

Minutes

COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

Location of Meeting: California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA),
First Floor Auditorium, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, California, 95814 and via Zoom
July 25, 2025

Present: Member David Oppenheim
Representative of the State Controller, Vice Chairperson
Member Lee Adams
County Supervisor
Member Renee Nash
School District Board Member
Member Alexander Powell
Representative of the Director of the Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation

Absent: Member Michele Perrault, Chairperson
Representative of the Director of the Department of Finance
Member William Pahland
Representative of the State Treasurer
Member Karen Greene Ross
Public Member

NOTE: The transcript for this hearing is attached. These minutes are designed to be read in conjunction with the transcript.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Oppenheim called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Executive Director Gmur called the roll. Members Adams, Nash, Oppenheim, and Powell, all indicated that they were present. Executive Director Gmur stated that Members Greene Ross and Pahland, and Chairperson Perrault notified Commission staff that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there were any objections to or corrections of the May 23, 2025 minutes. There was no response. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there was any public comment on this item. There was no response. IT Specialist II Rogers stated that there were no online public comments. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there was any further discussion on the item. There was no response. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked for a motion to approve the May 23, 2025 minutes. Member Adams made the motion to adopt the minutes. Member Powell seconded the motion. Executive Director Gmur called the roll. The Commission voted to adopt the May 23, 2025 minutes by a vote of 4-0 with Members Greene Ross and Pahland and Chairperson Perrault absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there was any public comment. There was no response. IT Specialist II Rogers stated that there were no online public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 8 (info/action)

ADOPTION OF ORDER TO INITIATE RULEMAKING

- Item 3* General Cleanup (Order 25-01), Proposed Amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 2, Chapter 2.5, Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10

STATEWIDE COST ESTIMATES

- Item 4* *Disclosure Requirements and Deferral of Property Taxation*, 22-TC-06

Executive Director Gmur stated that Items 3 and 4 were proposed for consent. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there were any objections to the proposed consent calendar from the members or from any members of the public. There was no response. IT Specialist II Rogers stated that there were no online public comments. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there were any comments from the members. There was no response. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked for a motion to adopt the consent calendar. Member Nash made the motion to adopt the consent calendar. Member Powell seconded the motion. The Commission voted to adopt the consent calendar by a vote of 4-0 with Members Greene Ross and Pahland and Chairperson Perrault absent.

HEARINGS AND DECISIONS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 7 (GOV. CODE, § 17551, 17557, 17559, and 17570) (action)

Executive Director Gmur swore in the parties and witnesses participating in the Article 7 portion of the hearing.

TEST CLAIMS

- Item 2 *Elections: Ballot Label*, 24-TC-01
Statutes 2022, Chapter 751, Section 5 (AB 1416); Elections Code Section 9051, Effective January 1, 2023
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

Senior Commission Counsel Laura Dougherty presented this item and recommended that the Commission adopt the Proposed Decision to approve the Test Claim.

Fernando Lemus appeared on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. Kaily Yap appeared on behalf of the Department of Finance.

Following statements by Mr. Lemus and Ms. Yap, Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there were any public comments on this item. There was no response. IT Specialist II

Rogers stated that there were no online public comments. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there were any questions from the Members. There was no response.

Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there was any additional discussion. There was no response. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there was a motion. Member Adams made a motion to adopt the staff recommendation. Member Nash seconded the motion. Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked if there was any further discussion. There was no response. The Commission voted to adopt the Proposed Decision by a vote of 4-0 with Members Greene Ross and Pahland and Chairperson Perrault absent.

INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 8 (info/action)

REPORTS

Item 5 Legislative Update (info)

Program Analyst Jill Magee presented this item.

Item 6 Chief Legal Counsel: New Filings, Recent Decisions, Litigation Calendar (info)

Chief Legal Counsel Shelton presented this item.

Item 7 Executive Director: Budget, Workload Update, and Tentative Agenda Items for the September 2025, December 2025, and January 2026 Meetings (info)

Executive Director Gmur presented this item.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11126 AND 11126.2 (info/action)

The Commission adjourned into closed executive session at 10:22 a.m., pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e). The Commission met in closed session to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the pending litigation listed on the published notice and agenda; to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation; and to confer on personnel matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1).

A. PENDING LITIGATION

To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel, for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the following matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e):

There are no cases currently pending.

B. POTENTIAL LITIGATION

To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel, for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the following matter pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e):

Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a specific matter which presents a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission on State Mandates, its members or staff.

C. PERSONNEL

To confer on personnel matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1).

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

At 10:30 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session.

REPORT FROM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairperson Oppenheim reported that the Commission met in closed executive session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e). The Commission conferred with and received advice from legal counsel for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the pending litigation listed on the public notice and agenda, and conferred with and received advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation, and, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1) to confer on personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Oppenheim asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Nash made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Powell seconded the motion. The July 25, 2025, meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m., by a vote of 4-0 with Members Greene Ross and Pahland and Chairperson Perrault absent.



Juliana F. Gmur
Executive Director

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State Controller
(Vice Chairperson of the Commission)

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Representative for SAMUEL ASSEFA, Director
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

LEE ADAMS III
Sierra County Supervisor
Local Agency Member

RENEE NASH
Eureka Union School District
School District Board Member

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CAMILLE N. SHELTON
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Commission Legal Counsel

JILL MAGEE
Program Analyst

JASON ROGERS

HUSHAM HAROUN

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County of Los Angeles
(Item 2)

KAILY YAP
Department of Finance
(Item 2)

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1 FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025, 10:02 A.M.

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3 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: The meeting of the
4 Commission of State Mandates will come to order.

5 Welcome. This is a hybrid meeting.

6 For those participating in person, I have some
7 housekeeping information.

8 On the table at the back of the room are paper
9 copies of the meeting, revised notice and agenda, revised
10 new filings, proposed consent calendar and witness list.

11 The electronic publish hearing binder is also
12 located there on the laptop.

13 Please note that the room is microphoned, so
14 speakers and microphones on all devices must stay muted
15 for the duration of the meeting to eliminate feedback
16 noise.

17 When called upon for an item, the parties and
18 witnesses will please come to the table and sit at a
19 designated laptop.

20 The restrooms are located out the entrance door
21 and through the door on the left. The men's restroom is
22 located on the right, and the women's restroom is located
23 at the end of the hallway to the right.

24 Finally, please take note of the emergency exits
25 in the room. In the event of an emergency, please exit

1 the door, the door to my left. Turn left and go down the
2 stairs.

3 For those participating remotely, the materials
4 for today's meeting, including the revised notice,
5 agenda, proposed consent calendar, and witness list are
6 all available on the Commissions website, www.csm.ca.gov,
7 under the "Hearings" tab.

8 When being sworn in at the beginning of the
9 hearing and when called for an item, the parties and
10 witnesses will please turn on their video and unmute
11 their microphone. At the conclusion of the item, please
12 turn off the video and mute the microphone.

13 In the event we experience technical difficulties
14 or the meeting is bumped offline, we will restart and
15 allow time for people to rejoin before recommencing the
16 meeting.

17 If we are unable to restart, a notice will be
18 posted on the Commissions website listing the items to be
19 heard at the next meeting.

20 Please remember to speak slowly and accurately for
21 the benefit of the court reporter and an accurate
22 transcript of the hearing.

23 Juliana, will you please call the roll.

24 MS. GMUR: Members Greene Ross, Pahland, and
25 Perrault notified Commission staff that they will not be

1 able to attend this meeting.

2 Mr. Adams.

3 MEMBER ADAMS: Here.

4 MS. GMUR: Ms. Nash.

5 MEMBER NASH: Here.

6 MS. GMUR: Mr. Oppenheim.

7 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Dave Oppenheim for State
8 Controller Malia Cohen, here.

9 MS. GMUR: Mr. Powell.

10 MEMBER POWELL: Here.

11 MS. GMUR: Mr. Chair, we have a quorum.

12 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Okay. Next item, are any
13 objections to or additional corrections of the May 23rd
14 two -- 2025 minutes?

15 Is there any public comment on this item?

16 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, there is no online public
17 comment.

18 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you.

19 Are there any questions from the members?

20 Seeing none, is there any further discussion?

21 Seeing none, is there a motion?

22 MEMBER ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to
23 approve.

24 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you very much.

25 MEMBER POWELL: I'll second that motion.

1 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you. There's been
2 a motion to approve and a second -- I'm sorry. I didn't
3 ask --

4 MEMBER POWELL: Mr. Powell.

5 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Mr. Powell.

6 MEMBER POWELL: Alexander Powell.

7 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you very much.

8 MEMBER POWELL: No worries.

9 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Powell second, and the
10 first was Mr. Adams.

11 Can we call -- call the roll.

12 MS. GMUR: Yes, sir.

13 Mr. Adams.

14 MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

15 MS. GMUR: Ms. Nash.

16 MEMBER NASH: Aye.

17 MS. GMUR: Mr. Oppenheim.

18 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Aye.

19 MS. GMUR: Mr. Powell.

20 MEMBER POWELL: Aye.

21 MS. GMUR: And now we will take up public comment
22 for matters not on the agenda. Please note that the
23 Commission may not take action on items not on the
24 agenda; however, it may schedule issues raised by the
25 public for consideration at future meetings. We invite

1 the public to comment on matters that are on the agenda
2 as they are taken up.

3 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Is there any public
4 comment?

5 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, there is no online public
6 comment.

7 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you. We'll then
8 move to the next item.

9 MS. GMUR: Next is the proposed consent calendar.
10 Items 3 and 4 are proposed for consent.

11 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Are there any objections
12 to the proposed consent calendar from the members or from
13 members of the public?

14 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, there is no online public
15 comment.

16 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: And for members of the
17 board?

18 Thank you. Is there a motion to adopt the
19 proposed consent calendar?

20 MEMBER NASH: So moved.

21 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Nash.

22 Second?

23 MEMBER POWELL: I'll second the motion, Mr. Chair.

24 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Powell.

25 The motion -- the motion to adopt the proposed

1 consent calendars has been moved by assembly -- I'm
2 sorry -- by Commission Member Nash and seconded by
3 Commission Member Powell.

4 If there's no further discussion, Julia would you
5 please call the roll.

6 MS. GMUR: Mr. Adams.

7 MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

8 MS. GMUR: Ms. Nash.

9 MEMBER NASH: Aye.

10 MS. GMUR: Mr. Oppenheim.

11 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Aye.

12 MS. GMUR: Mr. Powell.

13 MEMBER POWELL: Aye.

14 MS. GMUR: Motion carried.

15 Let's move to the swearing in. Will the parties
16 and witnesses for Item 2 participating remotely please be
17 sure that both your first and last names are listed on
18 your Zoom window for the benefit of the court reporter.
19 Turn on your video, and unmute your microphone, and
20 please rise.

21 Will the parties and witnesses for Item 2 please
22 state your names for the record, beginning with the
23 claimants on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

24 MR. LEMUS: Good morning. My name is Fernando
25 Lemus. I'm the claimant rep for County of Los Angeles.

1 MS. GMUR: And now for the Department of Finance.

2 MS. YAP: Good morning. Kaily Yap for the
3 Department of Finance.

4 MS. GMUR: Do you solemnly swear or affirm that
5 the testimony which you are about to give is true and
6 correct based on your personal knowledge, information, or
7 belief?

8 MR. LEMUS: Yes.

9 MS. YAP: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Yap?

11 MS. YAP: Yes.

12 MS. GMUR: Thank you.

13 Next is Item 2. Senior Commission Counsel Laura
14 Dougherty will please present a proposed decision on
15 Elections, Ballot Label 24-TC-01.

16 MS. DOUGHERTY: Good morning. Item 2 is a test
17 claim alleging new state-mandated activities and costs
18 resulting from Elections Code Section 9051, as amended in
19 2022.

20 Is the sound okay? Okay. That good? Okay.

21 MS. GMUR: Excuse me, Husham, we've got an echo.

22 MR. HAROUN: Okay. Mr. Chair, is your microphone
23 on?

24 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Yes, it is.

25 MR. HAROUN: Okay. Can you turn it off for me

1 really quick?

2 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: How about now?

3 MS. GMUR: Still an echo.

4 MR. HAROUN: I need to talk with the -- our I.T.
5 Department.

6 MS. GMUR: Did you check her laptop?

7 MR. HAROUN: Her laptop is muted.

8 MS. GMUR: Her laptop is muted?

9 MR. HAROUN: She's muted on her laptop.

10 MS. GMUR: Okay. Let's just go forward with the
11 echo, I guess, for the time being. Is anybody...

12 MS. DOUGHERTY: Item 2 is a test claim alleging
13 new state-mandated activities and costs resulting from
14 Elections Code Section 9051, as amended in 2022. The
15 relevant amendment to Elections Code Section 9051 was
16 part of an act named the Ballot DISCLOSE Act. The intent
17 of the Ballot DISCLOSE Act was to give voters more
18 information when casting their ballots. This test claim
19 concerns only statewide measures and the ballot labels
20 for those measures.

21 The new Elections Code section has lengthened what
22 is known as the Ballot Label. The Ballot Label is the
23 text that appears on a voter's ballot itself. Formerly,
24 the Ballot Label was simply the attorney general's
25 condensed title and summary which is limited to 75 words.

1 The new Elections Code section required that two lists be
2 added to the Ballot Label for statewide measures. One
3 list is for supporters, and one is for opponents. These
4 lists first appeared on the March 2024 ballot. Each list
5 is limited to 125 characters in length, and it comes from
6 the signers or text of the arguments in favor and in
7 opposition to the measure. The supporters and opponents
8 of a measure submit these lists to the Secretary of State
9 for review. The Secretary of State will then confirm
10 that the lists comply with various legal requirements and
11 add them after the Attorney General's condensed title and
12 summary. Together, the title and summary, plus these new
13 lists, constitute the new Ballot Label. The Secretary of
14 State, after certifying the Ballot Label, provides it to
15 county elections officials for printing on the voters' be
16 ballots.

17 As the claimant has demonstrated here, the
18 additional text extends each voter's printed ballot,
19 incurring the expense of printing additional ballot
20 cards. Commission staff finds the test claim statute
21 imposes a reimbursable state-mandated program within the
22 meaning of Article XIII B, Section 6 of the California
23 Constitution and Government Code Section 17514 and
24 recommends the Commission approve this test claim and
25 authorize staff to make any technical nonsubstantive

1 changes to the proposed decision following the hearing.

2 Thank you.

3 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Parties and witnesses,
4 please state your name for the record.

5 MS. GMUR: Oops. I believe your microphone's off,
6 Mr. Chair.

7 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Parties and witnesses,
8 please state your name for the record.

9 MR. LEMUS: Good morning. My name is Fernando
10 Lemus. I am the claimant representative for the County
11 of Los Angeles.

12 MS. YAP: Good morning. Kaily Yap from the
13 Department of Finance.

14 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Okay. Mr. Lemus and
15 Ms. Gonzalez for the claimant, County of Los Angeles,
16 would you like to begin?

17 MR. LEMUS: Yes. Just for clarification,
18 Ms. Gonzalez is not joining us today.

19 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you.

20 MR. LEMUS: And I'm -- I'm here just to say on
21 behalf of the County of Los Angeles that we agree with
22 the Commission's proposed decision.

23 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Great. Thank you.

24 Ms. Yap, for the Department of Finance, do you
25 have any comments?

1 MS. YAP: Finance has no comments on this matter.

2 Thank you.

3 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Great. Thank you.

4 Is there any public comment on this item?

5 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, there is no online public
6 comment.

7 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Great. Thank you.

8 Are there any questions from members?

9 Seeing none, is there any further discussion?

10 Seeing none, is there a motion?

11 MEMBER ADAMS: Mr. Chair, I'd move the staff
12 recommendation.

13 MEMBER NASH: I'll second.

14 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Thank you.

15 There has been a motion by Commission Member Adams
16 and a second by Commission Member Nash to approve the
17 item.

18 Are you ready for the question, or is there
19 further discussion?

20 Juliana, please call the roll.

21 MS. GMUR: Mr. Adams.

22 MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

23 MS. GMUR: Ms. Nash.

24 MEMBER NASH: Aye.

25 MS. GMUR: Mr. Oppenheim.

1 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Aye.

2 MS. GMUR: Mr. Powell.

3 MEMBER POWELL: Aye.

4 MS. GMUR: We now ask the presenters participating
5 remotely for --

6 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Hold on one second.

7 MS. GMUR: -- Item 2 to please turn off the video
8 and mute their microphones.

9 I'm sorry, Mr. Chair --

10 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: I'm sorry. For the --
11 for the record, the motion has carried.

12 MS. GMUR: My apologies.

13 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: No worries.

14 MS. GMUR: All right. Next, Program Analyst Jill
15 Magee will please provide Item 5, the legislative update.

16 MS. MAGEE: Good morning. The following are the
17 legislative updates since the last time the Commission
18 met.

19 First, AB 964, Commission on State Mandates, State
20 Mandates. AB 964 was introduced by Assembly Member
21 Hadwick. This bill amends Government Code
22 Section 17558.5. This bill would require the controller
23 to notify the claimant in writing within 30 days of any
24 adjustment that results from an audit or review and now
25 requires the controller to allow a local agency or school

1 district, at the sole discretion of the local agency or
2 school district, to offset any reduced reimbursement as
3 prescribed or to remit funds to the controller.

4 There has been no new action on this bill.

5 Next, AB 1452, State Mandates, Claims. AB 1452
6 was introduced by Assembly Member Ta. This bill amends
7 Government Code Section 17564. This bill would change
8 the minimum claim amount that requires the state to
9 reimburse a local government from \$1,000 to \$800.

10 There has been no new action on this bill.

11 Next, SB 470, Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act,
12 Teleconferencing. SB 470 was introduced by Senator
13 Laird. This bill now amends Government Code Sections
14 11123.2 and 11123.5. The act authorizes an additional
15 alternative set of provisions under which a state body
16 may hold a meeting by teleconference subject to specified
17 requirements. Existing law repeals these provisions on
18 January 1st, 2026. This bill now repeals these revisions
19 on January 1st, 2030. On July 10th, 2025, this bill
20 passed and was re-referred to the Assembly Committee on
21 Appropriations.

22 Finally, AB 395, Holidays. AB 395 was introduced
23 by Assembly Member Gabrielle. This bill amends
24 Government Code Section 11131, the Bagley-Keene Open
25 Meeting Act. Among other things, this bill would require

1 that a state agency shall make every reasonable effort to
2 avoid conducting any meeting, conference, or other
3 function on a date for which the state agency knows or
4 has reason to know that members of the public would be
5 unable to participate or be present due to the ritual
6 observance of a religious, cultural, or ancestral
7 holiday, including, but not limited to, Eid al-Adha, Eid
8 al-Fitr, Feast of the Nativity, Maha Shivaratri, the
9 first and last two days of Pesach, also known as
10 Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Dawali and Dussehra.

11 On July 7th, 2025, the hearing on this bill by the
12 Senate Committee on Judiciary was postponed, and on
13 July 14th, 2025, this bill was set for first hearing but
14 was cancelled at the request of the author. Staff will
15 continue to monitor legislation for bills that impact the
16 Mandate's process.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. GMUR: Thank you, Jill.

19 Next, Chief Legal Counsel Camille Shelton will
20 please present -- present Item 6, the chief legal counsel
21 report.

22 MS. SHELTON: Thank you.

23 Good morning. There are no new court decisions,
24 no pending actions in litigation, and we have nothing
25 pending on the calendar.

1 Thank you.

2 MS. GMUR: Thank you, Camille.

3 And now Item 7, the Executive Directors Report.

4 MR. HAROUN: Turn off your mic.

5 MS. SHELTON: Sorry. I don't know how that
6 happened.

7 MS. GMUR: It's fine. We're good. Technical
8 difficulties averted.

9 I have three information items. First, the
10 Commission's 2025-2026 budget.

11 Commissions operating budget, as enacted, is
12 \$3.438 million. This is a decrease of \$124,000 from the
13 last budget after adjustment for salaries and benefits.
14 The budget for local assistance for local agency-mandated
15 programs is \$91.6 million. This is a decrease of
16 \$40.5 million.

17 Please see my report for more detailed budget
18 information.

19 Workload. As of July 1 there are 38 pending test
20 claims, 32 of which are regarding Stormwater NPDES
21 permits. There are one Parameters and Guidelines, six
22 Statewide Cost Estimates, and one IRC pending.

23 And finally, tentative agenda items. This is a
24 reminder to please check the tentative agenda items on
25 the Executive Directors Report or the pending caseload

1 documents on the Commissions website, which are updated
2 at least bimonthly, to see when something is coming
3 tentatively set for hearing. Draft proposed decisions on
4 all test claims and IRC matters are issued for review and
5 comment at least eight weeks prior to the hearing date
6 and a proposed decision approximately two weeks before
7 the hearing.

8 And that is all I have, Mr. Chair.

9 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Great. Thank you.

10 The Commission will now meet in closed executive
11 session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)
12 to -- the purpose, to confer with and receive advice from
13 legal counsel for consideration and action as necessary
14 and appropriate. Upon the pending litigation listed on
15 the published notice and agenda and to confer with and
16 receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential
17 litigation.

18 The Commission will also confer on personnel
19 matters pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

20 We will reconvene in open session in approximately
21 ten minutes.

22 (Closed session was held:

23 10:22 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

24 MS. GMUR: Mr. Chair, we are in open session.

25 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Great. Thank you.

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6 notice and agenda and to confer with and receive advice
7 from legal counsel regarding potential litigation.

8 The Commission also conferred on personnel matters
9 pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

10 With no further business to discuss, I will
11 entertain a motion to adjourn.

12 MEMBER NASH: So moved.

13 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Ms. Nash.

14 Second?

15 MEMBER POWELL: I will second, Mr. Chair.

16 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Mr. Powell.

17 There's been a motion to adjourn -- I'm sorry. It
18 has been moved by Commission Member Nash and seconded by
19 Commission Member Powell to adjourn the meeting.

20 Juliana, please call the roll.

21 MS. GMUR: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Adams.

23 MEMBER ADAMS: Just for fun, no.

24 MS. GMUR: We need to have four for an action.

25 MEMBER ADAMS: Oh, I'm sorry. I will reconsider

1 my vote. Aye.

2 That was not the time to be funny.

3 MS. GMUR: Ms. Nash.

4 MEMBER NASH: Aye.

5 MS. GMUR: Mr. Oppenheim.

6 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: Aye.

7 MS. GMUR: Mr. Powell.

8 MEMBER POWELL: Aye.

9 ACTING CHAIR OPPENHEIM: The motion is carried.

10 The meeting is adjourned.

11 (Proceedings concluded at 10:34 a.m.)

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