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Governor Brown's State Water Board Appointee E. Joaquin Esquivel Confirmed by State Senate

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Sacramento - On April 2, the State Senate voted to confirm E. Joaquin Esquivel as a member of the State Water Resources Control Board, following the March 14 recommendation by the Senate Rules Committee that he be confirmed to serve on the board. On March 15, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. [appointed](#) Esquivel to the State Water Board.

The [five member](#) State Water Board is responsible for protecting all water quality and water supplies in California. The Board is also responsible for the allocation of surface water supplies for agricultural, public trust, and urban purposes throughout the state.

Esquivel fills the position of the public member and lives in Sacramento. Esquivel's term expires January 15, 2021.

"I'm fortunate and grateful for the opportunity to serve on the State Water Board," Esquivel said. "Holding the Board's public seat, I'm committed and eager to strengthening the public processes, data sharing, transparency, and collaboration at the Board necessary to meet the challenges that climate change and other uncertainties pose to our state's water resources."

Prior to his current appointment to the Board, Esquivel served as assistant secretary for federal water policy at the California Natural Resources Agency. Working in Governor Brown's Washington D.C. office, Esquivel represented the interests of the Natural Resources Agency and its departments, and facilitated communication, outreach, coordination and the development of policy priorities between the Agency, the Governor's Office, the California Congressional delegation and federal stakeholder agencies in the nation's capital.

Prior to his July 2015 appointment to the Natural Resources Agency, Esquivel worked for U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer of California for eight and a half years in her Washington D.C. office. Starting first as an intern, he held a number of positions and upon leaving was her legislative assistant covering the agriculture, Native American, water, oceans, and nutrition portfolios, in addition to being the director of information and technology.

Esquivel is a graduate of U.C. Santa Barbara with a B.A. in English, was born and raised in California's Coachella Valley, he is the proud son of educators and grandson of farm workers.

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