

MINUTES OF MEETING  
COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

A meeting of the Colorado River Board of California (CRB or Board) was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Harbor View Room at 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Council Chambers, 415 W. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Board Members and Alternates Present:

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| Gloria Cordero (MWD)             | Jeanine Jones (DWR Designee)         |
| Gina Dockstader (IID Alternate)  | Jim Madaffer, Vice Chairman (SDCWA)  |
| Dana B. Fisher, Jr. (PVID)       | Peter Nelson (CVWD)                  |
| John B. Hamby, Chairman (IID)    | David R. Pettijohn (LADWP)           |
| Eric Heidemann (SDCWA Alternate) | Frank Ruiz (Public Member)           |
| Jordan Joaquin (Public Member)   | David Vigil (DFW Alternate Designee) |

Board Members and Alternates Absent:

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| Michael Camacho (MWD Alternate)  | Delon Kwan (LADWP Alternate)          |
| Castulo Estrada (CVWD Alternate) | Dylan Redor (Attorney General Office) |
| Christopher Hayes (DFW)          | Brad Robinson (PVID Alternate)        |

Others Present:

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| Linda Bahr     | Shana Rapoport     |
| Nick Bahr      | Angela Rashid      |
| Robert Cheng   | David Rheinheimer  |
| Dennis Davis   | Alexi Schnell      |
| Orit Kalman    | Tina Sheilds       |
| Erik Katz      | Joseph Vanderhorst |
| JR Echard      | Jerry Zimmerman    |
| Sue Fisher     |                    |
| Bill Hasencamp |                    |
| Laura Landin   |                    |
| Aaron Mead     |                    |
| Yuanyuan Myint |                    |

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hamby announced the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Chairman Hamby invited members of the audience to address the Board on items on the agenda or matters related to the Board. Hearing none, he moved on to the next item on the agenda.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:12 a.m.

Pursuant to Section 12519 of the Water Code, an Executive Session was held to discuss interstate claims to the use of Colorado River System waters in judicial proceedings, administrative proceedings, and/or negotiations with representatives from the other Basin states or federal government.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

The Board resumed the regular session at 10:18 a.m. No action was taken.

## **BOARD RETREAT**

Ms. Orit Kalman facilitated the Colorado River Board Retreat. During the retreat, the Board had lengthy discussion regarding five subjects: 1) closed sessions, 2) staff engagement, 3) board meeting agendas, 4) special topics, and 5) communications and outreach.

### **Closed Sessions**

The Board discussed the inclusion of staff and alternates in closed session meetings, emphasizing the importance of informed board discussions. The Board suggested increasing the frequency of closed session meetings as the 2026 guidelines deadline approaches. The Board would like to clarify the definition of essential participation in the closed sessions. The Board planned to designate a clerk for the closed sessions. The Board also discussed the process limitations posed by the Bagley-Keene Act.

### **Staff Engagement**

The Board acknowledged the importance of staff participation in the CRB meeting, including CRB staff and member agency staff. The Board would like to see more representatives

from agencies to support discussions. The Board discussed the potential to request staff to prepare reports on specific issues to inform discussion. The Board discussed developing policies and guiding principles to direct staff work, adding strategic direction discussion as an agenda item, soliciting input from agency managers on guiding principles. The Board also discussed potential engagement from the new Executive Director such as meetings with individual agencies.

#### Board Meeting Agendas

The Board discussed improving agenda development to promote better engagement. The Board suggested streamlining information shared at the board meeting and preparing the board meeting materials in advance. The Board suggested more regular presentations on related topics from other sectors to broaden understanding of intersecting issues. The Board suggested adding an end-of-meeting discussion and general matters on future agenda items.

#### Special Topics

The Board discussed establishing committees or an ad hoc structure for in-depth exploration of specific topics of interest.

#### Communications and Outreach

The Board agreed that the purpose of communications and outreach was protecting California's rights in Colorado River water system and improving community awareness about CRB.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to be brought before the Board, Chairman Hamby adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.