
State Water Resources Control Board

REVISED INFORMATION FOR PRESENTATION OF POLICY STATEMENTS ON MAY 19, 2025, IN THE WATER RIGHT HEARING ON THE PROPOSED DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office is holding
a Public Hearing on the pending Petitions for Change of Water Right
Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482
(Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) of the
Department of Water Resources.

Policy statements will be heard **in person and by Zoom Webinar**
on May 19, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m., at
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Hearing Room,
1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California.

**Participants must register in advance
to join the hearing on May 19 by Zoom.
Registration is voluntary to participate in person.**

Parties or interested members of the public who would like to watch this hearing
without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube
channel at: bit.ly/aho-youtube

PURPOSE OF HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) is conducting a public hearing about the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. A more detailed description of the Delta Conveyance Project and the associated petitions for change can be found in the July 31, 2024 Notice of Public Hearing, which is available on the AHO's webpage for the proceeding:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/administrative_hearings_office/delta-conveyance.html.

POLICY STATEMENTS

The AHO and members of the Board will hear policy statements from interested members of the public both in person and remotely using Zoom on **May 19, 2025**. Members of the public may also listen to and watch the proceeding in person or on YouTube at bit.ly/aho-youtube.

The AHO has updated these instructions to clarify the options for anonymous participation in this public meeting. Registering to participate in person is voluntary and all persons may attend the hearing regardless of whether a person completes the registration form.

For in-person participation, an individual does not need to provide identifying information. (Gov. Code, § 11124 subd. (a).) For virtual participation on the Zoom Webinar platform, an individual does not need to provide identifying information, and may register using a pseudonym or a first name, but must provide a valid e-mail address to receive the Zoom participation link. (Gov. Code, § 11124, subd. (c).) The AHO will also accept policy statements presented in person or on Zoom Webinar by another individual.

As reflected in the July 31 Notice of Hearing, each oral policy statement or oral summary of written policy statements shall not exceed 5 minutes. The hearing officer may impose a shorter time limit based on the number of people who request to make an oral presentation.

During the presentation of policy statements, the hearing officer will invite those who are present in person at the physical location of the hearing to speak first. Then, the hearing officer will invite those appearing on the Zoom platform to present their policy statements or summaries of written policy statements.

How to Present a Policy Statement in Writing:

The AHO will accept written policy statement submitted during the evidentiary hearing by e-mail, U.S. mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery. Written policy statements may be submitted anonymously.

By E-mail: DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov

By Mail: State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearings Office P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100	By Hand Delivery or Overnight Delivery: Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearings Office 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814
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How to Present a Policy Statement in Person:

Interested members of the public who wish to present a policy statement in person are requested, but not required, to register using the Registration Form at <https://forms.office.com/g/2ZQhiQwJYb> and indicate an intent to present a statement in person. It is not required for any member of the public who appears in person to provide identifying information before speaking.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. at the Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Byron Sher Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California. Persons requiring reasonable modification or accommodation for disabilities should promptly (preferably at least 7 days before the hearing) contact the AHO by phone at (916) 341-6940 or by e-mail at DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.

How to Present a Policy Statement Using Zoom Webinar:

The AHO, in coordination with the Water Board's Division of Information Technology, has implemented new security procedures to ensure a safer and more secure virtual hearing space. These new security procedures have been in place since April 1, 2025, are effective at maintaining a secure space, and will minimize the risk of any future disruption.

Advance registration is necessary to participate in the hearing by Zoom Webinar on May 19. Registration may be completed using a pseudonym, first name, or other preferred name. Members of the public who use Zoom Webinar may choose to present their statements with or without video.

Filing a Notice of Intent form is not necessary to participate in this proceeding under these new procedures.

1. To register, anyone who intends to present a policy statement should complete the Registration Form at <https://forms.office.com/g/2ZQhiQwJYb> by the close of business on **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. It is not necessary to provide identifying information when registering but a valid e-mail address is required. The AHO will use the e-mail address to send the Zoom Webinar participation link to each registered person.

You may also scan the QR code below to access the Registration Form from a phone or tablet.



2. The AHO will send an individualized link to join the webinar to each interested person who has completed the Registration Form **at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 19**. This link is specific to the registered person and e-mail address and should not be shared with other users. The same link cannot be used to access the hearing on more than one device.
3. If you registered for the hearing and have not found your individualized link to join the hearing before 9:00 a.m., please check your junk and spam mail folders. If you did not receive an individualized link or need other technical assistance, please e-mail DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.
4. To join the hearing on May 19, please click the “Join” link in the individualized e-mail from Zoom. Please consider signing in early to allow time to address any technical issues.
5. Each interested person will enter the proceeding as an “Attendee.” Attendees will be able to see and hear video tiles of the hearing officer in the hearing room and other AHO staff but will not be able to turn on their own camera or microphone features when the proceeding begins.
6. The hearing officer will call the name used in the registration of each person who has registered for the hearing when it is that person’s turn to speak. When the hearing officer calls the name used in the registration, please raise a virtual “Zoom” hand to help AHO staff. AHO staff will unmute your microphone and the hearing officer will ask you whether you would like to present your statement on camera. If you do not want to appear on camera, the hearing officer will invite you to present your statement by audio only. If you do want to appear on camera, AHO staff will elevate you to a “Panelist” to present your policy statement. The Zoom application may present a pop-up window asking for agreement to be elevated to a “Panelist.” There may be a short pause while the system elevates you. You are not being disconnected. After you finish your statement, AHO staff will return you to Attendee status, and the hearing officer will call the name of the next speaker. After you have presented your policy statement, please exit the Zoom Webinar. You may observe the remainder of the hearing using the YouTube livestream at bit.ly/aho-youtube.

7. If your device freezes, please restart the device. If you experience technical difficulties during the hearing, please notify staff at DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov. AHO staff will be monitoring the e-mail inbox.
8. If you do not plan to speak during the proceeding, please do not attend the Zoom Webinar and instead view the livestream of the proceeding on the AHO's YouTube channel at bit.ly/aho-youtube.
9. For questions about public participation on May 19, please e-mail the AHO at DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.

The AHO will hear remaining policy statements from any member of the public unable to appear on May 19, on **August 12, 2025, by Zoom only**.

Date: May 9, 2025


Nicole L. Kuenzi
Presiding Hearing Officer
Administrative Hearings Office