. California Wastewater Needs Assessment - Inadequate & At-Risk Systems Lists and Phase 2 Status.

Staff Presenting: Dania Jimmerson, Greg Pierce (UCLA), Maureen Kerner (CSUS)

- [Agenda Item](#)

No Action Taken

Commenters

Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

5. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt the State Fiscal Year 2026-27 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan with Supplemental Intended Use Plan for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Emerging Contaminants and Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Act of 2024 and Propositions 1, 68, and 4.

Staff Presenting: Lisa Hong, Michael Downey, Bridget Chase, Matt Wilson

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Updated Draft 2026-27 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan | Redline comparing to the April 27, 2026 draft](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on May 27, 2026
- [Response to Comments](#)

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with direction to staff to come back with additional information and steps to increase small community grant funding

Seconded by: Vice Chair D'Adamo

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0025)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Beth Olhasso, WaterReuse CA

Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association

Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action

BOARD WORKSHOP

6. Board Workshop presentation on the draft State Fiscal Year 2026-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan including Guidelines for Complementary Funding from the Budget Act of 2024 and Propositions 1, 68, and 4, with Supplemental Intended Use Plans for Emerging Contaminants, Lead Service Line Replacement, and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019.

Staff Presenting: Kristyn Abhold, Lisa Hong, Michael Downey, Jennifer Larsen, Jean Fung, Lindsey Harms

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft 2026-27 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan | Supplemental Intended Use Plans](#)
- Written Comments are due by noon on July 23, 2026

No Action Taken**Commenters**

Gabriel Adams, City of Trinidad, California

Willis Hon, Nossaman LLP on behalf of the City of Los Banos

Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center

Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action

Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Board Member Reports.

No report.

No Action Taken- item moved to July 8, 2026**Commenters**

None

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

No Action Taken- item moved to July 8, 2026

Commenters

None

The Board recessed at 4:20 p.m. until Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 9:03 a.m. with both a physical meeting location and remote location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel; Member Sean Maguire; Member Nichole Morgan; Member Jared Blumenfeld (virtual- arrived at 9:06 a.m., departed 12:41 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo (recused)

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
Phil Wyels, Assistant Chief Counsel
Erik Ekdahl, Chief Deputy Director
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
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BOARD WORKSHOP

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

9. Board Workshop to receive comments on a revised draft Order in the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2013-0122 for Milk Cow Dairies in the Central Valley Region, SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2283(b).
Staff Presenting: Stacy Gillespie, Brianna St. Pierre, Kelsey Moore
 - [Transmittal Memo](#)
 - [Agenda Item](#)
 - [Revised Draft Order](#)
 - [Revised Draft Order- Showing Revisions from October 1, 2024 Draft Order](#)
 - Written Comments are due by noon July 30, 2026

Please note that Board Member D'Adamo is recused from this item and will not participate in the discussion.

No Action Taken

Dairy Panel

Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway

JP Cativiela, Dairy Cares & Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program

Justin Gioletti, Dairy Owner & Operator

Paul Sousa, Western United Dairies

Ducan MacEwan, ERA Economics

Non-Governmental Organization Panel

Kelsey Hinton, Community Water Center

Michael Prado, Sr., Sultana, Tulare County

Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action

Corinne Gibson, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation

Commenters

Denise Kadara, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Angelica Rodriguez, California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA)

Jake Dialesandro, CRLA | Santa Clara University

Lynne McBride, California Dairy Campaign

Kyle Parreira, 4Creeks, Inc.

Ryan Flaherty, Sustainable Conservation

Madi Richards, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Elise Lanman, Dairy Institute of California

Michael Boccadoro, Dairy Cares

Daniella Legostaev, California Farm Bureau Federation

Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Denise Mullinax, California Dairy Research Foundation

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned on July 8, 2026 at 3:07 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 did not meet 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 on July 7.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Unless otherwise specified, submittal of written comments **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on July 2, 2026 and will not be accepted after that time.**

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