

# California Board of Environmental Safety

Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2026

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

## Board Members Present:

**Chair:** Andrew Rakestraw

**Vice Chair:** Alexis Strauss-Hacker

**Member:** Ingrid Brostrom

**Member:** Georgette Gomez

## DTSC Staff Present:

Robin Christensen, Deputy Director for Safer Consumer Products

Michael Ernst, Supervising Hazardous Substances Engineer

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## BES Staff Present:

Swati Sharma, Executive Officer

Shayna Avila, Staff Engineer

Sheena Brooks, Operations and Outreach Mgr.

Lauren Chandler, Ombudsperson

Alicia Delfin, Administrative Liaison

Gregory Forest, Board Counsel

Linda Ocampo, Senior Staff Engineer

Ferdous Pourmirza, Environmental Program Mgr.

Marcus Raymond, Senior Environmental Scientist

**YouTube video links:** English <https://youtu.be/T5G1jX9I-6U> and Spanish <https://youtu.be/SCI8vW54gWM>

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- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum.** [00:00:46] The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and a quorum was established with all four Board Members present.
- 2. Welcome, Opening Remarks.** [00:03:42] Board Chair Rakestraw provided an overview of the day's agenda.
- 3. Executive Officer Report.** [00:05:31] Board Ombuds Lauren Chandler presented an update on the action items from the August and November 2025 Board meetings. Executive Officer (EO) Swati Sharma presented the following Board updates: appointment of new Board Member Rhys Williams; hiring of Board's new Administrative Liaison Alicia Delfin; pending permit appeals for Phibro-Tech, Inc.

and Ecobat Resources California, Inc.; the tentative 2026 Board Meeting schedule. EO Sharma also presented the [Board's 2026 Priorities](#). Each Board member shared updates from their respective subcommittees and working groups.

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

**Vice Chair Hacker moved to approve the Board's 2026 Priorities. Seconded by Member Brostrom. The Motion passed unanimously.**

*The Board took a break and upon return, a full quorum was re-established with all four members present.*

- 4. Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program Overview.** [00:38:01] Deputy Director Robin Christensen presented an overview of the SCP Program to inform the Board's consideration of performance metrics for the Program. Supervising Hazardous Substances Engineer, Michael Ernst, presented preliminary insights on SCP metrics, including examples under consideration and next steps in the development of SCP metrics.

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

- 5. Public Forum.** [01:39:11] No public comments were received on this item.
- 6. Review of Action Items.** [01:40:42] Vice Chair Hacker and EO Sharma reviewed action items and future items for consideration.
- 7. Adjourn.** [01:45:44] Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.