
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Central Coast Water Board Office

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Vice Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order on Thursday, August 20, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Business

1. Roll call and declaration of quorum
Kai Johnson, Clerk to the Board
Present: Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins, Member Roques, Member Borah
Absent: Chair Gray
Vice Chair Rodriguez declared a quorum for the meeting.
2. Introductions
Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer
Executive Officer Ryan Lodge introduced Central Coast Water Board staff and congratulated Vice Chair Rodriguez and Member Roques on their confirmation by the California Senate. Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer Mary Hamilton introduced Rebecca Adams, a new Environmental Scientist in the Irrigated Lands Program. Member Borah was introduced as a newly appointed Board member.
3. Approval of Board meeting minutes, June 17-18, 2026.
Motion: Member Wolff moved to approve the June meeting minutes.
Second: Member Roques
Aye: Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins, Member Roques
Abstain: Member Borah
Absent: Chair Gray
Motion Carried: 4 to 0
4. Central Coast Water Board Members (Board Members) communications, including ex parte disclosures and Board member reports. Board Members will identify any ex parte discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.40, and Board Members may

discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Member Roques

- July 14, 2026 - Attended an Agricultural Resources Fair workshop and spoke with Sarah Lopez, and San Luis Obispo County Groundwater Sustainability Director, Blaine Reely.
- August 4, 2026 - Attended a UC Small Farms Network and Community Alliance with Family Farmers webinar on managing groundwater with small farms in mind.
- August 7, 2026 - As a Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District Board member, met with Senator Laird and staff in the Stenner Creek watershed to review a completed road-crossing and sediment-reduction project.
- August 12, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Member Borah.

Member Hoskins

- July 21, 2026 - Participated in a conference call with the Community Water Center and California Rural Legal Assistance.
- August 12, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Vice Chair Rodriguez.

Member Wolff

- August 13, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting.

Member Borah

- June 1, 2026 - Sworn in as a Regional Water Board member by Chair Gray.
- June 3, 2026 - Attended the Hacienda Apartments wastewater consolidation public meeting.
- June 10, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Member Roques.
- June 12, 2026 - Participated in an onboarding meeting with the State Water Board Office of Chief Counsel.
- August 12, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Member Roques.

Vice Chair Rodriguez

- June 22, 2026 - Call with the Senate Rules Committee regarding his reappointment to the Board.
- June 26 and July 31, 2026 - Participated in monthly Chair and Vice Chair meeting.
- July 30, 2026 - Met with environmental justice advocates regarding replacement drinking water. Vice Chair Rodriguez disclosed the communication and stated that an ex parte disclosure form had been filed.
- August 10, 2026 - Met with Chair Gray to discuss the August 20-21, 2026, Board meeting.
- August 12, 2026 - Attended Board briefing meeting with Member Hoskins.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo.
State Water Board Vice Chair provided an update on Friday, August 21, 2026.

6. Public Forum

Any person may orally address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda.

No Public Comments

Administrative Items

7. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Ryan Lodge presented the Executive Officer's Report, including summary tables of Section 401 water quality certification applications and issuances, groundwater cleanup case closures and performance metrics, and general order and waiver enrollments completed since the previous Board meeting. He highlighted Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP) harmful algal bloom monitoring and provided an update on water quality work following the Moss Landing energy-storage battery fire.

No Public Comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Items 8 through 11 were heard in the following order: 11, 8, 10, and 9.

Waste Discharge Requirements/NPDES Permit

11. Consideration of Proposed Order R3-2026-0018, Waste Discharge Requirements for The Granite Rock Company, Arthur R. Wilson Quarry, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit CA0005274

Central Coast Water Board staff members Sarah Crable, Water Resource Control Engineer, and Arwen Wyatt-Mair, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, presented the proposed NPDES permit for The Granite Rock Company's Arthur R. Wilson Quarry (Facility). Staff provided an overview of the Facility's processes, compliance history, and the requirements included in the proposed order. Staff described that the proposed order includes an expanded pollutant minimization program requirement to address the Facility's history of effluent limitation violations. Staff provided an overview of the public comment period, public comments received and responses to comments, and recommended adoption of the proposed order. Board members asked questions about the Facility's compliance history, the proposed order's effluent limitations and monitoring locations, monitoring frequency, and the proposed order's pollutant minimization program. Board member Hoskins asked that staff provide an update on the pollutant minimization plan and efforts on site improvements to meet permit requirements.

Reed Carter, the Facility's Director of Environmental and Compliance Systems, responded to questions from Board members regarding the Facility's operations and compliance history.

Public commenters, Abby Pelton and Laura Deehan requested stronger monitoring requirements, including weekly monitoring for pollutants with reasonable potential, four samples for calculating monthly averages, and objective upstream and downstream Pajaro River monitoring locations. Laura Deehan asked the Board to revise or reject the proposed order.

Commenter Name	Title / Organization
Abby Pelton	Attorney, National Environmental Law Center, on behalf of Environment California and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Laura Deehan	State Director, Environment California

Motion: Member Wolff moved to adopt Proposed Order R3-2026-0018.

Second: Member Roques

Aye: Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Hoskins, Member Borah, Member Wolff, Member Roques

Absent: Chair Gray

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Discussion/Informational Items

8. Basin Planning Program Update

Central Coast Water Board Basin Planning Program staff, Jamie Pratt, provided a brief overview of the Basin Planning Program priorities, tasks and actions to implement the Central Coast Water Board priority projects as identified in the 2024 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan.

No Public Comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Proposed Board Resolution

10. Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Make Editorial Revisions

Central Coast Water Board Basin Planning Program staff, Jamie Pratt, provided a brief overview of the Basin Plan amendment project and highlighted several specific amendments proposed. The Board Members engaged with staff on topics related to tribal outreach and the change in project scope to remove the water quality objectives proposal.

No public comments.

Motion: Member Wolff moved to adopt proposed Resolution R3-2026-0053 to amend the Basin Plan to make editorial revisions.

Second: Member Hoskins

Aye: Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Roques, Member Borah, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins

Absent: Chair Gray

Motion Carried: 5 to 0

Member Wolff left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes**Discussion/Informational Item**

9. Strategic Planning Discussion

Executive Officer Lodge introduced the Central Coast Water Board Fiscal Year 2026-27 Strategic Plan and acknowledged staff, section and program managers, who developed the plan. Ryan Lodge also shared the mission, regional priorities, workforce demographics and discussed workforce planning, mentorship, and support and resources for staff and management.

Assistant Executive Officer Angela Schroeter discussed environmental justice, climate-change adaptation and resilience. Section managers Mary Hamilton, Tamara Anderson, and Greg Bishop reviewed Fiscal Year 2025-26 accomplishments and Fiscal Year 2026-27 priorities across the Central Coast Water Board's programs.

No Public Comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Vice Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Friday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Business

12. Roll call and declaration of quorum

Kai Johnson, Clerk to the Board

Present: Vice Chair Rodriguez, Member Wolff, Member Hoskins, Member Roques, Member Borah

Absent: Chair Gray

Vice Chair Rodriguez declared a quorum for the meeting.

13. Introductions

Ryan Lodge, Executive Officer

Informational Item

14. Microplastics and Water Quality

Executive Officer Ryan Lodge introduced the informational item on Microplastics. Kyla Kelly, Water Quality Program Manager with the California Ocean Protection Council, opened the presentations with an overview of the 2022 Statewide Microplastics Strategy and progress toward implementation.

Andrew Hamilton, Assistant Deputy Director of the State Water Board Office of Information Management and Analysis, discussed the State Water Board's efforts to address plastics and microplastics, including ongoing work, future plans, and funding constraints.

Dr. Win Cowger, Executive Director of the Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research, discussed the Watershed to Whales Monterey Bay project, a multi-

year Central California research study tracking how land-based microplastics travel through rivers and beaches into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary food web. Dr. Cowger shared research on where microplastics come from, how they move through the environment, and where they end up. He also highlighted the institute's laboratory and its microplastics testing work.

Dr. Andrew Gray, Associate Professor of Watershed Hydrology at the University of California, Riverside, presented on the movement of microplastics through waterways and how researchers track movement.

Dr. Scott Coffin, Staff Toxicologist Specialist with the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, presented on the potential effects of microplastics on aquatic life and tools for understanding their risks and sources.

The Board asked related questions and discussed plastic pollution reduction and approaches to funding and regulation.

No Public Comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

5. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison
Vice Chair and newly assigned liaison Dorene D'Adamo provided updates on statewide water quality initiatives and the status and anticipated next steps for the Agricultural Expert Panel report.

15. Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Update
Central Coast Water Board Regional Monitoring and Assessment staff, Melissa Daugherty, introduced Kirsten White, who is the Resource Protection and Permit Specialist with NOAA's Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS). Ms. White provided a brief overview and summary of CHNMS and its activities since being established in November 2024.

No Public Comments.

No action was taken as this is an informational item.

Vice Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Jane Gray, Chair