

ITEM 8
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

**Workload Update and Tentative Agenda Items for the January 2025
and March 2025 Meetings (info)**

I. New Commission Staff

I am pleased to announce our new AGPA-Procurement: Steven Garcia. Mr. Garcia comes to us as a Purchasing Analyst from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Prior to that, he worked at Caltrans, first as a Procurement Specialist and then as a Policy Analyst. Earlier in his career, Steven served in the Air Force and was stationed at Travis Air Force Base, after which he worked at Raytheon as a Contract and Warranty Associate.

Steven earned his Master of Business Administration from University of Massachusetts Global, his Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Systems from University of Massachusetts Global, and his Associates of Applied Science in Logistics from Community College of the Air Force.

Mr. Garcia’s first day at the Commission will be Friday, November 22, 2024, and we are thrilled to have him join us.

II. Workload¹ (info)

A. COMPLETED WORKLOAD SUMMARY

Type of Caseload	Completed in 2023/2024	Completed in 2024/2025
Test Claims	9	1
Parameters & Guidelines	4	3
Parameters & Guidelines Amendments	0	0
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	1	1
Request to Review Claiming Instructions	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination ²	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination Reconsideration Based on Court Action	0	0

¹ As of November 1, 2024.

² Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

Type of Caseload	Completed in 2023/2024	Completed in 2024/2025
Incorrect Reduction Claims	0	1
Appeal of Executive Director Decisions	0	1
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	0	0

B. COMMISSION WORKLOAD REPORT

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2024	Filed Since 7/1/2024	Completed Since 7/1/2024	Pending on 11/1/2024
Test Claims	38	0	1	37 ³
Parameters and Guidelines	3	1 ⁴	3	1
Joint Reasonable Reimbursement Methodologies	0	0	0	0
Pending Requests To Jointly Develop Legislatively Determined Mandates	0	0	0	0
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0	0	0
Requests to Review Claiming Instructions	0	0	0	0
Statewide Cost Estimates	4	3 ⁵	1	6
Test Claims to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0
Parameters and Guidelines to be Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0

³ There are 37 pending test claims. 35 are local agency claims, all regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. There are also two school district test claims (23-TC-01 and 23-TC-02).

⁴ A test claimant may file proposed parameters and guidelines, or Commission staff may prepare and issue draft expedited parameters and guidelines upon the adoption of an approved test claim or expiration of a joint reasonable reimbursement methodology.

⁵ Statewide cost estimates are not filed but are issued by the Commission after the initial claims are received by the State Controller's Office.

Type of Action	Pending on 7/1/2024	Filed Since 7/1/2024	Completed Since 7/1/2024	Pending on 11/1/2024
Proposed Amendments to Parameters and Guidelines	0	0 ⁶	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination ⁷	0	0	0	0
Requests for Mandate Redetermination to be Reconsidered, Amended, Set Aside, or Reinstated, as Directed by the Legislature or Court Action	0	0	0	0
Incorrect Reduction Claims	1	0	1	0
Incorrect Reduction Claims to be Reconsidered Based on Court Action	0	0	0	0
Appeals of Executive Director's Decisions	1	0	1	0
Order to Set Aside a Test Claim, Parameters and Guidelines or Incorrect Reduction Claim Decision	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Actions Pending	0	0	0	0
Applications for Findings of Significant Financial Distress	0	0	0	0

IV. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS (info)

The tentative agenda items are subject to change based on, among other things, Commission workload, staffing, litigation, requests for extensions of time to file comments on draft proposed decisions, hearing postponements, informal conferences, and the complexity of the matters.

January 2025 and March 2025 Meetings

A. Test Claims

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, Order No. R2-2009-0074, Provisions C.2.b, C.2.c, C.2.e, C.2.f, C.8.b, C.8.c,*

⁶ An affected local or state agency may file proposed parameters and guidelines amendments for any of the reasons specified by section 1183.17 of the Commission's regulations or Commission staff may be issue them upon the adoption of new test claim decision under the mandate redetermination process.

⁷ Requests for Mandate Redetermination require a two-hearing process.

C.8.d, C.8.e.i, ii, and vi, C.8.f, C.8.g, C.8.h, C.10.a, C.10.b, C.10.c, C.10.d, C.11.f, and C.12.f, 10-TC-02, 10-TC-03, and 10-TC-05
City of Dublin, County of Santa Clara, and City of San Jose, Claimants

2. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Order No. R4-2012-0175, 13-TC-01 and 13-TC-02*
Cities of Agoura Hills, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Manhattan Beach, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, Vernon, Westlake Village, and Whittier, and County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Claimants
3. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2013-0001, 14-TC-03*
County of San Diego, Claimant
4. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, Order No. R2-2015-0049, 16-TC-03*
City of Union City, Claimant

B. Parameters and Guidelines

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2007-0001, Permit CAS0108758, Parts D.1.d.(7)-(8), D.1.g., D.3.a.(3), D.3.a.(5), D.5, E.2.f, E.2.g, F.1, F.2, F.3, I.1, I.2, I.5, J.3.a.(3)(c)iv-viii & x-xv, and L, 07-TC-09-R*
County of San Diego, Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and Vista, Claimants

C. Statewide Cost Estimates

1. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Order No. R8-2010-0033, 10-TC-07*
2. *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Diego Region, Order No. R9-2009-0002, 10-TC-11*