

Minutes of Meeting

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 7, 2012
Willow Creek Community Services District
Kimtu Cookhouse/Lodge
135 Willow Road
Willow Creek, CA 95573

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i. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Heidi Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

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

Board Members absent: Geoffrey Hales.

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, Luis Rivera, David Leland, Samantha Olson, Patti Corsie, Terri Korell, Lisa Bernard, Bryan McFadin, Kason Grady, Clayton Creager, James Burke, Kaete King, Fred Blatt, Andy Baker, Katharine Carter, Joelle Geppert and Adona White.

iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

- William Massey and David Noren reported that they met with state and local officials seeking funding for West County sewers.

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

State Board Liaison Tam Doduc was not able to attend but provided an update to Matt St. John to convey to the Board.

- Legislation was passed reducing the number of Regional Board Members from nine to seven members. There are also new provisions regarding appointments.
- The State Board has two new members: Felicia Marcus formerly with U.S. EPA and Steve Moore, former Region 2 Board Member. The State Board now has a full compliment. Tam Doduc has been reassigned and Steve Moore is now the State Board Liaison for Region 1.
- The 2nd draft of the Phase II small MS4 general permit has been released for public comment. Workshops have been held throughout the State and a public hearing will be held on August 8, 2012 at the State Board for adoption.
- State-wide septic policy will be up for adoption at the State Board on June 19th.

- In May 2012, the State Board released the 2011 accomplishments report summarizing from the State Board perspective, the upcoming priorities and workload commitments, and it is now available on the State Board website for public review.

v. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Bob Marino, DG Fairhaven Power
- Cindy Wilcox, Professional Soils Scientist, SHN Consulting Engineers
- Cyndy Day-Wilson, City of Eureka, City Attorney
- Curtis Miller, Environmental Planner for the Tribal EPA/Hoopa
- Deborah Bruce-Hostler, Public

2. **Consideration of Resolution expressing appreciation to Catherine Kuhlman**
Board Member William Massey read the Resolution expressing appreciation to Catherine Kuhlman. Luis Rivera presented Catherine Kuhlman with a framed lithograph signed by the Staff of the North Coast Regional Control Board and Matt St. John expressed his appreciation for mentoring him for the position of Executive Officer.

v. **Public Forum (continued)**

- Matt Green, President of the California Licensed Forester Association.
- Daniel Myers, Sierra Club and Friends of the Navarro Watershed.

1. **Consideration of Resolution on Delegation of Authority to the Executive Officer.**
Luis Rivera read the Resolution that references State law and allows the Regional Water Board to delegate its powers and duties to the Executive Officer with five main exceptions:
- Promulgation of any regulations.
 - The issuance, modification or revocation of any Water Quality Control Plan objective or Waste Water Discharge requirements.
 - Issuance, modification or revocation of any Cease and Desist Order.
 - The holding of any hearing on Water Quality Control plans and the application to the Attorney General for Judicial Enforcement with some exceptions.

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

3. **Consideration of Resolution expressing appreciation to the Office of the Attorney General**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** April 26, 2012.

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the April 26, 2012 Minutes, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Noren moved item #10 to the uncontested items and noted that item #8 has an errata sheet to be entered into the record.

Uncontested Items

5. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0048, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Cloverdale, City of, Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No.1B840320SON, NPDES Permit No. CA0022977 Sonoma County.
6. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0031, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Arcata, City of, Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No.1B82114OHUM, NPDES Permit No. CA0022713, Humboldt County.
7. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0050, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **City of Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B81129OHUM, Humboldt County.
8. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0046, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Sierra Pacific Industries, Arcata Division Sawmill**, WDID No. 1B83065OHUM, NPDES Permit No. CA0024520, Humboldt County.
9. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0053, Rescission of WDR Order No. R1-2005-0032 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2005-0032, for **Tyris Corporation and Louisiana Pacific Corporation, the (Former) LP-CloverdaleWoodwaste Disposal Site Class III Landfill**.
10. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0029, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Lake Shastina Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. **1A790100SIS**, Siskiyou County.

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt items 5 thru 10, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Matt St. John, Executive Officer acknowledged the work and effort of staff, discharger representatives and stakeholders on some of the approved consent items and thanked everyone for the hard work to achieve that outcome. Chairman Noren and the Board also concurred with Matt St. John's recognition of the scope of the achievement expressing their thanks.

Workshop

11. **Update on potential revisions to Categorical Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2009-0038 for Non-Industrial Timber Management Plans.**

James Burke, Engineering Geologist in the Southern Timber Unit, Non-Point Source Division gave a brief background of the Waiver, a progress report of the outreach, collaboration, and review efforts for water quality provisions with Cal-Fire and stakeholders, and a discussion of the Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) field evaluations completed. Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Department of Forest Fire at Cal-Fire, made a brief statement on the collaborative work between

Cal-Fire and the Water Board and introduced Clay Brandow, Senior Environmental Scientist and Hydrologist with Cal-Fire who gave a power-point presentation on the on the preliminary NTMP monitoring preliminary results that Cal-Fire has completed.

Comments were taken from:

- Lisa Weger, NTMP owner
- Craig Blencowe, Registered Professional Forester
- Peter Bradford, NTMP owner
- Jason Poburko, Registered Professional Forester
- Matt Greene, Registered Professional Forester and CLFA President
- Ruthann Schulte, The Buckeye Conservancy
- Charll Stoneman, Timberland Owner and Registered Professional Forester
- Mitch Hunt, Registered Professional Forester and CLFA member
- Charles Ciancio, NTMP owner, Registered Professional Forester
- Felice Pace, Klamath Forest Alliance and North Group/Redwood Chapter Sierra Club Water Chair

19. **Closed Session.** Closed session was held.

Information Items

14. **Status of Waste Discharge Requirements and Cleanup and Abatement Orders and integration of TMDL implementation, Elk River and Freshwater Creek.**

Joelle Geppert, Water Resource Control Engineer, in the Southern Timber Unit, Non-Point Source Division and Adona White, Water Resource Control Engineer, Planning Unit gave a presentation on the status of Waste Discharge Requirements and Cleanup and Abatement Orders and integration of TMDL implementation on the Elk River and Freshwater Creek.

Comments were taken from:

- Tom Schultz, Mike Miles, and Jon Woessner, Humboldt Redwood Company
- Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Scott Keele, Public
- Norm Pasteris, Public
- Jesse Noell, Public
- Kristi Wrigley, Public

12. **Green Diamond Forest Management Waste Discharge Requirements.** Kaete King, Environmental Scientist, Northern Timber Unit, gave an overview of existing and potential waste discharge requirements for Green Diamond Resource Company and introduced Gary Rynerson, Forest Policy Manager for Green Diamond, who gave an update on the work that Green Diamond is currently doing, the upcoming priorities and management of their timber lands, and the scope of the company's report of waste discharge requesting ownership-wide waste discharge requirements for the company's forest management activities.

13. **Shasta River TMDL Waiver Renewal.** Fred Blatt, Senior Environmental Scientist, Northern Timber Unit gave the powerpoint presentation on the Shasta River TMDL conditional Waiver, the current priorities, ongoing action items, and the next steps for developing proposed revisions of the Waiver. Andrew Baker, Engineering Geologist, Northern Timber Unit gave an update on the status of developing a water quality monitoring and elaborated the next steps for the conditional Waiver revisions, which are:
 - June 2012- Begin development of ShastaRiver TMDL monitoring program and consult with stakeholders on the content of the conditional Waiver revisions.
 - June 29, 2012-Release revised draft conditional Waiver for public comment.
 - August 1, 2012- Regional Water Board Staff to hold a Workshop on the revised conditional Waiver.
 - August 23, 2012- Regional Water Board Meeting to consider a short term extension of the existing conditional Waiver.
 - October 4, 2012- Regional Water Board Meeting to consider adopting the revised conditional Waiver.

15. **Klamath Fish Health Assessment Team (KFHAT) Overview and Update.** This item was removed from the Agenda and will be rescheduled for a future Board meeting.

16. **Executive Officer's Report.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer expressed his gratitude on his new appointment as the Executive Officer of Region 1 and his promise to continue working on the priorities compiled by Catherine Kuhlman before her departure. A draft Waiver on the county road maintenance program that was modeled after the 5C Program is being shared with the counties for their review and it will be considered for adoption by the Board in the fall.

17. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board Member Corbett has asked for an update on Fish Hatchery regulations.

18. **Other Items of Interest.** No other items were discussed.

19. **Arrangements for next Meeting and Adjournment.** The next Board Meeting will be held on August 23, 2012 at the Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____