

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste. A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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**Wednesday, June 13, 2007**

**2:00 P.M.**

**i. Pledge of Allegiance**

William Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ii. Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members Present: Bob Anderson, Samuel Wakim,  
John Corbett, William Massey, and Mike Dunker

Absent: Heidi Harris and Geoffrey Hales

**Information Items**

**1. Stream and Wetland Systems Protection Policy**

Bruce Ho, Environmental Specialist working under U.S. EPA contract, updated the Board on staff's development of a Basin Plan amendment to protect stream and wetland systems. Mr. Ho responded to questions from the Board about stream and wetland systems science and staff's proposed approach for the amendment. A draft of the proposed amendment and an accompanying staff report will be released to the public later this year.

**2. Regional Sediment Amendment Update**

This was a written report to the Board.

Closed Session: (Item 16 on the agenda)

The board adjourned to closed session to discuss personnel issues.

At 4:30 P.M., the chair opened the meeting to the public. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. and was scheduled to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on June 14, 2007.

## Thursday, June 14, 2007

**8:30 A.M.**

### iii. Pledge of Allegiance

Bob Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance

### iv. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members Present: Bob Anderson, Samuel Wakim, Geoffrey Hales  
John Corbett, William Massey, and Mike Dunker

Absent: Heidi Harris

Regional Water Board staff Present: Catherine Kuhlman, Luis Rivera, Robert Klamt, David Leland, Dave Evans, Samantha Olson, Kim Niemeyer, Holly Lundborg, Tom Dunbar, Mark Neely, Lisa Bernard, Cathy Goodwin, Charles Reed, Cathleen Hudson, Greg Nash, and Jean Lockett

### v. (Item 16 on the agenda) Closed Session Report

Chairman Corbett reported that at the closed session held yesterday, the Board approved a motion delegating to the Chairman the authority to negotiate and enter into a contract with Catherine Kuhlman to retain the Executive Office position when she is able to return to employment with the State of California preferably no later than April 2008.

### vi. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

William Massey reported that he had talked with many West County sewer system operators and board members. He stated that he will recuse himself if a West County sewage item comes before the Board.

Chair Corbett reported that at the request of George O'Brien, who represents Pacific Lumber Company, he met with Mr. O'Brien and other staff from Pacific Lumber Company. A meeting was held with Catherine Kuhlman, Samantha Olson and other key Regional Water Board staff.

Chair Corbett reported that he also met with Mark Lovelace, Jessie Noell, Kristi Wrigley, and others from the watershed group.

### vii. State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's, Board Members' and Executive Officer's Reports:

State Board Liaison, Charlie Hopplin, gave a report at the Workshop on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. He reported on current issues before the State Water Resources Control Board.

### viii. Public Forum

Don McEnhill, representing Russian Riverkeeper

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 2007

**Motion:** William Massey moved to approve the April 2007 minutes. Samuel Wakim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Consent Items

- 4. Order No. R1-2007-0029, to consider rescinding NPDES Permit for California Department of Transportation, **Humboldt Bay Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project** Order No. R1-2002-0002, NPDES Permit.
- 5. Order Nos. R1-2005-0043 and R1-2005-0044, to consider amendment of Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and amendment of Monitoring and Reporting Program for **Circuit Rider Productions** Giant Reed Removal and Habitat Restoration Project in the Russian River Watershed.
- 6. Order No. R1-2007-0024, to consider renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements for a “Funnel and Gate” groundwater treatment system for **Mendocino Forest Products Company, LLC**, Former Fort Bragg Sawmill.
- 7. Order No. R1-2007-0032, rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-38, NPDES Permit No. CA0024872 for the **Union Pacific Railroad Site**, 99 Frances St., Santa Rosa.
- 8. Order No. R1-2007-0038, to consider adoption of an administrative civil liability order specifying payment and compliance projects to satisfy Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2007-0012, issued February 1, 2007 to the **City of Santa Rosa**.

**Motion:** William Massey moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Samuel Wakim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair John Corbett turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Bob Anderson and left the board meeting at 9:15 a.m.

### Public Hearing

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2007-0007, to consider Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for **City of Fortuna Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**.

Vice-Chair Anderson administered the oath to those who expected to testify. Lisa Bernard, Regional Water Board staff, gave the presentation. She introduced comments that the City of Fortuna submitted 38-days late.

Comments were taken from:  
 Dwayne Reggie, City Manager representing City of Fortuna  
 Dan Gilbert, representing the Environmental Law Foundation  
 Samantha Olson, Regional Board Legal Counsel.

**Motion:** Samuel Wakim moved to hear the City of Fortuna item at the September Board meeting to give the Regional Water Board staff an opportunity to review the late submittals. Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING** Order No. R1-2007-0013, to consider Waste Discharge Requirements and Master Reclamation Permit for **Town of Windsor Wastewater Treatment**, Reclamation and Disposal Facility, NPDES Permit.

Vice-Chair Anderson administered the oath to those who expected to testify. Cathy Goodwin, Regional Water Board staff, gave a brief presentation. Ms. Goodwin recommended two minor modifications in the draft NPDES Permit.

Comments were taken from:

Richard Burt, Public Works Director for the Town of Windsor

**Motion:** William Massey moved to accept the permit with modifications. Mike Dunker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. PUBLIC HEARING** Resolution No. R1-2007-0034, Collaborative Effort to Develop Ownership-Wide Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvesting Activities Conducted by the **Mendocino Redwoods Company**.

Vice-Chair Anderson administered the oath to all of those who expected to give testimony. Mark Neely, Regional Water Board senior staff, gave a brief presentation.

Comments were taken from:

Mike Jani representing Mendocino Redwood Company.

**Motion:** William Massey moved to accept the Resolution. Samuel Wakim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. PUBLIC HEARING** Consideration of a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Proposed On-site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System at **6875 Timber Drive, Sebastopol**.

Vice-Chair Anderson administered the Oath to all of those who expected to give testimony. Charles Reed, Regional Water Board staff, gave the presentation.

Comments were taken from:

Sandy Swallow, resident on Timber Drive  
Louis Caricato, property owner  
Tom Carreiro, property owner  
Bill Crane, petitioner  
John Roberts, Larkin Woods Mutual Water Company

**Motion:** William Massey moved to adopt the Resolution. Mike Dunker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Information Items

### 13. Executive Officer Administrative Civil Liabilities

There were no reports on ACLs.

### 14. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items

This item was not discussed.

### 15. Other Items of Interest

This item was not discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Regional Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next Regional Water Board Meeting is scheduled for July 25 and 26, 2007, in Yreka, CA.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_