

**Minutes of Meeting**

9:00 A.M., Thursday, April 7, 2016

Eureka City Hall

Eureka Council Chambers

531 K Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Eureka, CA 95501

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**i. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Gant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ii. Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: John Corbett, Kelli Gant, Gregory Giusti, Geoffrey Hales, Valerie Minton, and David Noren

Regional Water Board staff present: Elizabeth Beryt, Fred Blatt, Jim Burke, Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Elena Franceschi, Josh Curtis, Kason Grady, Diana Henriouille, Nathan Jacobsen, David Kuszmar, Shin-Roei Lee, Lance Le, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Roy O'Connor, Samantha Olson, Dean Prat, Charles Reed, Matt St. John, Claudia Villacorta, and Adona White

**iii. Board Member Reports.**

- Board member Gant spoke with Executive Officer, Matt St. John and State Board legal counsel and subsequently attended a meet and greet with staff from Sierra Pacific Industries, Humboldt Redwood Company and Green Diamond Timber Company. The discussion did not include Elk River issues.
- Chairman Corbett attended the signing of the agreement to remove the Klamath dams by 2020; gave a presentation to the California Forestry Association; and attended the Chairs meeting in Sacramento, CA.
- Board member Noren spoke with the Sonoma County Cannabis community regarding the Cannabis permit; spoke with stakeholders regarding West County septic and the Russian River impairment; and spoke with the Agricultural community regarding the Agricultural permit.

iv. **State Board Liaison and Executive Officer's Reports.**

**The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore updated the Board on:**

- Budget issues
- Recent and upcoming activities at the State Water Board
- Drought issues

v. **Public Forum:**

Comments were taken from:

- Eileen Cooper, Friends of Del Norte
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Susan O’Gorman, Willow Creek Community Services District
- Charles Ciancio, Public

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** April 7, 2016

Motion: David Noren moved to adopt the meeting minutes, Kelli Gant seconded the motion; Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

- Gant aye
- Hales aye
- Corbett aye
- Noren aye
- Minton aye
- Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

**Uncontested Items**

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2016-0006 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Mendocino County Water Works District No. 2, Anchor Bay Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B83118OMEN, NPDES No. CA0024040.

Motion: David Noren moved to adopt, Greg Giusti seconded the motion; Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

- Gant aye
- Hales aye
- Corbett aye
- Noren aye
- Minton aye

Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

### Information Items

- 3. Update on the Cannabis Program.** Diana Henriouille, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, Compliance Assurance Unit, introduced the speaker panel and gave an update on the Region's Cannabis Program with a review of the Order, current enrollment numbers, implementation of the Order, education and outreach, enforcement, interagency coordination, and a review of the next steps. Kason Grady, Water Resources Control Engineer, Compliance Assurance Unit, gave a presentation on the Cannabis Identification and Prioritization System (CIPS) program, which involves the State Water Board Office of Enforcement, State Water Board Division of Information Technology, Central Valley Regional Water Board, along with private firms of Vestra and Formation Environmental; he then outlined the purpose, current status and the future focus of the CIPS program. Yvonne West, Senior Staff Counsel, State Water Board Office of Enforcement, gave an overview of the Enrollment Enforcement process. Cris Carrigan, Director of the Office of Enforcement, State Water Board, gave an update on the Statewide Cannabis Program: 1) Legislation implementation; 2) Deployment of State resources; 3) Perception and expectation about the Regional Board's leadership role in rolling out this program statewide; and 4) Initiatives pertaining to the Statewide Cannabis Program.

Comments were taken from:

- Paul Hagen, Public
- Hannah Nelson, Public

### Action Items

- 4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2016-0013 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the JH Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A14143RSIS:** Charles Reed, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Land Disposal & Groundwater Permitting Unit, gave a presentation on JH Ranch, the facility location, Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) permit requirements, facility plan and hydrogeological study requirements, review of public notices and comments received, and Water Board staff responses and recommendations. Mark Denning, Principal Environmental Scientist, SHN Engineering, JH Ranch representative, gave a brief statement on the WWTF reports and answered the Board's questions.

Comments were taken from:

- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- Michael Stapleton, Self
- Betsy Stapleton, Friends of French Creek
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club

The Board requested three revisions to the proposed Order and Mr. Reed read and gave an overview of the revisions to the Board and answered the Board questions.

Comments were taken from:

- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Mark Denning, Principal Environmental Scientist, SHN Engineering, JH Ranch representative

Motion: Geoffrey Hales moved to adopt with revisions, David Noren seconded the motion; Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Gant aye  
 Hales aye  
 Corbett aye  
 Noren aye  
 Minton aye  
 Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2016-0017 to consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to include the Action Plan for Upper Elk River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load addressing sediment impairments in the Upper Elk River:** Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, gave an overview of the draft Action Plan for Upper Elk River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), summary of the TMDL development process, revisions to the draft Action Plan, Resolution R1-2016-0017, and responses to written public comments. Darren Mierau, North Coast Program Director, CalTrout, gave an update of the purpose and status of the Elk River Recovery Assessment. Hank Seemann, Deputy Director of Environmental Services for Humboldt County, presented the purpose and status of the Elk River Watershed Stewardship Program.

Comments were taken from:

- Kristi Wrigley, Elk River Resident
- Jesse Noell, Salmon Forever
- Jerry Martien, Friends of Elk River
- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- Dr. Lee MacDonald, Colorado State University, representing Humboldt Redwood Company & Green Diamond Resource Company
- Mike Miles, Humboldt Redwood Company
- Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Wayne Whitlock, Attorney, Humboldt Redwood Company & Green Diamond Resource Company
- Kristi Wrigley, Scott Keele, Elk River resident
- George Gentry, Vice-President Regulatory Affairs, CalForests

- Philip Nicklas, Public
- Rob DiPerna, EPIC
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Doug Smit, Public
- Matthew House, Green Diamond Resource Company

The public testimony and comments by the Board prompted staff to draft edits to the proposed TMDL Action Plan. Chairman Corbett adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes while staff composed the draft changes to the TMDL Action Plan. Matt St. John, Executive Officer, reviewed all the proposed changes.

Additional comments on the proposed changes were taken from:

- Jesse Noelle, Salmon Forever
- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- Mike Miles, Humboldt Redwood Company
- Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Jerry Martine, Friends of Elk River
- Dr. Lee MacDonald, Colorado State University, representing Humboldt Redwood Company & Green Diamond Resource Company
- Matthew House, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Kristi Wrigley, Elk River Resident

Chairman Corbett asked for a motion to adopt; Valerie Minton motioned to adopt with the proposed changes; there was no second. Board member Noren made an alternative motion to postpone the hearing and resume the hearing at a later date in Eureka; Chairman Corbett clarified that when the hearing is resumed at a later date that no new oral or written testimony would be accepted; Board member Giusti seconded the motion.

Motion: David Noren amended his previous motion to have this item be heard at a future Board meeting in Humboldt County. At the future meeting the Board will deliberate and consider adoption of Resolution No. R1-2016-0017 and the revised proposed TMDL Action Plan and no public testimony will be accepted. Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion; Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Gant aye  
 Hales aye  
 Corbett aye  
 Noren aye  
 Minton aye

Giusti aye

Motion to postpone passed  
unanimously.

- 6. **Public Hearing on proposed Order No. R1-2016-0004, Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Water Quality Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC in the Upper Elk River Watershed, Humboldt County:** This item was not heard and is postponed until a Board meeting in Humboldt County is scheduled.

### Workshops

No Workshops are scheduled at this time

### Information Items

- 7. **Executive Officer’s Report.** No report was given.
- 8. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** No items were requested.
- 9. **Other Items of Interest.** No items to discuss.
- 10. **Closed session:** There were no reports from closed session.
- 11. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**  
8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2016  
Table Bluff Reservation  
Wiyot Community Center  
1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, CA 95551

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_