

California Board of Environmental Safety

Board Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2025

CalEPA Headquarters – Coastal Hearing Room
1001 “I” Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Board Members Present:

Chair: Andrew Rakestraw

Vice Chair: Alexis Strauss-Hacker

Member: Sushma Bhatia

Member: Ingrid Brostrom

Member: Georgette Gomez

DTSC Staff Present:

Katie Butler, Director

Brian Brown, Chief Financial Officer

Robin Christensen, Deputy Director,
Safer Consumer Products

Kaytherine Grant, Fiscal Officer

Grant Hisao, Chief of Staff for Director
Butler

Wayne Lorentzen, Permitting Division
Chief

Craig Scholer, Chief Deputy Director

BES Staff Present:

Swati Sharma, Executive Officer

Shayna Avila, Staff Engineer

Courtney Bailey, Board Specialist

Sheena Brooks, Operations and
Outreach Mgr.

Lauren Chandler, Ombudsperson

Gregory Forest, Board Counsel

Jeanie Lau, Administrative Liaison

Evelyn Nuno, Board Specialist

Linda Ocampo, Senior Staff Engineer

Ferdous Pourmirza, Environmental
Program Mgr.

Marcus Raymond, Senior Environmental
Scientist

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- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum.** [00:01:03] The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. and a quorum was established with all Board Members present. Vice Chair Strauss Hacker joined the meeting remotely.
- 2. Welcome, Opening Remarks.** [00:05:23] Board Chair Rakestraw provided opening remarks.
- 3. Executive Officer Report, Future Agenda Items.** [00:08:40] Executive Officer Swati Sharma provided Board updates, including the gubernatorial reappointment of Member Bhatia, the hiring of new staff Administrative Liaison Jeanie Lau, the 2026 tentative Board Meeting dates, and an update on the fiscal year 2024-25 Board budget. Executive Officer Sharma also provided an overview of DTSC's 2025 draft Hazardous Waste Management Plan timeline.

Ombuds Lauren Chandler provided updates on action items from the July 14-15 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing and Board Meeting.

Board Members shared their Board Member Reports, which include updates from their respective subcommittees, stakeholder meetings and past and upcoming facility tours.

The Board heard three (3) public comments on this item.

- 4. DTSC Leadership Report.** [00:52:10] DTSC Director Katie Butler provided an update on Departmental News, Permitting, and shared updates to her [Director's 2025-26 Priorities](#).

The Board heard five (5) public comments on this item.

- 5. DTSC Director's 2025-26 Priorities.** [02:09:44] The Board discussed the Director's 2025-26 Priorities.

Chair Rakestraw called for a break and continued Agenda Item #5. Upon the Board returning, a quorum was re-established with all members present and continued with agenda item #5.

The board further discussed the Director's 2025-26 Priorities.

Member Brostrom moved to conditionally approve the 2025-26 Director's Priorities with the Director to consider adding a priority regarding continued implementation of SB 673, and that the Board would reconsider this item in November. Seconded by Member Gomez. The Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decisions Status Report.** [02:57:01] BES Staff Engineer Shayna Avila introduced this agenda item and presented the BES Staff Recommendation to approve DTSC's proposed permit schedule for Glencore Recycling LLC in San Jose, California, from the [July 2025 Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decisions Status Report](#). DTSC Permitting Division Chief Wayne Lorentzen proposed a final permit date for January 31, 2026.

The Board heard two (2) public comments on this item.

Vice Chair Hacker moved to accept DTSC's proposed final permit decision date of January 31, 2026 for Glencore Recycling LLC. Seconded by Member Bhatia. The Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fees Rates** [03:35:25] The Board's Senior Environmental Scientist, Marcus Raymond, presented the BES staff fee rate recommendations for fiscal year 2025-26 Generation and Handling Fee, Environmental Fee, and Facility Fee. DTSC Chief Financial Officer, Brian Brown, and Fiscal Officer, Kaytherine Grant, were present to answer questions from the Board.

The Board heard one (1) public comment on this item.

Member Bhatia moved to approve staff recommendations on all three funds and adopt the associated [resolution](#). Seconded by Chair Rakestraw. The Motion passed unanimously.

8. Public Forum [04:18:58]

The Board heard seventeen (17) public comments.

Agenda item #9, Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Minutes from July 14-15, 2025, and Agenda item #10, Review of Action Items, were tabled to a future meeting.

11. Closing Remarks and Adjourn [05:03:48] Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.