

**Minutes of Meeting**

8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2012  
David C. Joseph Meeting Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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**i. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member Geoffrey Hales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ii. Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: Geoffrey Hales, David Noren, William Massey, Heidi Harris, John Corbett and Irene Tynes.

Regional Water Board staff present: Catherine Kuhlman, Luis Rivera, David Leland, Matt St. John, Samantha Olson, Patti Corsie, Donna Poe, Cherie Blatt, Lisa Bernard, Bryan McFadin, Kason Grady, Cathy Goodwin, Colleen Hunt, Mona Dougherty, Jan Goebel, Charles Reed, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Mark Alpert, Kasey Ashley, Holly Lundborg, Alydda Mangelsdorf and Rachel Prat

**iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure**

- Geoffrey Hales has received phone calls the last few weeks from Ms. Kristi Wrigley, Elk River resident, regarding recent flooding, public safety concerns and eyewitness accounts.
- William Massey reported that he met with state and local officials seeking funding for West County sewers.

**iv. State Board Liaison's, and Board Chair's Reports**

Tam Doduc acknowledged and thanked Catherine Kuhlman for her dedication and the work she accomplished as the Executive Officer of Region 1.

The State Water Quality Board is working on the following:

- Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Closure Policy adoption.
- Hearing on the revised Septic Policy.
- Statewide Construction Stormwater Draft Permit out for public comments.
- Issue a revised CalTrans Stormwater Permit.
- Issue a revised Industrial General Permit.
- Issue a revised Phase II MS4 Permit.

These permits are high priority for the State Board to finish this year.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2012

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the March 15, 2012 Minutes with a correction of the date of the next Board meeting. John Corbett seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

vi. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Orrin Plocher, Public
- Dominic Carinalli, Dairyman
- Melissa Lema, Western United Dairymen
- Denise Mullinax, California Dairy Quality Assurance Program
- Deanne Meyer, UC Davis
- Dan Fein, Public, Monte Rio

**Uncontested Items**

4. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0054, to consider adoption of Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order in the matter of **The State of California, Department of Transportation, Confusion Hill Bypass Project**, Mendocino County.
6. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0026, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Page Property Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System**, WDID No. 1B06008NMEN, NPDES No. CA0025143, Mendocino County.
8. **Public Hearing** on Resolution No. R1-2012-0052, to approve an environmental assessment/initial study and adopt a mitigated negative declaration, and on Order No. R1-2012-0033, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Coast Guard Two Rock Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B80051OSON, Sonoma County.

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt Items 4, 6 and 8 with corrections to Item 6, William Massey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0040 to consider Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2009-0040 for **The Crescent City Harbor District, Crescent City Harbor Seafood Processing Wastewater System**, WDID NO. 1A84005ODN, NPDES Permit No. CA0024473.

Motion: Irene Tynes recused herself. John Corbett moved to adopt, William Massey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0032, to consider Rescinding Cease and Desist Order No. R1-98-33 for **Coast Guard Two Rock Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B80051OSON, Sonoma County.

Motion: David Noren called for a roll-call vote,  
Tynes aye  
Harris aye  
Massey aye  
Hales aye  
Corbett aye  
Noren aye  
Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0016 to consider Rescinding Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2006-0073 for **Town of Scotia Company, LLC, Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B83104OHUM, NPDES No. CA0006017

Motion: David Noren called for a roll-call vote,  
Tynes aye  
Harris aye  
Massey aye  
Hales aye  
Corbett aye  
Noren aye  
Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0028, to Consider Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2008-0099, and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2010-0091, for **Chevron Environmental Management Company, Former Redwood Oil Chevron Bulk Plant**, Sonoma County

Motion: John Corbett recused himself and left the Board Room prior to the vote. William Massey moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Action Items

10. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0015, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Town of Scotia Company, LLC, Wastewater Treatment Facility and Eel River Power Cogeneration Plant**, WDID No. 1B83104OHUM, NPDES No. CA0006017, Humboldt County.

Lisa Bernard, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Core Regulatory Unit, gave an overview of the Order for liquid waste only and the revisions made to the Order after the comment period ended. Mona Dougherty, Senior WRCE, Core Regulatory Unit, gave an overview on the issues of solid waste (ash) handling, storage and disposal and the need to address that topic throughout the region.

Comments were taken from:

- Charles Abbott, Eel River Power, LLC
- Chris Sanders, Eel River Power, LLC
- Frank Bacik, Town of Scotia Co., LLC

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt with changes, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0027, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Fairhaven Power, LLC, Fairhaven Power Facility**, WDID No. 1B80020OHUM, NPDES Permit No. CA0005932 Humboldt County.

Lisa Bernard, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Core Regulatory Unit, gave an overview of the Order and the revisions made to the Order after the comment period ended.

Motion: Geoffrey Hales moved to adopt with changes, Heidi Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments were taken from:

- Cristina Plocher, Coast Seafoods, Public
- Orrin Plocher, Public
- Bob Marino, General Manager, DG Fairhaven Power, LLC
- Lisa Stromme, DG Fairhaven, SHN Engineers

### Information Items

12. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

The Board directed staff to return no later than 6 months after working with the regulating community and landowners to give an update regarding the handling, storage and disposal of ash with focus on the dioxin levels that may reach the waters of the state.

14. Closed Session: Closed session was held.

Following the closed session, the Board recommended and announced that Matthias St. John had been appointed as the new Executive office, effective May

1, 2012 and a Resolution of Delegation of Power would be heard at the June 7, 2012 Board Meeting. Luis Rivera, AEO has the same powers to act in the interim.

13. Other Items of Interest: No other items discussed.

11. Executive Officer's Report:

Catherine Kuhlman presented, and discussion ensued on the direction and priorities for North Coast region staff and Board.

15. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 7, 2012

Willow Creek Community Services District

Kimtu Cookhouse/Lodge

135 Willow Road

Willow Creek, California 95573

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_