

# CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

## 598<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL 2025, 9:00 A.M.

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### BOARD MEETING LOCATION

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Central Valley Water Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706  
Zoom Teleconference and Webcast

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### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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Chair Nick Avdis, Vice Chair Elena Lee Reeder, Member Chair Bradford, Member Art Baggett, Member Denise Kadara, and Member Sean Yang

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### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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None

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### STATE WATER BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

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Nichole Morgan

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### STATE WATER BOARD OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL AND ENFORCEMENT STAFF PRESENT

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Jessica Jahr, Attorney IV  
Kennedy Knight, Attorney  
Chris Moskal, Attorney

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**EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT**

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Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer  
Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer  
Clint Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer  
John “JJ” Baum, Assistant Executive Officer  
Christina Shupe, Assistant Executive Officer  
Mindy Bunn, Clerk to the Board

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**AGENDA ITEM 1 – ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

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Chair Avdis called the 598<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum of the Board was present.

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**AGENDA ITEM 2 – INTRODUCTIONS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MEETING RULES**

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Chair Avdis made introductions and Executive Officer (EO) Patrick Pulupa introduced staff. Member Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**AGENDA ITEM 3 – BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Chair Avdis submitted the following communications:**

- 4 March 2025 – Attended the Northern California Water Association’s annual meeting.
- 10 April 2025 – Attended the CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting.

**Member Bradford submitted the following communications:**

- 24 April 2025 – Attended the Tulare Lake Compost Tour, an eco-friendly state of the art composting facility in Kettleman City in Kings County.

**Member Kadara submitted the following communications:**

- 27-28 February 2025 – Participated in the California Climate Resiliency Summit.
- 7 March 2025 – Participated in the Integrated Climate Adaptation Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Council.
- 15 March 2025 – Attended the 10-year celebration of the Community Water Leader’s Network hosted by the Community Water Center.
- 3 April 2025 – As part of the Allensworth Progressive Association (APA), attended the American Red Cross Awards dinner where the APA received the Good Neighbors Award for the work during the 2023 flood in Allensworth.
- 24 April 2025 – Allensworth hosted the Water Education Foundation Tour.

- 24 April 2025 – Attended the Tulare Lake Compost Tour, an eco-friendly state of the art composting facility in Kettleman City in Kings County.

**Member Yang submitted the following communications:**

- 24 April 2025 – Attended the Tulare Lake Compost Tour, an eco-friendly state of the art composting facility in Kettleman City in Kings County.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4 – STATE WATER BOARD LIAISON UPDATE**

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State Water Board Member Nichole Morgan provided an update to the Central Valley Water Board. For a copy of the report, please email [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov).

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**AGENDA ITEM 5 – PUBLIC FORUM**

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Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction and not scheduled for consideration at this meeting or pending before the Board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

**Commenters**

Parry Klassen, Valley Water Collaborative  
Debra Dunn, Kings Water Alliance  
Kija Rivers, Community Water Center  
Chris De Leon  
Raquel Sanchez  
Michael Prado Sr.  
Erica Diaz-Rodriguez

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**AGENDA ITEM 6 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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Chair Avdis noted prior to each Board Meeting, the EO works with the Executive Assistant and the Board's Program Managers to compile a report on the status of the Board's programs and initiatives since the previous Board Meeting.

EO Pulupa presented the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Mindy Bunn (Rancho Cordova), Kelli Garver (Rancho Cordova), Christine Croyle (Rancho Cordova), Denise Hill (Rancho Cordova), Brittany Elliott (Rancho Cordova), Margie Saldana (Rancho Cordova), Nicholas Handcock (Fresno), Courtney Kasich (Redding), Ciera Collins (Redding), Debbie Behnke (Redding), and Connie Floyd (Redding).

EO Pulupa presented Superior Accomplishment Awards to Jack Rayl (Redding), Thomas Xiong (Fresno), Katie Carpenter (Fresno), and Stephen Klein (Fresno).

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**AGENDA ITEM 7 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETING**

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Motion to adopt the previous Board Meeting minutes from the 21 February 2025 Board Meeting.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Motioned: Member Bradford

Seconded: Member Kadara

Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Abstain
Member Kadara	Yes
Member Baggett	Abstain
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Lee Reeder	Yes
Chair Avdis	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 4-0-2

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**AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS 11 – 13 (WITH LATE REVISIONS TO ITEM #10)**

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**UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, section 647.2, subd. (f).) Uncontested items are those items that are not being contested at the Board Meeting and will be acted on without discussion. If any person or Board Member requests discussion, the item may be removed from the Uncontested Calendar.

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS**

10. Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc., Groundwater Extraction and Treatment Systems, Sacramento County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Amendment (NPDES Permit No. CA0083861)

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

- a. County of Madera, Fairmead Landfill, Madera County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2022-0012
- b. Dry Ranch, LLC, G&G Andrew Farms Tenants in Common, Creekside Farms, LP Tenants in Common, Alkali Hollow Farms, Inc., and ATB Ranch, LP, Dry Ranch Pistachio Processing Facility, Madera County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- c. Granite Construction Company, Coalinga Aggregates, Fresno County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- d. Jamestown Trust II, County of Tuolumne, Whiskey Lake LP, Jamestown Property Development LLC, David and Susan Kaslin, John and Amy Curtin, Mike and Amber Doescher, Joshua and Misty Wilson, Jamestown Mine, Tuolumne County – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2007-0083

## **RESCISSIONS (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

- a. Ballantyne Holdings, LLC, Former Marley Cooling Tower Company, San Joaquin County – NPDES Permit No. CA0081787
- b. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Deuel Vocational Institution, San Joaquin County – NPDES Permit No. CA0078093
- c. County of Tulare, Tooleville Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility, Tulare County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 88-139
- d. County of Tulare, Traver Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility, Tulare County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 88-098
- e. The Wine Group LLC, Golden State Vintners D.B.A. Franzia McFarland Winery, Kern County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2015-0086

## **CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

- a. Red Dog Mining and Reclamation, LLC, Mining, Processing, and Reclamation, Blue Lead Gold Mine, Nevada County – Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2018-0044

## **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 8 (UNCONTESTED CALENDAR ITEMS 11 – 13)**

Motioned: Member Kadara  
Seconded: Member Baggett

### Roll Call Vote:

Member Yang	Yes
Member Kadara	Yes
Member Baggett	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Lee Reeder	Yes
Chair Avdis	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-0

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## **AGENDA ITEM 9 – SETTON PISTACHIO OF TERRA BELLA, INC., TERRA BELLA PISTACHIO FACILITY, TULARE COUNTY – RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

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### **Presentation on Behalf of Prosecution Team**

Omar Mostafa, Sr. Water Resource Control Engineer

## **Presentation on Behalf of the Discharger**

Theresa “Tess” Dunham, Special Counsel to Setton Pistachio  
Fernando Rios, Compliance Manager, Setton Pistachio

### **Commenters**

Nayamin Martinez, CCEJN  
Amelia Cipres  
Lupe Cipres  
Leticia Casillas Luquin  
Ignacio Garcia  
Fred Beltran  
Sean Hembree  
Maria Ledesma  
Ruth Villanueva  
Janet Del Toro  
Rosa Aguilar  
Cristina Ayala  
Beatriz Gonzalez  
Adriana Magdaleno  
Salvador Ledesma

## **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 9 – RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER FOR SETTON PISTACHIO**

Motioned: Member Bradford  
Seconded: Member Baggett

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Member Yang	Yes
Member Kadara	Abstain
Member Baggett	Abstain
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Lee Reeder	Yes
Chair Avdis	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-2

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## **AGENDA ITEM 10 – AEROJET ROCKETDYNE, INC., GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS, SACRAMENTO COUNTY – NPDES PERMIT AMENDMENT**

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### **Commenters**

None

ITEM MOVED TO CONSENT CALENDAR

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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The Board Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to the 19-20 June 2025 Board Meeting in Sacramento.