State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Minutes of Meeting
8:30 A.M., Thursday, June 18, 2015
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Thursday, June 18, 2015

i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Noren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present:	John Corbett, Gregory Giusti, William Massey, Valerie Minton, and David Noren
Board Members absent:	Geoffrey Hales
Regional Water Board staff present:	Keith Baldanza, Stephen Bargsten, Lisa Bernard, Fred Blatt, Katharine Carter, Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Rob Dickerson, Mona Dougherty, Carley Dunleavy, Gil Falcone, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Forrest Fortescue, Janice Goebel, Cathy Goodwin, Diana Henrioulle, Colleen Hunt, Craig Hunt, Devon Jones, Wendy Jones, David Kuszmar, Beth Lamb, Shin-Roei Lee, David Leland, Michael Lennox, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Gina Morrison, Donna Poe, Dean Prat, Rachel Prat, Jeremiah Puget, Charles Reed, Nancy Robinson, Justin Smith, Matt St. John, Brendan Thompson, Elyse Will, and Tom Williams

iii. **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.

- Valerie Minton had conversations with stakeholders about the Agricultural Lands Discharge Program and the State Water Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Program.

- William Massey had discussions with local officials regarding West County sewer issues and the Russian River TMDL.
- David Noren had conversations with stakeholders regarding West County sewer issues, and the Sonoma County Landfill and Compost Facility issues.
- John Corbett had ongoing conversations with State Board and Governor's office staff regarding Cannabis issues.

iv. State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's, Board Members', 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
- Legislation passed or pending.

The Executive Officer's Report:

Matt St. John, Executive Officer (E.O.) presented various awards to staff. Cathy Goodwin, Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit, was awarded the Superior Accomplishment Award for her exceptional and dedicated work in conjunction with the State Board and the Division of Drinking Water, to understand and master the complex regulations of recycled water use and to work with the municipalities who are interested in using recycled water to augment the use of domestic water, particularly for irrigation. Janice Goebel, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Cleanups Unit, was awarded the Executive Officer's Appreciation Award for her many years of dedicated and professional service to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and her 15-plus years of outstanding work with the complex and controversial cleanup site of the former Remco Hydraulics business in Willits, CA., which is now fully characterized and largely remediated with the final remedial cleanup action plan in place before her upcoming retirement next month. The Visioning and Strategic Steering Planning Committee consisting of Lisa Bernard, Sanitary Engineering Associate, NPDES Unit; Clayton Creager, Environmental Program Manager 1, Executive Unit; Stormer Feiler, Compliance Assurance Unit; Rebecca Fitzgerald, Senior Environmental Scientist, Adaptive Watershed Management Unit; Craig Hunt, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Cleanups Unit; David Kuszmar, Water Resource Control Engineer, Planning Unit; and Adona White, Water Resource Control Engineer, Planning Unit, were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and exemplary work that was instrumental to the successful development of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's vision statement, Board supported strategic directions, the new organizational chart and associated formation of cross-program teams in the office.

v. **Public Forum:** Time will be reserved for the general public to address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction, excluding those items on the agenda. The Board Chair may limit the public forum to thirty (30) minutes initially, and continue any remaining appearances beyond the thirty (30) minutes at the end of the regularly

scheduled business of the day. The Board Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limit their presentation to three (3) minutes.

Comments were taken from:

- Madge Strong, Willits City Council
- Priscilla Hunter, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Alex Harter, Save Our Little Lake Valley (S.O.L.L.V.)
- Randi Dalton, Public
- Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, S.O.L.L.V.
- Beth Riedel, Public, Read letter from John & Carlene Ford (neighbor)
- Naomi Wagner, Earth First
- Ellen Drell, Willits Environmental Center
- William Ray, S.O.L.L.V.
- Pauline Girvin, Mexican Farm Workers of Mendocino County
- Ellen Faulkner, S.O.L.L.V. & Earth First
- Marggie Chandler, Water & Earth Our Elders
- Duane DeWitt, California Environmental Protection Association
- Dan Blessing, U.S. Forest Service, Klamath National Forest
- Barbara DeIonno, Public
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 7, 2015**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, David Noren seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye
Noren aye
Massey aye
Giusti aye
Minton aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items

2. **Public Hearing to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2015-0024 Waste Discharge Requirements for the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1, Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B84083OMEN, NPDES No. CA0023078.**

3. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2015-0026 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Etna Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A82104OSIS**.

4. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2015-0019 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Weaverville Class III Solid Waste Disposal Site and Operation of Inert Cell Solid Waste Disposal Site, WDID No. 1A80193OTRI**.

Motion: Greg Giusti moved to adopt items 2, 3 & 4, David Noren seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye
Noren aye
Massey aye
Giusti aye
Minton aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

6. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2015-0013 to consider amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to include non-substantive revisions to Sections 1 & 5**. Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, gave a presentation on the non-substantive revisions to Section 1 and 5 of the Basin Plan, including the response to comments and a summary of Sections 2, 4 and 6 of the Basin Plan that will be scheduled for adoption at a future Board meeting.

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, Valerie Minton seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye
Noren aye
Massey aye
Giusti aye
Minton aye

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2015-0018 to consider amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to update Section 3 Water Quality Objectives**. Jeremiah Puget, Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, gave a presentation on the goals of Section 3 Water Quality Objectives, including the background and development, the existing regulatory framework, the response to comments received, the proposed changes to Section 3 Water Quality Objectives and its implementation.

Comments were taken from:

- Rita Miller, City of Santa Rosa Water Department

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt with change sheets 1, 2, 3 & 4; David Noren seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye
Noren aye
Massey aye
Giusti aye
Minton aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Workshops

No workshops were scheduled.

Information Items

7. **Update on Science-Based Decision-Support Tools for Estimating Riparian Corridors.** David Kuszmar, Water Resource Control Engineer, Planning Unit, introduced Karen Gaffney, Conservation Planning Manager & Tom Robinson, Conservation Planner, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District; and Scott Dusterhoff, Geomorphologist, San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) who gave a presentation on riparian zones, their importance and impacts in California, along with the Riparian Zone Estimation Tool (RipZET) developed by SFEI, with an overview of its purpose, applications and modules with the next steps in the continued development of existing and future RipZET modules. Karen Gaffney, gave the background of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, along with the focus and function of the organization in protecting riparian corridors with easements and fee titles. Tom Robinson, gave an overview of the foundational environmental data collection tool available to a consortium of Sonoma County agencies to access detailed vegetation and topographical maps through the use of LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) mapping to assist in riparian zone conservation easements, water resource and flood management, and detailed the next steps of the use of this information by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

8. **Update on Industrial Storm Water Program and New Permit Implementation**. Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, NPDES Unit, gave an overview and the history of the Storm Water Program. Devon Jorgenson, Scientific Aide, NPDES Unit, gave a presentation on the 2013-2014 Annual Report review and

follow-up actions. Paul Keiran, Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit, gave a presentation on the reissued Industrial Storm Water General Permit and the significant changes made, highlighting the implementation successes of three facilities, and the future work priorities of the Industrial Storm Water Program.

9. **Issues to Consider for Future Board Strategic Planning Discussion**. Matt St. John, Executive Officer, initiated a conversation with the Board members regarding what topics/categories each Board member would like to discuss at a future Board strategic planning meeting.

10. **Executive Officer's Report**. Matt St. John, Executive Officer, informed the Board that the Regional Water Board staff are in the early stages of developing a Regional Monitoring Program for the Russian River and that he and Shin-Roei Lee, Division Chief, Planning, Stewardship & Compliance Unit, will be meeting tomorrow with representatives of the Russian River Watershed Association, City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Water Agency, and San Francisco Estuary Institute to advance the discussion about the purpose and objectives of the Regional Monitoring Program in the Russian River Watershed.

11. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board member Noren requested that he and a Cleanup Unit staff work with Duane DeWitt, Roseland resident, to address his concerns of the Roseland area, through either a Board item or a tour of the area. Board member Noren also requested information regarding the new Federal EPA 404 Program and how that affects the Regional Board's authority with the 401 Program.

12. **Other Items of Interest.** No items were discussed.

13. **Closed session:** The Board did not meet in closed session.

14. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
    8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 12 & 13, 2015
    5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A
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    Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Chairperson_____

Date_____