
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2026

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 9:08 a.m.

Chair Nahai explained the process for remote participation in the meeting. He mentioned that the Board Spanish interpretation services were not available through the Zoom platform. He announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

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

Board Member Absent: Sabrina Ashjian

Staff Present: Susana Arredondo, Russ Colby, Jenny Newman, Helen Rowe, Khalid Abdullah, Gerardo Rabelo, Alfredo Duran, Susana Lagudis, Amelia Carder, Axel Jurgens, Adriana Nuñez, Art Heath, Jeong-Hee Lim, Celine Gallon, Jim Kang, Enrique Casas, Snejana Toneva, Emily Duncan, Joshua Cwikla and Kathy Bolivar

Item 2 – Order of Agenda

There were no changes to the order of agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Item 3 – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for the December 18, 2025, Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION: Board Member Camacho made a motion to approve the minutes.

Seconded by: Board Member Christiansen

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Absent

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

Item 4 – Selection of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2026

Board Member Camacho nominated Chair David Nahai as the 2026 Chair.

Chair Nahai asked if there were any other nominations.

Vote for Chair

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian - Absent

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Abstained

Chair Nahai nominated Vice Chair Ashjian as the 2026 Vice Chair.

Chair Nahai asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chair.

Vote for Vice Chair

Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian - Absent

Norma Camacho – Yea

Marissa Christiansen – Yea

Michael Méndez – Yea

David Nahai – Yea

Item 5 – Board Member Communications

- a. Ex Parte Disclosure – None
- b. Board Member Reports – Board Member Mike Méndez highlighted ongoing discussions with the Executive Officer on the potential impacts of artificial intelligence tools on public participation and board actions in light of recent event at the regional air board. Board Member Christiansen reported on her participation on a panel for Conservation X Labs relating to wildfire technology. Board Member Christiansen also indicated that she would be joining an upcoming meeting at the Sierra Resource Conservation District relating to their regional water management plan. Board Member Camacho reported on her

attendance at a January 27, 2026 workshop on recycled water as part of the Los Angeles County Water Plan. Board Chair Nahai reported on his keynote address at the American Groundwater Trust Conference on February 19, 2026. Chair Nahai also highlighted Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) draft urban water management plan and requested that LADWP be invited to a board meeting to discuss components of the plan.

Item 6 – Executive Officer's Report

There was no verbal executive officer's report.

Item 7 – Update from State Water Board

State Board Member Laurel Firestone provided an update on current hydrologic conditions.

Item 8 – Public Forum

Speakers:

- Tony Trembley, Councilmember, City of Camarillo
- Italia Salvaje, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
- Hannah Dewey, Los Angeles County Public Works
- Jalaine Verdiner, Los Angeles County Public Works
- Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
- Gabrielle Crowe, Gabrielino-Shoshone Nation

Uncontested Items

Chair Nahai announced uncontested items calendar Item 9.

Item 9 – Consideration of Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for the Southern California Gas Company Pipeline Safety Enhancement Program Line 1004 Phase 1B Pipeline Replacement Project.

Chair Nahai asked for a Motion to approve uncontested Item 9. He then asked for a Second and Roll Call vote.

MOTION: Board Member Christiansen made a motion to approve uncontested Item 9.

Seconded by: Board Member Camacho
Motion carried: Approved by roll call vote.

Sabrina Ashjian – Absent
Norma Camacho – Yea
Marissa Christiansen – Yea
Michael Méndez – Yea
David Nahai – Yea

Break: 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Chair Nahai announced agenda Information Item 10.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 10 – Update on the Safe Clean Water Program Biennial Report. Staff from the Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program presented a summary of recommendations from the Draft 2026 Biennial Report.

Staff Introduction: Jenny Newman, Assistant Executive Officer

Presentation: Lee Alexanderson, Los Angeles County Public Works

Speakers:

- Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay

Chair Nahai announced agenda Information Item 11.

Item 11 – Informational briefing on NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and its sensing capabilities and applications for local and regional environmental challenges.

Staff Introduction: Susana Arredondo, Executive Officer

Presentation:

- Ralph Basilio, Duane Waliser, and Michelle Gierach NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory

There were no public comments.

Item 12 – Closed Session

Legal counsel Adriana Nuñez announced that the Board would discuss Item 12.k.

The Board went into closed session from 12:34 p.m. to 1:14 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned after closed session (For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Helen Rowe at (213) 576-6612 or email at: helen.rowe@waterboard.ca.gov and she will provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio, when available.)

Written and submitted by Helen Rowe, Board Clerk on: March 27, 2026

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Helen Rowe