



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026
COASTAL HEARING ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 9:05 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

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, Analyst II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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

Commenters

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group

Regina Chichizola, Communities United for Water Protection

BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board will consider adoption of the July 21-22, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Morgan moved to adopt the July 21-22, 2026 Board Meeting minutes

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (August 18, 2026)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

UNCONTESTED ITEM

2. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to 1) incorporate the Action Plan for Pathogens in the Russian River Watershed, 2) establish a Fecal Waste Discharge Prohibition and a Total Maximum Daily Load for Bacteria in the Russian River Watershed, and 3) remove the Policy on the Control Of Water Quality with respect to On-Site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices specific to the Russian River Watershed, including the Laguna De Santa Rosa.

Staff Presenting: Lisa Bernard, Nathan Jacobsen

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on February 12, 2026

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0028)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

None

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL WATER BOARD

3. Consideration of a proposed Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region to incorporate a Water Quality Objective for Biological Condition.

Staff Presenting: Chad Loflen, Gary Strawn, Laurie Walsh, David Gibson

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on May 19, 2025
- [Response to Comments](#)
- [Change Sheet #1](#)
- [Change Sheet #2](#)

Motion: Vice Chair D'Adamo moved to adopt the proposed Resolution with Change Sheets #1 and #2

Seconded by: Board Member Maguire

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0029)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Marty Farrell, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Amanda Carr, County of Orange

Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association

Jonathan Cohen, General Public

Patrick McDonough, San Diego Coastkeeper

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4. Consideration of a proposed Resolution to adopt the 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, Jennifer Larsen, Jean Fung

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Page](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on July 23, 2026

Motion: Board Member Blumenfeld moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0030)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Bob Gore, The Gualco Group on behalf of South Coast Water District
Robert Chacanaca, General Public
Kjia Rivers, Community Water Center
Ignacio Garcia, General Public
Nick Blair, Association of California Water Agencies
Megan Murphy, California Municipal Utilities Association
Jeremy Shepard, Placer County Water Agency

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Public Hearing on the proposed Staff Report and Work Plan for the Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.

Staff Presenting: Jake Iversen, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Zane Poulson, Jessica Jahr, Erica Kalve, Kailyn Ellison

- [Revised Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Revised Draft Staff Report and Work Plan](#)
- Written Comments are due by noon on September 21, 2026

No Action Taken

Commenters

Stuart Wilcox, Ecological Rights Foundation
Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)
Marty Farrell, California Coastkeeper Alliance
Nick Joslin, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center
Jared Voskuhl, California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association
Regina Chichizola, Communities United for Water Protection

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. 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 3:54:14 on the video for the August 18, 2026 Board Meeting.

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

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

No Action Taken

Commenters

None

The Board recessed at 12:18 p.m. until Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joaquin Esquivel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 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 Nichole Morgan; Member Jared Blumenfeld (virtual)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Andy Sawyer, Assistant Chief Counsel (departed at 9:49 a.m.)
Phil Wyels, Assistant Chief Counsel (arrived at 9:49 a.m.)
Karen Mogus, Chief Deputy Director
Erik Ekdahl, Chief Deputy Director (departed at 10:27 a.m.)
Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
Marji Arjil, Assistant Clerk to the Board
Elizabeth Carrillo, Analyst II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

8. Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting emergency regulations for the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.

Staff Presenting: Michelle Frederick, Wes Stieringer-Sisneros, Darrin Polhemus, Emily Roberts, David Rice

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Proposed Emergency Regulations](#)
- Written Comments were due by noon on June 22, 2026
- [Response to Comments](#)

Motion: Board Member Maguire moved to adopt the proposed Resolution

Seconded by: Board Member Morgan

MOTION CARRIED (Resolution No. 2026-0031)

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Commenters

Megan Murphy, California Municipal Utilities Association

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Public Hearing on the Draft Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit.

Staff Presenting: Paul Levy, Jarma Bennett, Ryan Mallory-Jones

- [Revised Public Notice](#)
- [Agenda Item](#)
- Written Comments are due by noon on September 2, 2026

No Action Taken

Commenters

Jessaca Lugo, City of Shasta Lake

Will Bond, City of Shasta Lake

Dianne Woelke, Safe Healthy Playing Fields, Inc, a Beyond Plastics Affiliate

Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance

Karen Cowan, California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)

Tess Dunham, CASQA

Karen Ashby, CASQA

Rob Carson, Marin Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

Luke Voropaeff, Port of Oakland

Colleen Hunt, Stone Creek Consulting

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned on August 19, 2026 at 11:41 a.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 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 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 August 13, 2026 and will not be accepted after that time.**

Submittal of electronic PowerPoint presentations **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on August 13, 2026 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, **08/18-19/2026 BOARD MEETING – ITEM # (fill in bolded subject from appropriate item).**

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