

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, April 18, 2019
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: Hector Bedolla, John Corbett, Kelli Gant, Gregory Giusti, David Noren, and Valerie Quinto

Regional Water Board staff present: Cheri Blatt, Patti Corsie, Josh Curtis, Nathan Jacobsen, Devon Jorgenson, Charles Reed, Matt St. John, and Claudia Villacorta

ii. Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Corbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

iii. Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure: None reported.

iv. State Board Liaison's Report: State Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo did not attend the meeting.

Executive Officer's Reports: Matt St. John, Executive Officer spoke about the article in the written EO's Report regarding the new Northern Field Office in Eureka, CA, Humboldt County, that is scheduled to open on April 22, 2019.

v. Public Forum:

Comments were taken from:

- Esa Day, Public
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
- Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond Resource Company

vi. Resolution of Appreciation for Steven Moore, past State Water Board Liaison to the North Coast Regional Board. Chairwoman Quinto read the Resolution expressing appreciation to Steven Moore for his exceptional service as State Water

Resources Control Board member liaison to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board from August 2012 to November 2018.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 20 & 21, 2019

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt, Board member Bedolla seconded the motion. Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Giusti aye
Gant aye
Noren aye
Quinto aye
Corbett aye
Bedolla aye

Motion passed unanimously

Uncontested Items

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0002 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Miranda Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B80002OHUM (*Rachel Prat*)
3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0010 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Calpella County Water District Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B771620MEN (*Ben Zabinsky*)
4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0007 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Reclamation Requirements for the **Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility**, WDID No. 1B84124OSON, (*Cathleen Goodwin*)
5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0005 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the **California Redwood Company and the Trinity River Timber Company DBA North Fork Lumber Company Korbel Sawmill**, WDID No. 1B80020OHUM, NPDES No. CA0005932 (*Justin McSmith*)

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Uncontested Items 2, 3, 4, & 5, Board member Bedolla seconded the motion; Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Giusti aye
Gant aye
Noren aye
Quinto aye
Corbett aye
Bedolla aye

Motion passed unanimously

Action Items

6. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0008 to consider adoption of a Short-Term Renewal of Order No. R1-2014-0011, Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region.** Devon Jorgenson, Engineering Geologist, Northern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave a presentation on the background of Order No. R1-2014-0011, and reviewed the proposed 2-year short-term renewal of the 2014 Categorical Waiver that will provide Regional Water Board staff the additional time needed to implement workplan, participate in the SB 901 monitoring with CAL FIRE, evaluate findings, and propose revisions to the 2014 Categorical Waiver. The short-term renewal is necessary and appropriate to maintain permit coverage on existing and new eligible timber harvesting projects and to allow additional time for Regional Water Board staff to update the forest activities regulatory program.

Comments were taken from:

- Cedric Twilight, Sierra Pacific Industries
- Gary Ryneason, Green Diamond Resource Company

Motion: Board member Greg Giusti moved to adopt, Board member Corbett seconded the motion; Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Giusti aye
 Gant aye
 Noren aye
 Quinto aye
 Corbett aye
 Bedolla aye

Motion passed unanimously

7. **Resolution No. R1-2019-0024 Adopting the Human Right to Water as a Core Value and Directing its Implementation in North Coast Regional Water Board Activities and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter into a Memorandum of Mutual Understandings with the North Coast Resource Partnership.** Charles Reed, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Point Source Control & Groundwater Protection Division, gave a presentation on the background for the Resolution, Regional Water Board and partner activities, and information about the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP). This Resolution will affirm the human right to water including the right to sanitation and hygiene facilities as a core value and affirms the human right to water and protecting human health as a top priority for the North Coast Regional Water Board, and directs staff to prioritize regulatory programs to prevent and address discharges that could threaten human health by causing or contributing to pollution or contamination of drinking water sources, and to engage in partnerships with other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, impacted communities and other stakeholders to implement the Human Right to Water objectives in Regional Water Board programs and projects. The Resolution also authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into the NCRP's North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU).

As a signatory to the MoMU, the North Coast Water Board will be able to better align our water quality improvement priorities with NCRP's funding priorities resulting in a coordinated effort to plan and implement projects that achieve direct water quality benefits.

Comments were taken from:

- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Motion: Board member Corbett, Board member Bedolla seconded the motion; Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Giusti aye
Gant aye
Noren aye
Quinto aye
Corbett aye
Bedolla aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Item

8. **Technical Assistance Opportunities for Wastewater Infrastructure Projects Serving Small and Disadvantaged Communities through the California Rural Water Association.** Charles Reed, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Point Source Control & Groundwater Protection Division, introduced Dustin Hardwick, Deputy Director, Dan LaFontaine, Professional Engineer and Wastewater Specialist, and Marshall Locke, Wastewater Specialist, California Rural Water Association (CRWA). Mr. Hardwick gave a program overview of CRWA, its mission, and the State and Federal resources. Mr. Lafontaine reviewed the on-site technical support and infrastructure projects to address water supply and sanitation issues that are completed or underway for small and disadvantaged communities. Marshall Locke wrapped-up the presentation with highlighting opportunities to partner with Regional Water Board staff to assist rural communities in the North Coast Region.

Action Item

9. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0001 to consider adoption of proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairies in the North Coast Region.** Cherie Blatt, Water Resource Control Engineer, Southern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave a presentation on the timeline of the existing Dairy Program from 2012 to present. Ms. Blatt reviewed the proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements, Public comments received, changes made to the draft order and additional proposed Change Sheet revisions in the proposed Order, along with staff recommendation to adopt the proposed GWDR Order R1-2019-0001, Mitigated Negative Declaration and change sheet.

Comments were taken from:

- Kaitlyn Kalua, California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Michael Griffin, CROPP Organic Valley
- George McClelland, McClelland Dairy
- Richard Hughes, R. M. Hughes Jerseys
- Doug Baretta, Sonoma County Farm Bureau ARM Committee & Baretta Family Dairy
- Melissa Lema, Western United Dairywomen
- Bob Legge, Russian Riverkeeper
- Don McEnhill, Russian Riverkeeper
- Dayna Ghiradelli, Clover Sonoma
- Blake Alexandre, Alexandre Family Farm

Following Board discussion Chairwoman Quinto made the decision to postpone a decision on Order No. R1-2019-0001. Ms. Quinto directed Water Board staff to provide an additional 30-day public comment period on the changes made to the draft Order since the last public comment period, and to hold additional stakeholder meetings to discuss the changes to the Order, and to bring the item back to a future Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

Information Items

- 10. **Executive Officer’s Report.** Please see Executive Officer’s written report.
- 11. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board member Gant requested to have an Informational Item on aging wastewater and water supply infrastructure in the North Coast Region. Board member Corbett suggested inviting Economists from Humboldt State University studying the cannabis industry to an upcoming update on the cannabis regulatory program.
- 12. **Other Items of Interest.** None requested.
- 13. **Closed session:** The Board met in closed session to discuss 13 d.2. No reportable action taken.
- 14. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
 1:00 p.m., Wednesday June 19, 2019 and
 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2019
 Eureka City Hall
 City Council Chambers
 531 K Street
 Eureka, CA 95501

Meeting adjourned at: 4:35 pm.

Chairperson _____

Date _____