

# CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

## 579th BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2022 FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2022

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#### BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Zoom Teleconference and Webcast

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kadara, Denise  
Avdis, Nicholas

Bradford, Mark  
Brar, Raji

Yang, Sean  
Carmen Ramirez

#### STATE WATER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Morgan, Nichole

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

Jahr, Jessica  
Lancaster, David

Moskal, Chris  
Toft-Dupuy, Bayley

#### REGIONAL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Laputz, Adam  
Walters, Anne  
Martinez, Armando  
Peters, Ashley  
Chow, Bob  
Smith, Bryan  
Flower, Christopher  
Rodgers, Clay  
Snyder, Clint  
Harvey, Dale  
Warner, Daniel  
Gamon, Danny  
Durette, David  
Coughlin, Gene

Hendricks, Greg  
Baum, John J.  
Brown, Janelle  
Hannel, Jeff  
LaBay, Jennifer  
Marshall, Jim  
Palmer, Josh  
Carpenter, Katie  
Garver, Kelli  
Heinemann, Kevin  
Durrani, Khalid  
Smitherman, Lauren  
Coster, Lynn  
Howard, Meredith

Snapp, Michelle  
Nilsen, Mike  
Casebeer, Nathan  
White, Nicholas  
Pulupa, Patrick  
Busby, Robert  
L'Heureux, Robert  
Walls, Russell  
Armstrong, Scott  
Hatton, Scott  
Mills, Scott  
Tadlock, Stephanie  
Fregien, Susan

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT WHO WERE IDENTIFIED:**

Allen, Greg	Garabedian, Michael	Morrison, Clark
Barr, Kate	Griswold, Marcus	Nelson, Eric
Bedore, Paul	Griswold, Marcus	Nelson, Marlee
Berditshevsky, Michelle	Guerra, Alicia	Nelson, Martha
Berry, Larissa	Hart, Kate	Pioro, Terrance
Bobker, Gary	Johns, Craig	Premo, April
Brownsey, Rachel	Jones, Nick	Rasmussen, Debie
Bryan, Michael	K., Michelle	S., Sarah
Cameron, Rochelle	King, Michael	Salvatore, Stephen
Carlson, Candy	Kipps, Joanne	Shattuck, Bob
Cory, David	Langone, Isabella	Smith, Felix
Delgado, Gabriel	McDaniels, Brandy	Tamura, Jerry
Dunn, Leane	McHenry, Richard	Vonderohe, Sarah
Fischer, Erich	McKenzie, Gregg	Warren, Leslie

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**AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

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Acting Chair Kadara called the 579th Board meeting to order and made introductions. Executive Officer (EO) Pulupa introduced staff. Member Avdis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**AGENDA ITEM 2 – BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Member Bradford submitted the following communications:**

- Discussion with Executive Officer (EO), Patrick Pulupa regarding the new working groups proposed.
- 27 January 2022 – Executive Officer, Patrick Pulupa and Member Bradford had an introduction with State Board Member, Nichole Morgan.
- Denise Kadara and Member Bradford worked to get Patrick Pulupa’s Performance Evaluation finalized. This required conversations with various Assistant Executive Officers (AEO’s).
- Member Bradford talked with Dr. Longley to touch base after his departure from service.

**Member Yang submitted the following communications:**

- Member Yang communicated with EO Pulupa about a meeting which will be held on 3 March 2022 with a local small growers in Fresno. Member Yang wants to ensure we do all we can to get the most representatives to attend.

**Acting Chair Kadara submitted the following communications:**

- 20 December 2021 – Participated in the Dairy Petition Ex Parte Meeting
- 6 January 2022 – Present at the State Water briefing with Yvonne West, Office of Enforcement Director
- 7 January 2022 – Participated in a Dairy tour in Turlock
- 10 January 2022 – Participated in a Dairy briefing
- 13 January 2022 – Participated in a CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 January 2022 – Participated in a phone conversation with Senior staff at the California Legislative Black Caucus regarding some Allensworth projects
- 21 January 2022 – Met with Assistant Executive Officer, Clay Rogers regarding some unregulated cattle feed lots in the community of Allensworth.
- 24 January 2022 – Participated in a CV-SALTS Early Action Plan (EAP) Meeting
- 27 January 2022 – Met with the Racial Equity Team that worked on the State Water Board Racial Equity Resolution
- February 2022 – Participated in a meeting with the Allensworth County Supervisor, Pete Vander Poel and Dr. Karl Longley, Representatives of Self-Help Enterprises and other representatives to discuss Consolidated Wastewater Treatment Planning for Southwest Tulare County Disadvantaged Communities
- 4 February 2022 – Participated in a follow-up meeting with State Water Board Vice Chair D'Adamo who provided input on how to deal with water system issues associated with the Consolidated Wastewater Treatment Planning for Southwest Tulare County Disadvantaged Communities
- 7 February 2022 – Met with State Water Board Office of Public Participation staff, Molly Williams regarding an interview about Allensworth and its water quality issues
- 7 February 2022 – Participated in the monthly Regional Board Chairs' Meeting
- 14 February 2022 – Participated in the Pre-Agenda Meeting for the 17/18 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting
- 14 February 2022 – Participated in a CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 February 2022 – Participated in the Dairy Petition Ex Parte Meeting
- 15 February 2022 – Participated in Early Action Plan (EAP) Meeting with State and Central Valley Water Board representatives and Environmental Justice Groups

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**AGENDA ITEM 17 – STATE WATER BOARD LIAISON UPDATE**

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(This item was moved up from Friday's calendar.)

State Water Board Member Nichole Morgan provided the following updates:

Statewide residential water use for December 2021 was 65 gallons per capita per day (GCPD). This is in line with many recent wet Decembers. We saw a 16.2% statewide savings for December, relative to 2020, with a cumulative savings of 7.4%.

- On 4 January 2022, the State Board held a workshop to receive comments on both the Petition for Reconsideration of the 2021 Temporary Use Change Petition (TUCP) and on the 2022 TUCP Application that asks for modification of certain terms of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. The comment period is from 1 February 2022 through 30 April 2022.
- On 18 January 2022, the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation withdrew their 2022 TUCP.
- On 2 February 2022, staff hosted a public webinar on the SAFER 2022 Drinking Water Needs Assessment. State Board staff proposed changes to indicators used in the risk assessment and affordability assessment for public water systems. Expansion of the list of water systems included a risk assessment and a new combined methodology for risk assessment and for the state's small water systems and domestic wells. Staff provided an overview of the cost assessment for Senate Bill (SB) 552 requirements, drought planning for small water suppliers and rural communities.
- On 4 February 2022, the State Board released a revised, draft Order regarding petitions for reconsideration of the June 2021 TUCP, modifying flow and water quality requirements and the Executive Director's approval of a 2021 Final Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan. The public comment period ended on 11 February 2022. The Order was adopted at the State Board hearing on 15 February 2022.
- The Proposed Water Loss Performance Standard Regulation is currently being considered by the State Board. The regulation is designed to bring water losses to levels that are cost effective and feasible for each urban retail water supplier. On 10 February 2022 staff held a public hearing meeting to provide a detailed overview of the proposed regulation, including the overall framework, timeline, and proposed requirements. The comment period ended on 11 February 2022. The State Board is expected to adopt the final regulation in Q2 of 2022.
- Division of Water Quality staff are working on the reissuance of the Sanitary Sewer System, Waste Discharge Requirements. The General Order (GO) requires public agencies to report sewer spills, develop a sewer system management plan and conduct internal sewer program audits. The Regional Boards enforce the GO with assistance from the State Board's Office of Enforcement.
- On 23-24 February 2022, staff will host a workshop to provide further information regarding the proposed GO reissuance. An additional State Board workshop will be held on 15 March 2022, to receive public comments. This public comment period will end on 8 April 2022.
- The Drinking Water Arrearage Program has closed and the payment status of applications, as of 28 January 2022, is posted on the State Board's website. 688 applications were received, totaling over \$302 million in funding requested, for possibly 534,500 accounts in arrearages. At the 19 January 2022 Board meeting,

the State Board adopted the Proposed Wastewater Arrearages Program Fact Sheets for wastewater agencies and customers (see the State Board's website for details). Wastewater treatment providers that accrued residential and /or commercial customer arrearages during the COVID-19 pandemic relief period (4 March 2020 through 15 June 2021) can apply for an affordability assessment for public water assistance. State Board staff have been working closely with the Regional Boards on a program and greatly appreciate the Regional Board's assistance and collaboration on this effort.

### **Comments from Board Members:**

- Acting Chair Kadara thanked Ms. Morgan for the update.
- Vice Chair Ramirez thanked Ms. Morgan for her excellent report.
- EO Pulupa thanked Ms. Morgan for reaching out to our new Board members.
- Board Member Avdis thanked Ms. Morgan for the introductory meeting.

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### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC FORUM**

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April Primo from Ceres (self-represented) provided comments about spill issues and nitrate concerns from the S&S Dairy which she lives next to.

- Board Member Avdis asked EO Pulupa to explain what measures have been taken by the Regional Board to address Ms. Primo's concerns.
- EO Pulupa responded to Ms. Primo's comments and answered questions for Board Member Avdis. He said that Compliance and Enforcement and the Dairy Unit are investigating the discharge as something that could be subject to a formal enforcement action.

Felix Smith from Sacramento (representing self, Save the American River Association and others interested in protecting migratory birds and wetlands of San Luis NWR Complex and State Wildlife Management Areas in the San Joaquin Valley), provided the following comments:

- I was a member of the USFWS's Ag drainage team that documented the first deformed migratory bird, an American coot, alive but grossly deformed hatchling, found at Kesterson NWR in June 1983. The National Audubon Society – Mono Lake decision – came down in February 1983, in which the California Supreme Court emphasized the State's Public Trust responsibilities. I trust this Board takes its Public Trust responsibilities seriously.

I want to draw this Board's attention to a preventable travesty called "Mud Slough Restoration Project". This project of routing San Luis Drain water containing selenium 5 parts per billion (ppb) to 20 ppb to Federally protected wetlands of Newman Lake and State of California's China Island as an alternative water supply. Federal and State ownership interests and Public Trust responsibilities are involved. The Grassland Water District has a selenium standard of 2 ppb. No less a standard should be allowed for other wetlands. The selenium 5 ppb 4-day average to a maximum of 20 ppb objective is clearly not protective of wetland

beneficial uses. Dumping drainage and runoff laced with Selenium, other elements and associated salts has the potential of recreating the Kesterson wildlife debacle of 1983. I do not believe routing such contaminated drain and runoff to such wetlands as an alternative water supply was analyzed for possible impacts, nor were federal Endangered Species Act or California Endangered Species Act consultations conducted.

I urge you to take action. Open the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the “Mud Slough Restoration Project.” Impose a selenium standard of 2 ppb or prohibit the discharge entirely to Newman Lake and China Island wetlands. Selenium at 5 ppb 4-day average up to 20 ppb is known to cause deformities and reproductive failures in fish and wildlife and will surely do so if such waters are routed to these wetlands.

To allow such selenium laced waters on to State and Federal protected wetlands will likely have serious biological impacts, would devalue mitigation efforts and federal agreements. The people do not need another Kesterson disaster, especially one that was approved by this Board. Using Kesterson NWR mitigation wetlands to dispose of SLD drainage and runoff calling it an alternative irrigation supply doesn't make ecological sense.

The proposed “Mud Slough Restoration Project” of routing the Grassland Bypass drainage and runoff to Federal and State wetlands established for mitigating the Kesterson wildlife disaster is as wrong today just as we now know it was in the 1980s. Those who ignore the Kesterson history and wildlife disaster are bound to make the same mistake.

Richard McHenry, P.E., (representing California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA)), provided comments and concerns on the Grassland Bypass Project (GBP), selenium levels.

- Richard McHenry is a former State Board and Regional Board expert water quality enforcement officer. The Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for the GBP in December 2019. This WDR allows storm water flows to co-mingle with groundwater contaminants, including selenium, to be routed from the San Luis streams to mud slough, north from years 2020 through 2035. In December 2021, the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority adopted a mitigated negative declaration for a new project, the Mud Slough Restoration Project. This project will re-route flows in Mud Slough, north to private wetlands at Newman Lake, which are protected by a federal easement, and to the north grasslands' wildlife area, China Island Unit. The WDR did not consider the impacts of routing mud slough downstream of the San Luis drains to wetlands. The mitigated negative declaration for the Mud Slough Restoration Project, likewise, did not analyze water quality impacts of routing Mud Slough flows to wetlands. The WDR lists Water Quality Objectives (WQO) for selenium in Mud Slough at 5 micrograms per liter (ug/L), as a 4-day average, with an acute maximum of 20 ug/L. These selenium objectives are not protective of wetlands beneficial uses and concentrations at these levels (and lower), have been documented to cause reproductive failure and deformities in fish and wildlife. No explanation is provided in the Mud Slough Restoration Project, mitigated

negative declaration, or the GBP WDR, as to why China Island State wildlife area and Newman Lake wetlands are not afforded the same level of protection for water quality of 2 ug/L for selenium (for south slough and the grasslands wetlands supply channels). The Mud Slough Restoration Project governed by the WDR would devalue wetland easements totaling \$1.5 million dollars to Newman Land Company, which includes Newman Lake, because the routing of these discharges that contain contaminants are harmful to migratory birds, waterfowl, fish and wildlife and would damage the wetlands investments.

In summary, the proposal will discharge San Luis drain water, high in selenium (between 5-20 ug/L) to federally protected private wetlands at Newman Lake and California's China Island. These levels of selenium have been shown to be toxic to aquatic life. CSPA is requesting that the Board adopt protective standards in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit or prohibit this discharge to these wetlands. The grasslands water district has a standard of 2 ug/L, which should be applies to these adjacent wetlands.

- EO Pulupa responded to Mr. Smith and Mr. McHenry's comments by describing the Board's role in regulating selenium and informed the Board that the Board's staff was working with State Board staff to ensure that the 401 Water Quality Certification currently pending before the State Water Board will be fully protective of aquatic life and waterfowl.
- Board Member Bradford asked EO Pulupa if there was any kind of timeline on responding, to which he responded the Regional Board would be checking in with State Board on their timeline for the 401 WQC Permit.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

EO Pulupa updated the Board on the Region's Return-to-the-Office Policy. There has been discussion on how to keep staff safe and how to maintain the quality-of-life gains that we've met through the Telework Policy.

#### **Superior Accomplishment Awards**

EO Pulupa presented Superior Accomplishment Awards to the following staff:

**Employee: Jeff Hannel**

**UNIT:** Enforcement Unit

**LOCATION:** Fresno Office

**TITLE:** Engineering Geologist

**SUPERVISOR:** Russell Walls, Supervising WRCE

Jeff is an Engineering Geologist in the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno Office as part of the Compliance/Enforcement Unit for the Non15 and NPDES Programs. Jeff is being recognized for his outstanding work performance on facility inspections, complaint reviews/responses, sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) oversight, Non15 site regulation, and wildfire debris removal volunteer work for CalRecycle. Jeff joined the Central Valley Water Board in 1999, bringing with him many years of consulting experience. Since joining the Compliance/Enforcement Unit, Jeff has successfully applied his past

experience and technical skills to effectively regulate and bring into compliance both municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities.

Jeff provides regulatory oversight for Non15 regulated sites, including SSOs and complaints, in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare and Tuolumne Counties. Jeff is the primary staff person who evaluates groundwater monitoring networks and associated results of Non15 sites for compliance. Jeff coordinates all complaints received through the CalEPA Complaint System for the Fresno Office. Jeff also volunteered for wildfire deployment work and was deployed for one month during the quarter of this award.

During the two months of said quarter that Jeff was not deployed, Jeff completed thirteen inspections including write-ups, reviewed and approved a pond closure report, reviewed, and approved a groundwater monitoring well installation work plan, revised a monitoring and reporting program, and inspected a SSO in Tuolumne County.

Jeff is a valuable asset of the Compliance/Enforcement Unit. In addition to his excellent attitude and professional demeanor, Jeff willingly and enthusiastically works on any project he is given. He has the ability to quickly complete investigations, reviews, and writeups, and as a result completes a large volume of work. Jeff carries with him a level of professionalism and dedication that well represents the Central Valley Water Board. I am recommending that Jeff receive this award.

**Employee: Susan Fregien**

**UNIT:** Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

**LOCATION:** Sacramento Office

**TITLE:** Senior Environmental Scientist

**SUPERVISOR:** Sue McConnell, Supervising WRCE

Susan is an integral part of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and instrumental in the achievement of many of its successes. In addition to supervising all staff members who oversee Northern agricultural coalition activities, Susan manages the USGS splittail contract, facilitated the managed wetlands workgroup, coordinates with State Board ELAP staff on obtaining the desired minimum reporting level for imidacloprid, supervises region-wide ILRP surface data entry into CEDEN and review of pesticide evaluation proposals, and much, much more.

During the last quarter of 2021, Susan successfully brought a resolution to exempt management wetlands from the ILRP for the general orders regulating the northern coalitions. Susan had previously worked on exempting managed wetlands from the Tulare Lake Basin Irrigated Lands general orders in 2016. In December, she assisted with bringing the Grassland Bypass Project Information Item to the Board.

Susan handles the myriad of tasks she is responsible for with great poise, professionalism, and skill. She excels as a technical expert and a supervisor. While teleworking, Susan has used her organizational skills to keep her staff supported, engaged, and accountable. She has done an excellent job of adjusting to the remote work environment, with the effective use of more on-line tools.



For these reasons and so much more, Susan is truly deserving of the superior accomplishment recognition.

**Employee: Anne Walters**

**UNIT:** Planning

**LOCATION:** Sacramento Office

**TITLE:** Senior Environmental Scientist

**SUPERVISOR:** Meredith Howard, Environmental Program Manager I

Anne Walters is a highly valued member of the Planning Section at the Central Valley Water Board. She is being recognized for her efforts to lead the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) Program, a high priority program for the Central Valley Water Board.

The implementation of the CV-SALTS program is complex, as it involves the entire Central Valley and affects many programs at the Central Valley Water Board. There are two control programs consisting of two compliance pathways each, new, innovative methods of controlling contaminants, and many urgent deadlines, as the control programs are addressing dire contamination issues, including contaminated drinking water. Anne has managed the many moving parts of CV-SALTS implementation and coordination both internally and externally with grace and a positive attitude. She is very personable and friendly and makes everyone feel at ease while tackling enormous challenges of CV-SALTS implementation. Her leadership skills have been a critical asset to the successful implementation of the program and coordination with multiple programs within the Central Valley Water Board.

Anne is well deserving of the superior accomplishment recognition and is a true champion for implementing the Central Valley Water Board's mission.

**Employee: Patrick DeCarvalho**

**UNIT:** Title 27

**LOCATION:** Redding Office

**TITLE:** Water Resources Control Engineer

**SUPERVISOR:** David Durette, Senior WRCE

The Central Valley Water Board's Redding office management team is pleased to select Patrick DeCarvalho for the Superior Accomplishment Award. He has been the lead staff for the office's Title 27 work since March 2017, managing the permitting, compliance, and enforcement elements for 30 landfills and surface impoundments. Since joining the Water Boards, he has inspected each facility at least once, averaged two Waste Discharge Requirements revisions a year, and taken on the Title 27 elements for several mine projects. During this time, Patrick pursued and obtained his professional engineering license, and provides support to his colleagues with documents for their cases which require professional engineering review.

Patrick is being recognized for his work on the Neal Road Landfill which serves the Chico area, the Redding office's largest active landfill. He recently issued revised waste discharge requirements for public comment which will be considered for adoption at the February Board meeting. Preparation of this revised permit was particularly challenging because the facility has undergone significant changes in the last ten years and has

ongoing Water Board enforcement actions related to leachate releases to offsite storm water during the 2019 winter season. Following the 2019 wet season, Patrick worked closely with the facility to ensure it has adequate capacity and operational procedures in place to manage its storm water and to minimize leachate generation. He continues to respond to concerned stakeholders' inquiries regarding the facility.

Patrick approaches his work with a consistently positive attitude. He is known within our office for his detailed inspection reports and high-quality work products. The Redding office's management team appreciates his reliability and organizational skills in managing his caseload.

**Comments from Board Members:**

Acting Chair Kadara congratulated staff on their accomplishments and thanked them all for their exceptional work.

Acting Chair Kadara further stated that Anne Walters stepped in when Jeannie retired and said Anne hasn't missed a beat.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETING**

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Motion to adopt previous Board meeting minutes from 9 December 2021.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 5**

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Motioned: Member Avdis  
Seconded: Member Bradford

Roll Call Vote:

Member Brar	Abstain
Member Yang	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Member Avdis	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Abstain
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 4-0-2

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**AGENDA ITEM 7 – ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS 11 – 14**

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**UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

**NPDES PERMITS (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

- a. City of Lathrop, Consolidated Treatment Facility, San Joaquin County – Consideration of New NPDES Permit (NPDES Permit CA0085359)
- b. Hyde Caviar LLC DBA Sterling Caviar, Sterling Caviar LLC, Elverta, Sacramento County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES Permit CA0085197)

- c. Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water, Consideration of NPDES General Permit Renewal (NPDES Permit CAG995002)
- d. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Sliger Mine, El Dorado County – Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES Permit CA0084905)

### **WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

- a. Amador County Environmental Health Department, Amador County – Consideration of Resolution to Approve Revised Local Agency Management Program [Eric Rappart (530) 224-4998]
- b. Butte County Department of Public Works, Neal Road Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, Butte County – Consideration of Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2011-0049-01 [Patrick DeCarvalho (530) 224-4786]
- c. City of Atwater; Bert Crane Road Landfill, Merced County – Revising WDRs 5-01-096 [Elizabeth Welch (559) 445-6127]
- d. City of Redding, Redding Power Plant, Shasta County – Consideration of Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements Order 94-267
- e. County of Madera, Fairmead Landfill, Madera County – Revising WDRs R5-2015-0052
- f. Eriksson, LLC, Ingleby US Pistachio Plant, Fresno County
- g. Port of Stockton, Denmark Natural Soda Ash Export Terminal Project, San Joaquin County – Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDID#5B39CR00357)
- h. Stromer Realty, Stromer Oak Valley Site Project, Butte County – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements

### **RESCISSIONS (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

- a. Baker Petrolite Corporation, Taft Production Facility, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-225, Kern County
- b. City of Grass Valley, City of Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant, Nevada County – Consideration of NPDES Rescission (NPDES Permit CA0079898)
- c. Double R Nest Egg, Skippers Cove Marina Wastewater Treatment System, Nevada County, WDR Order 95-178
- d. Jones Development Company, Pilkington Glass Manufacturing Facility, San Joaquin County, WDS Order 5-01-114
- e. Pleasant Ridge Union School District, Pleasant Ridge Elementary School Wastewater Treatment Plant, Nevada County, WDR Order 98-135
- f. Standard Management Company, McHenry Village Shopping Center, Stanislaus County, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2002-0012

### **CHANGE OF NAME (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

- a. City of Arvin, Arvin Wastewater Treatment Plant, Waste Discharge Requirements Order 5-00-093, Kern County
- b. GloriAnn Farms, Inc., and Mark Bacchetti, GloriAnn Farms Food Processing Facility, San Joaquin County, R5-2012-0037-01

- c. Jed and Marie Steele, Steele Wines, Inc., Lake County, 97-138
- d. O'Neill Beverages Co LLC, Reedley Winery Class II Surface Impoundment, Revising WDRs R5-2021-0058, Fresno County

**LATE REVISIONS**

Assistant Executive Officer Adam Laputz mentioned there are late revisions for item 12.f - Eriksson, LLC, Ingleby US Pistachio Plant, Fresno County. The late revisions are for clarity only and have been sent to the Board. The Permittee knows and approves of these late revisions.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 7 (UNCONTESTED CALENDAR ITEMS 11 THROUGH 14 WITH LATE REVISIONS)**

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Motioned: Vice Chair, Ramirez  
 Seconded: Member Avdis

Roll Call Vote:

Member Brar	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Member Avdis	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-0

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**AGENDA ITEM 10 – SUTTER SOUTH, LLC, LAKESIDE AT SUTTER POINTE, SUTTER COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDID#5A51CR00127)**

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Chief Council Jessica Jahr mentioned Board Member Avdis will be recusing himself from this item.

No one was present to contest or comment on this item.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 10**

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Motioned: Vice Chair, Ramirez  
 Seconded: Member Bradford

Roll Call Vote:

Member Brar	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-0

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**AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPT THE TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND THE TULARE LAKE BASIN – CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION**

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**Staff Presentation (Regional Board)**

Robert L'Heureux (Senior Water Resources Control Engineer) presented the staff report on the 2021 Triennial Review of the Region's Basin Plans. Mr L'Heureux covered the background and review process of the Triennial review, proposed workplan and response to comments. Mr. L'Heureux informed the Board that most of the comments received were in favor of the proposed workplan.

**Comments from Interested Persons**

Michelle Berditshevsky (directly representing Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center), but also works in close alliance with The Pit River Tribe, the Native Coalition for Medicine Lake Highlands Defense, and the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center (collectively Pit River) and The Medicine Lake Citizens for a Quality Environment. Ms. Berditshevsky has been working for over 25 years to maintain a quality environment and she joined the meeting today to speak about concerns for continuing to maintain and protect the outstanding cultural, hydrological, and scenic values of the Medicine Lake Highlands. Ms. Berditshevsky requested the Board pursue outstanding natural resource water designation for Medicine Lake Highlands.

Marcus Griswold (representing Calm Waters Group) was unavailable when called on to comment.

Eric Nelson (President of the Board for The Medicine Lake Citizens for a Quality Environment, also representing Marcus Griswold, multiple private landowners, and Medicine Lake Highlands) provided comments to reiterate Ms. Berditshevsky's comments. He asked that the Board use their discretion and make every conceivable effort to pursue the outstanding natural resource waters designation process for Medicine Lake Highlands.

Gary Bobker (Program Director for the Bay Institute) said he submitted written comments on the Triennial Review Workplan. He expressed appreciation to staff on their recommendation to add project 28 on evaluating the selenium criteria. He does not think the current criteria is sufficiently protective of beneficial uses. He thinks the workplan is not quite broad enough to cover some of the broader fish and wildlife impacts (regarding selenium). He will be providing further comments during the comment period during the workplan process. He would also like to see Project 11; temperature criteria be updated.

Brandy McDaniels (Madesi Band Cultural representative for the Pit River Nation) spoke to inform of the essential, fundamental and the importance of water quality in the Medicine Lake Highlands for the Pit River Nation and a large portion of California. Her concerns are with the DWR removing this area from bulletin 118. This has left state designated, disadvantaged communities and tribal and ancestral lands without

protection. Ms. McDaniels asked the Water Board to please include designating outstanding national resource water for the Medicine Lake Highlands as a project in this Triennial Review.

David Cory thanked staff for their presentation.

### **Closing Statements**

Acting Chair Kadara thanked staff and commenters.

Vice Chair Ramirez thanked the public for getting involved and participating at the Board meetings.

Board Member Bradford said he appreciates how systematic the entire process is to prioritize the projects that get worked on over the next three years. Member Bradford thanked the Medicine Lake commenters. He said it adds a lot of weight to what they are saying when there is more than one person commenting and he greatly appreciates this.

### **Executive Officer Recommendation**

Executive Officer, Pulupa recommended to adopt the Triennial Review as proposed.

Vice Chair Kadara closed the hearing for deliberations.

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### **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 8**

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Motioned: Member Avdis

Seconded: Member Brar

#### Roll Call Vote:

Member Brar	Yes
Member Avdis	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-0

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### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – JEN CA PLACER RANCH, LLC, PLACER RANCH PROJECT, PLACER COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF NEW WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDID#5A31CR00548)**

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#### **Procedural Issues**

Chief Council Jessica Jahr mentioned Board Member Avdis will be recusing himself from this item.

Council Bayley Toft-Dupuy informed the Board that there are two issues to raise: 1) A “Designated Party” request was received on behalf of Placer County Tomorrow. This request did not include information to support “Designated Party” status, so the request was denied ahead of the hearing by Acting Chair Kadara. However, Placer County Tomorrow was afforded 10 minutes to speak to accommodate the request. 2) Two emails were received: one from Placer County Tomorrow and one from Larissa Berry. Both emails were intended to be late comments submittals which staff asked not to be allowed into the record, because there were two comment periods provided by the Board in which they both submitted comments that were responded to, and the late comments were already addressed in those response to comments. The late responses can be read by the commenters during the comment period today if they wish.

### **Staff Presentation (Regional Board)**

Greg Hendricks (Environmental Scientist) presented the staff report on JEN CA Placer Ranch, LLC, Placer Ranch Project in Placer County. Mr Hendricks covered the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) including a description of the Placer Ranch project, potential impacts, avoidance and minimization, mitigation plans, response to comments and staff recommendation (to adopt the proposed WDRs).

### **Designated Party Presentation (JEN CA Placer Ranch)**

Council Kate Hart (representing JEN CA Placer Ranch) thanked staff and the Board for their hard work on this item. Ms. Hart commented on the significance of this project. The sunset area plan, of which the Placer Ranch Project is a significant portion, dates back over 55 years. The purpose of the sunset area plan and the Placer Ranch Project are to create large economic and employment hubs in South Placer. The area capitalizes on the area proximity to Hwy 65, various rail lines and adjacent communities of Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln. One of the key highlights is the new 301-acre set-aside area for the Cal State Sacramento University Campus. The university will serve as a foundational economic driver in the region and help to provide an educated workforce, thousands of jobs and reduce downtown trips to Sacramento. This is separate from the Placer Ranch Project, however, it is included within the boundaries of the specific plan and goes to the overall innovation that will occur in the entire area. The proposed WDRs ensure no net loss of wetlands. They strictly protect water quality of the local waters, including the Pleasant Grove Creek and Orchard Creek. They require extensive monitoring, sampling, reporting, and employing of extensive Best Management Practices (BMPs). We are participating in the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) which will include, not only paying in lieu fees but, will include us dedicating over 300 acres of offsite preserve (land in lieu). Placer Ranch is an essential part of the Southwestern Placer County’s economic success. It will bring millions of dollars in economic benefits in jobs, new homes, preserve the University Creek corridor with amazing trails and open space amenities. We would like to request that you approve the 401 Certification and WDRs presented before you today.

### **Comments from Interested Persons**

Michael Garabedian (representing Placer County Tomorrow) was concerned the 401 regulations are not being implemented in the proper manner.

Larissa Berry (self-represented) was unavailable when called on to comment.

Leslie Warren (representing Alliance for Environment Leadership) was unavailable when called on to comment.

Isabella Langone (self-represented) was unavailable when called on to comment.

### **Closing Statements**

Council Kate Hart (representing JEN CA Placer Ranch) provided closing comments to state that the PCCP has undergone its own independent California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. There have been multiple levels of review, over multiple years. This project has been studied inside and out. The project provides strong protection of water quality and Placer Ranch has every intention on complying with the WDRs.

Vice Chair Ramirez spoke in favor of Acting Chair Kadara's decision not to include the late comments into the record because the order and consistency in procedure that is in place should be followed (comments are received during the comment period).

Vice Chair Ramirez said she understands that the no net loss policy isn't perfect however, this is the policy the Board has to follow. She appreciates staff's recommendation and supports the WDRs as proposed.

Member Bradford agreed with Vice Chair Ramirez' comments and recommends moving forward with approval for this item.

Acting Chair Kadara thanked staff and Mr. Garabedian.

### **Executive Officer Recommendation**

Executive Officer, Pulupa provided closing comments to say that this is one of the most reviewed projects presented to the Board. This project comports with the no net loss policies. This comports with existing State and Regional Board policies, and it is protective of the beneficial uses outlined in the Basin Plan. With respect to the land use issues and CEQA, there are decision makers at other levels of government that made these decisions that were within their discretion, and these are not light decisions. The Regional Board is here to ensure that the water quality is protected with regards to those decisions that are made by those other levels of government. Executive Officer Pulupa believes the Regional Board staff and managers have done their job to ensure the water quality will remain protected in the project areas. He recommends adoption of the WDRs.

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### **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 9**

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Motioned: Member Bradford

Seconded: Member Yang

Roll Call Vote:



Member Brar	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-0

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m. to tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. and the Board went into closed session to discuss personnel item and to receive an update from counsel on *Center for Biological Diversity v. Central Valley Reg'l Water Quality Control Bd. and Valley Water Mgmt. Co.* (Kern Superior Court Case No. BCV-18-1 and *Kongkeo Khamvongsa and Alexandra Kensavath – Kongkeo Khamvongsa et al. v. Central Valley Reg'l Water Quality Control Bd.* (Shasta Superior Court Case No. 193748).

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## **FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2022**

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### **BOARD MEETING LOCATION:**

Zoom Teleconference and Webcast

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kadara, Denise	Bradford, Mark	Yang, Sean
Avdis, Nicholas	Brar, Raji	Carmen Ramirez

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

Jahr, Jessica	Moskal, Chris
Lancaster, David	Toft-Dupuy, Bayley

### **REGIONAL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Armstrong, Scott	Durette, David	Mushegan, Alex
Baum, John J.	Garver, Kelli	Pulupa, Patrick
Boyers, David	Gundry, Gabby	Rogers, Clay
Brown, Janelle	Harvey, Dale	Smith, Bryan
Chow, Bob	Hatton, Scott	Smitherman, Lauren
Couch, Scott	Howard, Meredith	Snyder, Clint
Coughlin, Gene	Laputz, Adam	Warddrip, Laurel

### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT WHO WERE IDENTIFIED:**

Anderson, David	Costanzo, Neal	Moloney, Emily
Armstrong, Scott	Chen, Jennifer	Nelson, Marlee

Norris, Sherri  
Rasmussen, Debie

Ryan, Sarah  
Slater, Michael

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## **AGENDA ITEM 15 – CALL TO ORDER**

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Acting Chair Kadara called Day 2 of the 579th Board meeting to order and made introductions. Executive Officer (EO) Pulupa introduced staff. Vice Chair Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 16 – BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Acting Chair Kadara submitted the following communications:**

- 21 January 2022 – Met with Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) Clay Rogers regarding some unregulated cattle feed lots in the community of Allensworth. AEO Rogers came from Fresno to the community of Allensworth to see and discuss the problems with some unregulated feed lots.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 17 – STATE WATER BOARD LIAISON UPDATE**

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(This item was heard yesterday, after Agenda Item 2.)

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## **AGENDA ITEM 18 – PUBLIC FORUM**

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David Anderson commented on the community outreach conducted by the Regional Board staff to the residence in the Mule Creek State Prison area on 14 December 2021, to explain enforcement actions in the past and explain strategies to bring CDCR into compliance. Board staff established a web page so information and questions could be readily accessed by the public. Questions were encouraged to be asked and staff had promised to respond. On 27 January 2022, Mr. Anderson submitted 16 questions about issues pertaining to the Mule Creek Prison and CDCR, which have gone unanswered to date. Direct involvement by any and/or all of you would be greatly appreciated.

- Acting Chair Kadara asked staff what has been done about this situation to which Executive Officer, Pulupa responded that the Regional Board staff has been working on responding to Mr. Anderson's inquiry. There were a variety of questions asked of the Regional Board, State Board, Office of Public Participation, and the Communications Office. In addition, a petition has been filed by CDCR and we have been engaged on those issues.
- Acting Chair Kadara thanked Mr. Anderson for his concise questions and reassured Mr. Anderson that his questions are being actively worked on and he will be receiving answers.

- Member Yang spoke to make a point of clarification that we can comment during the public comment period and that it was appreciated to hear from Mr. Anderson today.

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**AGENDA ITEM 19 – STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WINERY PROCESS WATER UPDATE – INFORMATION ITEM ONLY**

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Executive Officer Pulupa indicated that this is a presentation requested by our previous Chair, Dr. Karl Longley. There are several winery facilities within our Region that play a significant role in the economy for the Central Valley. This statewide Order, which was a significant undertaking by the State Water Board, would regulate in a consistent way, wineries across the entire state of California.

**Staff Presentation (State Water Board)**

This is a presentation on the Statewide Winery General Order, which was adopted by the State Water Board in January 2021. The purpose of this Statewide Winery Order is to protect groundwater; streamline winery permitting statewide; provide consistent requirements; and address constituents of concern (Salts, Nitrogen, and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)). This is an information item only and no action will be taken by the Board.

This presentation and update was presented by the following staff:

- Scott Couch (State Water Board, Supervising, Engineering Geologist for the Groundwater Protection Section in the Division of Water Quality)
- Laurel Warddrip (State Water Board, Senior Environmental Scientist for the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Program)
- Alex Mushegan (Regional Board, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer for the WDRs Permitting Program in the Fresno Office)

**Comments from Interested Persons**

None

**Comments and Questions from Board Members**

Member Avdis asked about wineries being subjected to multiple levels of reporting requirements.

Ms. Warddrip responded that some wineries have crop irrigation and may also have commercial grape growing, so they could have an Irrigated Lands Permit. Some facilities also discharge industrial stormwater to a surface water. So, there are wineries that may have those three things happening, where they are discharging waste to land, irrigating crops with multiple sources of water and they are discharging stormwater to a surface water.

Member Avdis asked if there has been any discussion at the staff level about whether there are efficiencies in consolidating some of these Permits by streamlining the reporting requirements for these overlapping requirements.

Executive Officer, Pulupa responded by describing situations in which industries are regulated under multiple orders, and the reasons for doing so.

Member Bradford asked questions about dilution to reduce testing requirements.

Ms. Warddrip stated this Order incentivizes control of the constituents in pretreatment or in their efficient practices and try to reduce the volume of process water, but encourages that if you do have process water, to reuse it to irrigate crops or aquifer recharge where appropriate.

Vice Chair Ramirez asked staff to explain how it works for wineries covered under small food processor waivers and if those entities will be able to remain under the small food processor waivers with this Statewide Winery General Order in effect. Ms. Warddrip responded by stating that we have this Statewide Winery General Order, and the Regional Boards also have General Orders and Waivers for Wineries. The Regional Boards will be able to assess what the most appropriate regulatory mechanism is for a winery, whether that's a Small Food Processor Waiver, this Statewide Winery General Order, an individual Order, or a General Order. The one that's determined to be the most protective of water quality will be the one chosen.

Alex Mushegan mentioned there are many large wineries that won't be eligible for the Statewide Winery General Order. A vast majority of wineries are permitted under the Small Food Processor Waiver, which must be renewed every five years. Conversations are already starting to take place about how we may move wineries from the waivers to Statewide Winery General Order.

Acting Chair Kadara commented about transitioning to electronic enrollment and hopes this will be a more efficient and time-saving process.

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**AGENDA ITEM 20 – TRIBAL AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING BENEFICIAL USES DEFINITIONS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND TULARE LAKE BASIN – CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION.**

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**Staff Presentation**

This presentation and consideration of a Resolution was presented by the following staff:

- Lauren Smitherman (Senior, Environmental Scientist, Supervisor)
- Gabrielle Gundry (CivicSpark Fellow – an AmeriCorps State Program that places early career professionals in local and state agencies for an 11-month fellowship to address climate change, sustainability, and environmental justice issues)

Next steps include:

- Prioritizing Tribal Tradition and Culture Designation Requests;
- Central Valley Water Board and State Water Board Basin Planning Factsheets;
- April 5, 2022, Tribal Update Meeting

### **Comments and Questions from Board Members**

Vice Chair Ramirez and Board member Yang thanked both staff and interested persons for their hard work on this item.

### **Comments from Interested Persons**

Emily Moloney (representing Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians) spoke to reiterate a comment letter that Buena Vista Rancheria submitted to the Regional Board on 27 October 2021 which was in support of adopting these definitions into the Basin Plans.

Sarah Ryan (representing Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians - Clear Lake) spoke to reiterate a comment letter submitted to the Regional Board in 2018 which was in support of adopting these definitions into the Basin Plans.

Sherri Norris (representing California Indian Environmental Alliance) spoke in support of adopting these definitions into the Basin Plans.

Debbie Rasmussen (representing Enterprise Rancheria) spoke in support of adopting these definitions into the Basin Plans.

David Cory was unavailable when called on to comment.

### **Closing Comments**

Executive Officer, Pulupa thanked everyone who worked on putting these Basin Plan Amendments together for the Board meeting today.

Acting Chair Kadara commended all interested persons for their comments and discussion they added to the Board meeting today. She is please to see staff moving in the direction of racial equity and environmental justices for the Native American population of California and designating beneficial uses on behalf of that population to protect the water quality and their way of life.

Acting Chair Kadara wanted to confirm if there was outreach to the Rancheria Tatiyoka Tulare Lake Basin Tribe. Ms. Smitherman confirmed the tribe had been part of the original outreach under Elizabeth Bettencourt.

### **Executive Officer Recommendation**

Executive Officer, Pulupa recommends adoption of these Basin Plan Amendments.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 20**

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Motioned: Member Avdis  
Seconded: Member Yang

Roll Call Vote:

Member Avdis	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Member Brar	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-0

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**AGENDA ITEM 21 – MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, FRESNO COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDER VACATING ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY (ACL) ORDER R5-2016-0022**

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**Comments from Interested Persons**

Neal E. Costanzo, Esq., Costanzo and Associates (representing The Malaga County Water District) provided comments in opposition and stated that the Order before you is one that is revised from a prior Tentative Order issued by the Regional Board. The revision eliminated a suggestion that you could resuscitate a six-year-old complaint and set it for re-hearing before this Board.

Legal Council Bayley Toft-Dupuy responded by stating there was an initial tentative draft circulated and provided for comments. One of the comments received did take issue with some of the provisions regarding next steps following the Board's vacation of the ACL Order. The response to comments does explain this and that record is before the Board. It is staffs' position that the discretion regarding any pending complaints following vacation of ACL Order is fully within the Assistant Executive Officer, and to the extent there are objections to this Board's jurisdiction, then any of the Board members advisory member's participation, in a subsequent hearing, those objections can be heard later. That is the next step. Before the Board today, is a very simple, brief Order Vacating the ACL Order at the direction of the Fresno County Superior Court, following the Writ of Remand.

David Boyers (representing the Office of Enforcement) said he had no comments on Mr. Costanzo's comments on this matter.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 21**

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Motioned: Member Avdis  
Seconded: Vice Chair Ramirez

Roll Call Vote:

Member Avdis	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Member Brar	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-0

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**AGENDA ITEM 22 – ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

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**Nominations:**

Member Brar nominated Member Bradford for the position of Board Chair; Member Bradford accepted the nomination.

Board Chair Bradford nominated Acting Chair Kadara for Vice Chair; Acting Chair Kadara accepted the nomination.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA ITEM 22**

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Motioned: Member Avdis  
Seconded: Vice Chair Ramirez

Roll Call Vote:

Member Avdis	Yes
Member Bradford	Yes
Member Brar	Yes
Member Yang	Yes
Vice Chair Ramirez	Yes
Acting Chair Kadara	Yes

Approved by Roll Call Vote of 6-0-0

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**AGENDA ITEM 6 – NEW ASSIGNMENTS OF BOARD WORKING GROUPS**  
(This item was moved from Thursday’s calendar)

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**Board Working Groups:**

**1. Executive Work Group (composed of the Chair and Vice-Chair):**

This group would help guide the Regional Board’s Executive Team when they are deliberating on policy issues between meetings. This Work Group would be composed of the sitting Board Chair and Vice Chair. Issues to be addressed by the Executive Work Group would include:

- Assessing progress in meeting the Board’s Strategic Plan Objectives
- Continuous assessment of the Portfolio Management Process
- Engagement with the Executive Officer and Lead Prosecutor on Enforcement Prioritization
- Evaluating content in the EO Report
- Board Meeting Planning
- Development of the Racial Equity Resolution
- Issue-Specific Engagement

While this is a new Work Group, the issues to be addressed by this Work Group are largely issues that the Board Chair and Vice Chair have already been tackling.

Work Group Members: Mark Bradford and Denise Kadara

## **2. Basin Assessment Work Group:**

Issues to be addressed by the Basin Assessment Work Group would include:

- Triennial Review
- The Harmful Algal Bloom Program
- The Delta Program
- Tribal Beneficial Uses
- Total Maximum Daily Loads (including Mercury)

This would be a new Work Group, consolidating some of the work of the Mercury Issues Work Group and would addressing numerous matters affecting disadvantaged communities and tribes in our region.

Work Group Members: Member Ramirez and Member Brar

## **3. Agricultural Work Group:**

One of the Board’s largest programs, the Irrigated Lands Program is at the cutting edge of numerous water quality issues, including SGMA implementation and our own CV-SALTS Program. The Agricultural Program interfaces with disadvantaged communities, growers of all sizes throughout the region, and numerous other state and federal agencies, including CDFR, USGS, DPR and USDA.



Work Group Members: Nick Avdis, Sean Yang

**4. Forest Management/Wildfire Work Group:**

A large part of our region is covered by forested lands, and an even larger part of the region is vulnerable to wildfire. Programs in this area are rapidly evolving, and it would be useful to have Board members that had more in-depth knowledge about not only what the Board is doing in this area, but also what other agencies/departments (CalFire, CNRA, USFS, BLM, DWR, etc.) are working on.

Work Group Members: Mark Bradford and Sean Yang

**5. CV-SALTS/Drinking Water Program/SB 1215 Wastewater Consolidation:**

Early Action Plans established by the CV-SALTS' Nitrate Control Program are a special area of focus for environmental justice communities. There is a need for continued executive coordination with State Water Board staff and leadership, representatives from environmental justice communities, and other stakeholders to help guide these programs.

This is a new Work Group that would re-focus the work of the CV-SALTS Work Group and would take over some of the work of the Disadvantaged Communities Work Group.

Work Group Members: Member Brar and Member Ramirez

**6. Litigation and Petitions Work Group:**

There are occasional needs for Board members to be delegated the responsibility to work with the Board's management team on ongoing litigation, including petitions pending before the State Water Board.

This is a new Work Group.

Work Group Members: Nick Avdis and Carmen Ramirez

**New Board Working Groups:**

1	Executive Work Group (composed of the Chair and Vice-Chair):	Chair Bradford
		Vice Chair Kadara
2	Basin Assessment Work Group:	Member Ramirez
		Member Brar
3	Agricultural Work Group:	Member Avdis
		Member Yang
4	Forest Management/Wildfire Work Group:	Chair Bradford
		Member Yang
5	CV-SALTS/Drinking Water Program/SB 1215 Wastewater Consolidation:	Member Ramirez
		Member Brar
6	Litigation and Petitions Work Group:	Member Avdis
		Member Ramirez

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. to the 21/22 April 2022 Board meeting.