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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 20, 2025

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4th Street  
Carmel Room

Los Angeles, CA 90013

Chair Nahai called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Chair Nahai explained the process for remote participation in the meeting and that the Board has Spanish interpretation services available through the Zoom platform. He announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Leticia Reyna, one of the Spanish interpreters, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting in Spanish.

Chair Nahai mentioned that the Board Clerk, Helen Rowe, is out today. Kathy Bolivar is the acting Board Clerk.

### ***Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum***

Board Members Present: Sabrina Ashjian, Norma Camacho Marissa Christiansen, Michael Méndez, and David Nahai.

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Kathy Bolivar, Jenny Newman, Jillian Ly, Aurel Agarin, Khalid Abdullah, Amelia Carder, Adriana Nuñez, Scott Landon, Andrew Veloz, Adam Taing, Emma Averill, Laura Grigoryan, Michael Franco, Jeong-Hee Lim, Céline Gallon, Jim Kang, Andrew Choi, Eric Young, Ruben Bayon, Jose Vela, Megan Kung, Elisha Wakefield, and Emily Duncan

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DAVID NAHAI, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## ***Item 2 – Order of Agenda***

*Chair Nahai asked the Executive Officer (EO), Susana Arredondo, if there were any changes to the agenda.*

The EO requested the following changes:

- Item 5, the EO Report be heard after Item 7, Public Forum.
- Item 9, the Information Item, Update to Response to the 2025 Los Angeles County fires be heard before Item 8.
- Item 8, General Permit hearing for Dominguez Channel/Los Angeles and Long Beach are postponed to a future date. Instead, a workshop will be held today for Item 8.

There were no objections to the requested changes.

## **BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

### ***Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the October 23, 2025, Meeting***

*Chair Nahai asked the Board members if there were any changes to the minutes.*

MOTION: Vice Chair Ashjian made a motion to approve the minutes.

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Yea

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

### ***Item 4 – Board Member Communications***

***For full details on each Board Member report, review the video at***

**[Board Member Reports/Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.](#)**

The report begins at (-6:00:50)

- a. Ex Parte Disclosure (Board Members will identify any discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.40.)
- b. Board Member Reports (Board Members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction.)

### ***Item 6 – Update from State Water Board***

There was no update from the State Water Board.

### ***Item 7 – Public Forum***

#### **Speakers:**

- Ray Tahir, TECS
- John Martin
- Italia Salvaje, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Alina Razi, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Kathy Knight, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project
- Gabrielle Crowe, Gabrielino Shoshone Nation

### ***Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report***

***For full details on the Executive Officer’s Report, review the video at***

***[Executive Officer's Report](#)***. The report begins at (-5:09:45)

*Chair Nahai announced Information Item 9*

***Item 9 – Response to the 2025 Los Angeles County Fires. Staff from the State Water Resource Control Board’s Emergency Management Program presented on their role in emergency response to the Eaton and Palisades Fires, followed by staff from the Los Angeles Water Board and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, and other invited speakers, who presented results from post-fire water quality monitoring efforts.***

**Staff Introduction:** Dr. Emily Duncan

#### **Presentation Presenters:**

- Krystle Taylor, Central Valley Regional Board, representing the State Water Board Emergency Management Program
- Jason Spotts, State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water
- Dr. Emily Duncan, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Dr. Alvina Mehinto, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
- Dawn Petschaur, City of Pasadena & Briana Datti (consultant) Craftwater
- Dr. Christopher Olivares Martinez, UC Irvine

There were no public comments on Item 9.

### ***Item 10 – Closed Session***

There were no Items announced for a Closed Session.

**Lunch Break: 12:07 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

*Chair Nahai announced the workshop Item 8.*

***Item 8 – Workshop on Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Facilities in the Dominguez Channel/Los Angeles and Long Beach Inner Harbor Watershed and the Los Cerritos Channel/Alamitos Bay Watershed.***

**Staff Introduction:** Jenny Newman, Assistant Executive Officer

**Staff Presentation:** Andrew Choi, Supervisor, CII Unit

**Speakers:**

- Wayne Rosenbaum, Environmental Law Group
- Richard Watson, Los Cerritos Watershed Management Group
- Clifford Shum, Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Group
- Kirstin Kolpitzke, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CEEBC)
- Mia Hill, Ashworth Leininger Group
- Shanda Beltran, Pacific Retain Capital Partners Inc., and Silver Peak Real Estate Partners
- Kris Anderson, California Chamber of Commerce
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
- John Heinz, Regulatory Flexibility Group
- Casey McCarthy, Representing 2 facilities permitted under the IGP, within the Dominguez Channel Watershed
- Kit Turman, Del Amo Action Committee
- Marjorie Tsuma, Del Amo Action Committee
- Charles Dorsey, Del Amo Action Committee
- Ben Harris, Los Angeles Waterkeeper
- Sean Bothwell, California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Marvin Sachse, Brash Industries

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: [Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Helen.Rowe@waterboards.ca.gov) and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)

***Written and submitted by Kathy Bolivar, Acting Board Clerk on: December 18, 2025***

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***Kathy Bolivar***