

# California Board of Environmental Safety

CalEPA Headquarters  
Sierra Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

## Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2025

### Board Members Present:

**Chair:** Jeanne Rizzo

**Vice Chair:** Alexis Strauss-Hacker

**Member:** Sushma Bhatia

**Member:** Ingrid Brostrom

**Member:** Georgette Gomez

### BES Staff Present:

Swati Sharma, Executive Officer

Shayna Avila, Staff Engineer

Courtney Bailey, Board Specialist

Sheena Brooks, Public Outreach Mgr.

Lauren Chandler, Ombudsperson

Gregory Forest, Board Counsel

Evelyn Nuno, Board Specialist

Linda Ocampo, Senior Staff Engineer

Ferdous Pourmirza, Environmental  
Program Mgr.

Marcus Raymond, Senior Environmental  
Scientist

### DTSC Staff Present:

Katie Butler, Director

Thanne Berg, Deputy Director for the  
Site Mitigation and Remediation  
Program (SMRP)

Brian Brown, Chief Financial Officer  
Surlene Grant, Deputy Director for  
Office of Environmental Equity

Wayne Lorentzen, Division Chief,  
Permitting

### Guests Present:

Scott Lichtig, Deputy Secretary for  
Environmental Policy, CalEPA

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**Public Comments** will be posted in a separate document.

**1 Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum** [00:00:50] The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. and a quorum was established with all Board Members present.

**2 Welcome, Opening Remarks and Board Chair Report** [00:03:10] Chair Rizzo reported that the Board met in Closed Session on January 29, as authorized by Government Code section 11126(a)(1).

**3 Executive Officer Report** [00:09:02] Executive Officer Sharma provided board updates, including a review of BES December action items. Lauren Chandler, Ombuds,

provided an update on DTSC's December action items. Executive Officer Sharma introduced the proposed 2025 BES Priorities for approval by the Board.

**Vice Chair Hacker moved to approve the 2025 BES Priorities as amended. Seconded by Member Bhatia. The Motion passed unanimously.**

*No public comments were received on this item.*

**4 DTSC Leadership Report** [00:34:42] DTSC Director Katie Butler provided an update on DTSC's emergency response to the 2025 Southern California Fires, including updates on the Vistra Energy Battery Facility Fire in Moss Landing, department news and hiring, and the adoption of the Generation & Handling Fee Emergency Regulations.

*No public comments were received for this item.*

*Break. A full quorum was established at 10:37 a.m. with all members present.*

**5 Continued Permit Decision Schedule Hearing** [01:23:38] Ferdous Pourmiza, BES Environmental Program Manager, provided an introduction on SB 158 statutory requirements for expired permits and the [October 2024 Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decision Status Report](#). Wayne Lorentzen, DTSC Permitting Division Chief, [proposed revised draft permit decision dates](#) for Chevron Environmental Management Company and Ecobat Resources California, Inc. as of January 2025.

**Vice Chair Hacker moved to approve DTSC's proposed draft permit decision date of April 1, 2025 and final permit decision date of May 30, 2025 for Chevron Environmental Management Company. Seconded by Member Bhatia. The Motion passed unanimously.**

*The Board heard two public comments on the proposed permit schedule for Chevron Environmental Management Company.*

**Vice Chair Hacker moved to approve DTSC's proposed final permit decision date of July 31, 2025 for Ecobat Resources California Inc. Seconded by Member Bhatia. The Motion passed unanimously.**

*The Board heard one public comment on the proposed permit schedule for Ecobat Resources California Inc.*

*Break. A full quorum was re-established with all members present.*

**6 Site Remediation Account (SRA) and National Priorities Listing (NPL) Orphan Report** [02:47:49] Thanne Berg, DTSC Deputy Director for Site Mitigation Restoration Program (SMRP), provided an overview of the clean-up process for contaminated sites and presented on the [2024 Site Remediation Account Report](#) and orphan site prioritization.

*No public comments were received for this item.*

**7 Environmental Justice Advisory Council (EJAC) Update** [03:15:37] Surlene Grant, DTSC Deputy Director for Office of Environmental Equity, provided the Board with an EJAC update. Five of seven EJAC members introduced themselves via Zoom.

*The Board heard two public comments for this item.*

**8 SB 673 Track 1 – Violations Scoring Procedure (VSP)** [03:48:12] Wayne Lorentzen, DTSC Permitting Division Chief, presented proposed regulation changes to VSP. A public workshop is scheduled for February 27, 2025 and a public comment period is set for March 14 through April 28.

*The Board heard one public comment for this item.*

*Break. A full quorum was re-established with all members present.*

**9 Public Forum** [04:28:12] *No public comments were received for this item.*

**10 DTSC Budget Update** [04:30:45] Brian Brown, DTSC Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on DTSC'S proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 and changes from the fiscal year 2024-2025 enacted budget.

*The Board heard one public comment for this item.*

**11 Board Member Reports** [05:00:08] Board Members reported on their respective priority areas, subcommittees, and Board related activities.

**12 Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Minutes** [05:05:12]  
**Vice Chair Hacker moved to approve the December 4, 2024 meeting minutes.**  
**Seconded by Member Bhatia. The Motion passed unanimously.**

**13 Review Action Items** [05:07:50] Vice Chair Hacker reviewed action items and future items for consideration.

**14 Closing Remarks and Adjourn** [05:13:36] Scott Lichtig, Deputy Secretary for Environmental Policy at CalEPA, provided remarks on Chair Rizzo's retirement from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.