

# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

# North Coast Region William R. Massey, Chairman



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# REGIONAL WATER BOARD MEETING 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2002 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403

For questions regarding this agenda, please call Jean Lockett at (707) 576-2307 or FAX at (707) 523-0135. This notice and associated staff reports can be accessed electronically through our internet address: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb1/ (note: agenda items should be available electronically on January 17, 2002.)

Please note that time limitations on presentations may be imposed. The Regional Water Board requests that oral testimony be summarized. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Board.

Estimated times of consideration – Items are numbered for convenience only and will not necessarily be considered in this order. Interested persons are encouraged to be present in advance of the listed time.

#### 1:30 P.M.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- ii. Roll Call
- 1. Discussion of Section 303 (d) of the Clean Water Act as it relates to the process for generating listing and delisting recommendations.

At the conclusion of this item, the Regional Water Board may direct the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of clarification to the November 16, 2001 staff report: "303 (d) List Update Recommendations."

2. Status report on Statewide TMDL Prioritization

Thursday, January 24, 2002



#### 9:00 a.m.\*\*

- i. Pledge of Allegiance
- ii. Roll Call
- iii. Election of Officers
- iv. Minutes of Past Meetings
- v. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Board Members will identify any discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code Section 11430.50.
- iv. Resolution for Daniel Crowley
- v. **Public Forum** Time will be reserved for the general public to address the Board on any subject relating to the Board's responsibilities. The Chair will determine the number of persons who wish to speak. The Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limit their presentation to three minutes. More lengthy items may be calendared for a future meeting.

# CONSENT CALENDAR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Note</u>: The consent items are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. It is recommended that the Board adopt these items at the beginning of the meeting without discussion. If any interested party, Board Member, or staff member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be considered separately.

**3.** Order No. R1-2002-0008 **Sonoma Oaks** (Formerly Laguna Oaks Vineyard and Winery), Sonoma County, New Waste Discharge Requirements, WDID No. 1B00096RSON

Rhonda Raymond

4. Order No. R1-2002-0001 Arcata Redwood Company, Orick Sawmill, Humboldt County, Recision of Waste Discharge Requirements, WDID No. 1B87006UHUM

Emily Dean

5. Order No. R1-2002-0002 California Department of Transportation, Seismic Retrofit Project, Humboldt Bay Bridges, Humboldt County, New WDRs (NPDES Permit No. CA 0025119), WDID No. 1B01114NHUM

Miguel Villicana

6. Order No. R1-2002-0003 College of the Redwoods, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Humboldt County, Modification of Permit Pursuant to 40CFR122.62(a)(15), NPDES Permit



No. CA 0006700, WDID No. 1B801210HUM

Emily Dean

7. Order No. R1-2002-0004 California Department of Forestry, On-site Wastewater Treatment Facility, Alder Camp, Del Norte County, Recision of Waste Discharge Requirements, WDID No. 1A75266ODN

Ben Zabinsky

#### WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

**8.** *Order No. R1-2002-0009* **Monte Rio Community**, Waste Discharge Requirements, Sonoma County, WDID No. 1B01021RSON

Mona Dougherty

9. Order No. R1-2002-0013 Town of Windsor Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility, Sonoma County, Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES Permit, No. CA0023345, WDID No. 1B820370SON and Issuance of Master Reclamation Permit

Cathy Goodwin

**11.** Order No. R1-2002-0014 **Geysers Power Company, LLC,** Geysers Distribution Pipeline System and Injection Project, The Geysers, Sonoma County, Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements WDID No. 1B86002RSON

Scott Gergus

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION

12. Order No. R1-2002-0006 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Whether to Affirm, Reject, or Modify a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability Issued on May 4, 2001, and/or to Adopt a Time Schedule Order for **Michael Menges** for failure to submit a technical report (cleanup investigation workplan for the Macdoel General Store in Macdoel, California), pursuant to Section 13267(b) of the California Water Code

Cody Walker

13. Order No. R1-2002-0010 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Whether to Affirm, Reject, or Modify a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability Issued on May 4, 2001, to California Environmental Protection Agency



**James Doyle** in the amount of \$5,000 for failure to submit a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan and Storage Statement for an Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank at Doyle Camp in Cecilville, California, pursuant to Section 13267(b) of the California Water Code

Dean Prat

**14.** Order No. R1-2002-0005 **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Modification of Cease and Desist Order for **City of Crescent City**, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Del Norte County, WDID No. 1A84006ODN

Ben Zabinskv

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

15. Quarterly Progress Report on Coordination Activities with the California Department of Forestry Nathan Quarles 16. Request by City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma for Funds from the Cleanup and Abatement Account for Water Connections in the West College Avenue/Clover Drive area Mark Bartson 17. State and Regional Water Board Communications Art Baggett 18. Regional Water Board 2002 Board Meeting Agenda Schedule Susan Warner Frank Reichmuth 19. Violation and Enforcement Report 20. **Executive Officer Administrative Civil Liabilities** Susan Warner 21. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 18-month Workplan of Activities Susan Warner

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

22. Monthly Report to the Board Written
 23. Leaking Underground Storage Tanks/Sewage Spills Written
 24. Proposition 65 Notifications Written
 25. Other Items of Interest Susan Warner

#### **CLOSED SESSIONS**



- **26.** Closed Session. On January 24, 2002, the Regional Water Board will be meeting in closed session to discuss significant exposure to litigation. [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i).]
- **27.** Closed Session. On January 24, 2002, the Regional Water Board will be meeting in closed session to discuss whether to initiate litigation in the following matters . [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]:

In re Motor Vessel Kure Humboldt Bay Oil Spill, Nov. 5, 1997.

In re Robert Peters, re violations of Health and Safety Code and Water Code.

- **28.** Closed Session. On January 24, 2002, the Regional Water Board will be meeting in closed session to discuss an employee evaluation. [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).]
- **29.** Closed Session. On January 24, 2002, the Regional Water Board will be meeting in closed session to confer with its legal counsel regarding the following pending lawsuits [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A)]:

Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency v. State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, Marin Superior Court, Case No. CV994924;

Pacific Lumber Company v. State Water Resources Control Board, Humboldt Co. Superior Court, case No. DR010860;

City of Healdsburg v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sonoma County Superior Court, case No. 228173; and related case California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region. v. City of Healdsburg, also Sonoma Co. Sup. Ct.;

Carla M. Clark et al. v. City of Santa Rosa et al., Sonoma Co. Sup. Ct., case No. 227896;

McClelland et al. v. City of Santa Rosa et al., Sonoma Co. Sup. Ct., case No. 227911;

Healdsburg Area Citizens for Wastewater Reform v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers et al, U.S. Dist. Ct., N.Dist., case No. C-01-3118-JCS;

Humboldt Watershed Council et al v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Humboldt Co. Sup. Ct., case No. CV 010407 (two cases);

Russian River County Sanitation Dist. et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Marin Co. Sup. Ct., case No. CIV 994924:

Whitman Corp. and Pneumo Abex Corp. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, Sonoma County Superior Court (no case No.); and related case People of the State of California, et al. v. Remco Hydraulics, Inc., et al., U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist., case No. C96-0283; and



In re L.C. Bliss & Sons Livestock Corp., 94-2036422, U.S. Bankruptcy Ct., Oregon Dist., case No. 697-60691-AER11.

People of the State of California v. North Coast Railroad Authority dba North Western Pacific Railroad, Mendocino County Superior Court, case No. CV80240

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Interested persons are encouraged to be present in advance of the listed time.

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Jean Lockett, Secretary, at (707) 576-2307, at least five days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Unless otherwise specified in the public notice for a specific item, the Board wishes to limit oral presentations from all parties (dischargers, staff, government agencies, the public, etc.) to 0.5 hour maximum per party, but may limit testimony to 3 minutes per party, depending on time constraints. Interested persons should submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, FAX (707) 523-0135, twelve written copies of all comments, technical reports, and other material concerning any matters on this agenda by 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2002. This written material will be provided to the Regional Water Board Members along with the full agenda materials. In addition, persons submitting written comments and other materials should be present at the Regional Water Board Meeting and available for questions. The Board's general practice is to not accept new written materials on the day of the hearing. Comments at the above scheduled meeting should be limited to a summary of the previously submitted written materials, provided however, that upon a proper showing that information is available which was not available at the time the written materials were submitted, the Board may allow further submission of oral or written comments. If this showing is not made, the Board may refuse to accept written materials.

A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing our web site at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\_laws/index.html.

The Regional Water Board processes requests for Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, to ensure that proposed federally-permitted activities will comply with the Regional Water Board's water quality standards. A listing of requests which are pending Regional Water Board staff action may be obtained by calling the office of the North Coast Regional Water Board at (707) 576-2220. The list may be obtained by accessing our web site at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwgcb1.

The Regional Water Board provides routine public notices on proposed corrective actions and closure decisions related to cleanup on contaminated sites. These routine notices are published on our web site at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb1">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb1</a> and a copy is maintained at our office for public review.

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board may recess for lunch; however, no business will be discussed.

Material presented to the Board, as part of testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Board. This includes photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, written testimony, etc. All Board files pertaining to the items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record submitted to the Regional Water Board by staff for its consideration prior to action on the related items.

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit being considered by the Regional Water Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contribution of \$250 or more to any Regional Water Board Member. This requirement applies to contributions



of \$250 or more made by the active supporter or opponent or his/her agent for use in federal, state or local elections within the last 12 months.

Also, all permit applicants and/or persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES Permit pending before the Regional Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Board Member for three months following a Regional Water Board decision on the permit application.

Any person affected adversely by a decision of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to review the decision. The State Water Board must receive the petition within 30 days of the Regional Water Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws and regulations applicable to filing a petition will be provided upon request.

The next Regional Water Board meeting is currently scheduled for February 28, 2002 in Eureka.

# California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region

### **Board Members**

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Jean Lockett, Secretary
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### **Watershed Protection Division**

Robert L. Tancreto, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer John Short, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (Russian River) Thomas B. Dunbar, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (Klamath, Trinity, Eel, Humboldt) William Winchester, Environmental Specialist IV (Nonpoint Source/Chapter 15)

#### **Timber Harvest Division**

Nathan P. Quarles, Acting Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer Christine Wright-Shacklett, Senior Engineering Geologist (North Coast) Fred Blatt, Environmental Specialist IV (Klamath, Trinity) Diana Henrioulle-Henry, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (Headwaters Unit) Holly A. Lundborg, Interim Senior Engineering Geologist (Humboldt Bay, Eel River)

#### **Cleanup and Investigation Division**

Luis G. Rivera, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer (Central Watershed)
Mark Barston, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (Santa Rosa)
Tuck Vath, Senior Engineering Geologist (Northern Watershed)
Janice M. Goebel, Interim Environmental Specialist IV (Central Watershed)

## **Watershed Management Division**

Ranjit Gill, Supervising Environmental Program Manager I Robert Klamt, Senior Land & Water Use Analyst (Watershed Assessment Unit) David Evans, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (Planning Unit) David Leland, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (TMDL Unit)



#### **Bill of Rights for Environmental Permit Applicants**

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) endorses the following precepts that form the basis of a permit applicant's "Bill of Rights":

- 1. Permit applicants have the right to assistance in understanding regulatory and permit requirements. All Cal/EPA programs maintain an Ombudsman to work directly with applicants. Permit Assistance Centers located throughout California have permit specialists from all State, regional, and local agencies to identify permit requirements and assist in permit processing.
- 2. Permit applicants have the right to know the projected fees for review of applications, how any costs will be determined and billed, and procedures for resolving any disputes over fee billings.
- 3. Permit applicants have the right of access to complete and clearly written guidance documents that explain the regulatory requirements. Agencies must publish a list of all information required in a permit application and of criteria used to determine whether the submitted information is adequate.
- 4. Permit applicants have the right of timely completeness determinations for their applications. In general, agencies notify the applicant within 30 days of any deficiencies or determine that the application is complete. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and public hearing requests may require additional information.
- 5. Permit applicants have the right to know exactly how their applications are deficient and what further information is needed to make their applications complete. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65944, after an application is accepted as complete, an agency may not request any new or additional information that was not specified in the original application.
- 6. Permit applicants have the right of a timely decision on their permit application. The agencies are required to establish time limits for permit reviews.
- 7. Permit applicants have the right to appeal permit review time limits by statute or administratively that have been violated without good cause. For state environmental agencies, appeals are made directly to the Cal/EPA Secretary or to a specific board. For local environmental agencies, appeals are generally made to the local governing board or, under certain circumstances, to Cal/EPA. Through this appeal, applicants may obtain a set date for a decision on their permit and in some cases a refund of all application fees (ask boards and departments for details).
- 8. Permit applicants have the right to work with a single lead agency where multiple environmental approvals are needed. For multiple permits, all agency actions can be consolidated under lead agency. For site remediation, all applicable laws can be administered through a single lead agency.
- 9. Permit applicants have the right to know who will be reviewing their application and the time required to complete the full review process.

For further information you may contact the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at (707) 576-2220.