

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Minutes of Meeting

9:00 A.M., Weds., May 7, 2025 &
9:00 A.M., Thurs., May 8, 2025
Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:

Hector Bedolla, Alex Hart, Greg Giusti,
Ryan Sundberg, Jake Mackenzie

Regional Water Board staff present:

Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen, Josh
Curtis (via Zoom), Claudia Villacorta,
Deidre Wilkerson, Eli Scott, Kason
Grady, Brian Fuller, Chris Watt, Joshua
Luders, Shannon Utley (via Zoom),
Ermias Berhe (via Zoom), Matt St.
John (via Zoom)

iii. **Board Member Reports:** Board Member Mackenzie reported that he attended the annual Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting in Sacramento and highlighted a document attendees received that outlined expectations for board

members. Board Member Giusti reported that he's had informal discussions with members of the public regarding Scotts Dam and Lake Pillsbury.

- iv. **State Board Liaison's and Executive Officer's Reports:** State Board Liaison and Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo gave a comprehensive report that included updates from the Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting and recent and upcoming State Board meetings. Vice Chair D'Adamo also provided updates on the Delta Conveyance Project, onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water, Water Quality Fees stakeholders meeting, and a hydrologic update, which included information on Scott and Shasta curtailments.

Vice Chair D'Adamo responded to questions from the Board.

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto provided a brief report that included highlights from the Water Quality Coordinating Committee and Regional Board staffing updates.

Executive Officer Quinto and Counsel responded to questions from the Board.

- v. **Board Chair's Report:** Chair Bedolla reported on two recent events that he attended: a tour of The Geysers Geothermal Plant and representing the Regional Board at the Santa Rosa Festival Día del Niño. Chair Bedolla also shared that there are currently two vacancies on the Regional Board and encouraged interested members of the public to apply. Chair Bedolla ended his report with observations from his trip to Yreka.
- vi. **Public Forum:** Comments were received from the following members of the public:
- Thomas Stokely, Save California Salmon
 - Rick Dean, CDD Siskiyou

Specific comments can be reviewed on [Cal-Span's Prior Board Meeting Video recordings](http://cal-span.org/) (<http://cal-span.org/>).

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 1-2, 2025

Motion: Vice Chair Hart moved to adopt the April 1-2, 2025 Board Meeting minutes; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Hart aye
- Giusti aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

2. Presentation of Executive Officer's 2024 Water Quality Stewardship Awards
(*Valerie Quinto*)

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto presented the 2024 Water Quality Stewardship Awards to Melissa Van Scoyoc and the Klamath River Renewal Corporation. Mark Bransom, Chief Executive Officer, accepted the award for the Klamath River Renewal Corporation.

Action Items

3. Public Hearing on Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2025-0006 issued to Yesenia and Raul Carrillo (*Brian Fuller, Patrick Lewis, Kason Grady, Claudia Villacorta*)

After Chair Bedolla read the Hearing Officer's Statement, Kason Grady, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer and Supervisor of the Agriculture and Enforcement Division of the Regional Board, gave the Prosecution's opening statement and introduced other members of the Prosecution Team. Brian Fuller, Cannabis Program Enforcement Specialist, presented evidence and rationale to support the Prosecution Team's recommendation for the Board. Claudia Villacorta, Assistant Executive Officer and lead prosecutor, gave the Prosecution Team's closing statement.

The Respondent did not attend the hearing.

The Advisory Team and Prosecution Team, including witness Daniel Harrington of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, responded to questions from the Board.

Motion: Board Member Sundberg moved to adopt Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2025-0006; Vice Chair Hart seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Hart aye
- Giusti aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

Workshop

4. Public Hearing on Proposed Order No. R1-2025-0011 to Renew Order No. R1-2018-0018 Scott River TMDL Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and Order No. R1-2018-0019 Shasta River TMDL Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (*Eli Scott*)

Board Member Hart recused herself from the Board's consideration of this item, and from Item 5.

Eli Scott, Senior Environmental Scientist serving as the Scott and Shasta Watershed Steward for the Regional Board, presented to the Board. The presentation began with an overview of the watershed, impairments, TMDLs, and action plans. The presentation also included information on the past programmatic approach, need for review and proposed order, public review process, summary of public comment and responses, and staff recommendation.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River
- Angelina Cook, CA Sportfishing Protection Alliance
- Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
- Jeff Fowle, self
- Andy Colonna, IFF
- Vivian Helliwell, IFR and PCFFA

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Staff responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Motion: Board Member Sundberg moved to adopt Order No. R1-2025-0011; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Hart recused
- Giusti aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Item

5. Update on development of Waste Discharge Requirements for Certain Agricultural Activities in the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds (*Eli Scott*)

Eli Scott, Senior Environmental Scientist, and Chris Watt, Senior Engineering Geologist, both of the Regional Board, presented to the Board. The presentation included a review of the past program, status and trends data, GWDR approach, CEQA status and process, public outreach, and timeline.

Staff, including Water Resource Control Engineer Joshua Luders, responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- David Webb, Friends of the Shasta River
- Ryan Walker, Siskiyou Farm Bureau
- Jeff Fowle, self
- Jay Martin, Siskiyou News
- Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
- Kyle Lutz, Western United Dairies
- Andy Colonna, IFF

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Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:	Hector Bedolla, Alex Hart, Greg Giusti, Ryan Sundberg, Jake Mackenzie
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Regional Water Board staff present:	Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen, Josh Curtis (via Zoom), Claudia Villacorta, Deidre Wilkerson, Kason Grady, Eli Scott
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Action Items

6. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2025-00XX to consider adoption of a Time Schedule Order for Seton Properties LLC (*Gary Dickenson, Heather Jidkov, Kason Grady, Claudia Villacorta*)

Chair Bedolla opened the hearing with the Hearing Officer's Statement. Kason Grady, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer and Supervisor of the Agriculture and Enforcement Division, introduced other members of the Prosecution Team and gave their opening statement.

Gary Dickenson, Engineering Geologist and lead technical staff for the Prosecution Team, presented to the Board. The presentation included information on characteristics and conditions of the property, transfer of property and issuance of

Cleanup Order to Respondent, alleged violations of the Cleanup Order, and development of the Proposed Order and calculation of the prescribed penalty.

While the Respondent did not attend the hearing, Board Member Sundberg disclosed that he received a text message from what appeared to be Mr. Sexton expressing a willingness to work with staff.

The Prosecution Team responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Motion: Board Member Giusti moved to adopt Resolution No. R1-2025-0020; Vice Chair Hart seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Hart aye
- Giusti aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Items

7. **Executive Officer's Report:** Executive Officer Valerie Quinto highlighted the written Executive Officer's Report.
8. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Others Items of Interest:** Board Members requested future updates on the following items: the Regional Board's vineyard order, Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW), the Board Member expectations document that was discussed earlier in the meeting, and the development of the Hanson Ponds project.
9. Field Trip to Agricultural Operations in the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds (*Siskiyou County Farm Bureau*)

Board Members (Hector Bedolla, Greg Giusti, Jake Mackenzie, and Ryan Sundberg), Regional Board Staff, and members of the public participated in a field trip to view agricultural operations in the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds. The field trip was organized by the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau.

10. **Closed Session:** The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the following items:
 - 10.d. i. Humboldt Redwood Company LLC v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; State Water Resources Control Board, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint; Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV 1901082 (Nov. 18, 2019.)
 10. d. iii. Green Diamond Resource Company v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; State Water Resources Control Board Real Party in

Interest, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint; Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV 2000678 (July 8, 2020.)

10. d. v. Humboldt Redwood Company and Green Diamond Resource Company v. California State Water Resources Control Board and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV2000678, (September 24, 2021).

There were no actions to report.

11. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2025, and
9:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2025
Regional Water Board
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Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and Field Trip began at 1:00 pm.