

**Minutes of Meeting**

8:30 a.m., Thursday, August 23, 2012  
David C. Joseph Meeting Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member William Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: David Noren, William Massey, Geoffrey Hales and John Corbett.

Board Members absent: Heidi Harris and Irene Tynes.

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson, David Rice, Patti Corsie, Terri Korell, Elena Franceschi, Andrew Baker, Adona White, Kaete King, Mona Dougherty, Clayton Creager, Charles Reed, James Burke, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Bryan McFadin, Fred Blatt, Cherie Blatt, David Kuszmar, Jeramiah Puget, Rachel Pratt.

iii. **Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure**

- William Massey, Geoffrey Hales and David Noren attended the Scott and Shasta Workshops held in Yreka. 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 Steven Moore reported several new items which will affect the North Coast Region in the coming months.

- The current state fiscal crisis means a 5% cut in personnel pay, offset by 1 furlough day per month.
- Prop 50 funds have been authorized. 27 areas, including Trinidad Head, have applied for exceptions.
- Wetlands 401 certification and 404 Army Corps of Engineers permits are currently working towards completion. Mr. Moore explained that monitoring the programs is a difficult part of the process.

- The Marine Protection Act, which designates State Water Quality Protection Areas, (SWQPA), is working towards criterion clarification so that Marine Reserves can be classified as SWQPA.
- A new report, "Contaminants in Sportfish along the California Coast" is available for review on the State Board's website.
- Storm water runoff permits for urban areas will be discussed in workshops at the State Board to clarify the language of the permits and implementation techniques.
- AB2393 is an Assembly bill which aims to privatize water recycling. Watch for further action in the future.

v. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adleman, Russian River Water Protection Committee
- Jarod Thiele, City of Ukiah
- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 7, 2012**

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the June 7, 2012 Minutes, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution of Condolence Stephen Norwick**

Chairman Noren read the Resolution of Condolence for Stephen Norwick who had served on the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board from 1977 to 1984.

**Uncontested Items**

3. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0068, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements to renew NPDES permit in the matter for **City of Ukiah Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B84029OMEN, NPDES Permit No. CA0022888, Mendocino County
5. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0085 to consider the matter of an Extension of Limited Term Amendment Order No. R1-2011-0038, to NTMP Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038, **Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region**
6. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0080 to consider adoption for **Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements** for Blake and Stephanie Alexandre, Alexandre Dairy, Order No. 96-1, WDID No. 1A80196ODN Del Norte County

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt Items 3, 5 and 6, John Corbett seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

4. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0069, to consider requiring the **City of Ukiah Wastewater Treatment Plant** to Cease and Desist from discharging or threatening to discharge effluent in violation of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order Nos. R1-2006-0049 and R1-2012-0068, WDID No. 1B84029OMEN, NPDES Permit No. CA0022888, Mendocino County

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion. David Noren called for a roll-call vote  
Massey aye  
Hales aye  
Corbett aye  
Noren aye  
Motion passed unanimously

#### **Action Items**

7. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0070, to consider a temporary renewal of the **Conditional Waiver for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Shasta River Watershed (Order R1-2006-0052), North Coast Region.**

Andrew Baker, Environmental Geologist in the Northern Timber Unit gave a brief outline, the purpose of the temporary renewal and the next steps leading to the adoption of the TMDL Waiver at the October 4, 2012 Board Meeting.

Comments were taken from:

- Darren Mierau, California Trout

Motion: Geoffrey Hales moved to adopt, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

8. **Public Hearing** on Resolution No. R1-2012-0079, supporting a request for Cleanup and Abatement Account funding for the **Elk River Recovery Assessment.**

Adona White, Water Resources Control Engineer in the Basin Planning Unit gave an outline of the purpose and need for the Resolution and the next steps in the Elk River recovery assessment with CalTrout, Northern Hydrology and Engineering and the Stillwater Science as the Project Team and the State of California Coastal Conservancy, Redwood Community Action Agency, Humboldt Redwood Company, Bureau of Land Management, Salmon Forever, Elk River residents and the Redwood Sciences Laboratory as the Project Partners.

Comments were taken from:

- Darren Mierau, California Trout
- Kristi Wrigly, Elk River resident

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

### Workshop

9. **Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges related to Green Diamond Resource Company's Forest Management Activities Conducted within the area covered by its Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan in the North Coast Region**

Kaete King, Environmental Scientist in the Northern Timber Unit gave an outline of Green Diamond Resource Company's existing permits, the key elements of each, the Timber Harvest Plan evaluation process, the Aquatic Habitat Conservation plan, the Department of Fish and Game Master Agreement, monitoring and reporting requirements and the steps to protect water quality. The Public comment period is from August 3, 2012 to September 3, 2012 and the draft Order will be up for consideration at the October 4, 2012 meeting.

Comments were taken from:

- Dave Feral, Mad River Alliance
- Gary Rynerson, Green Diamond Resource Company

### Information Items

10. **Update on the Municipal Storm Water Phase 1 Permit**, Order No. R1-2009-0050, NPDES No. CA0025054, WDID No. 1B96074SSON (Santa Rosa), 1B02150SSON (Sonoma County), 1B02149SSON (Sonoma County Water Agency)

Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer in the Core Regulatory Unit introduced Colleen Hunt, Environmental Scientist of her staff, who is working in the Municipal Storm Water Program. Mona Dougherty then gave an overview of the Municipal Storm Water Phase 1 Permit key elements, what is working and the areas that need improvement. Mona Dougherty introduced Kevin Booker, Sonoma County Water Agency, who in turn, introduced Ann Torres, Sonoma County Water Agency who has been assisting him in the implementation of the Storm Water Management Plan. Mr. Booker gave an overview of the challenges that the Water Agency has in implementing the components of the permit, what the Water Agency does in the municipal operations, how the Water Agency partners with the City of Santa Rosa on the Creek Stewardship and the Water Education programs. Reg Cullen, Sonoma

County Permit and Resource Management Department gave a presentation of how the Fire Department, Regional Parks, Environmental Health, Transportation and Public Works, Permit and Resource Management, Agricultural Commissioner and the General Services in Sonoma County assist in implementing the Municipal Storm Water Program and MS4 permit. Heaven Moore, Associate Civil Engineer with the City of Santa Rosa Storm Water team, gave an overview of the Santa Rosa storm drain system and the program highlights of funding, regulations, low impact development, training, spill response, environmental crimes, public outreach, aerial infrared flights, stewardship, restoration and the challenges in implementation and technical issues faced by the City of Santa Rosa.

**11. Update on the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement Interim Measure 10 Water Quality Workshop**

Clayton Creager, Staff Environmental Scientist, gave the status of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA), Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and the Secretarial Determination Process and briefed the Board on the large scale factors affecting water quality, the elements of the TMDL implementation and the upcoming technical workshop being held at the Cal/EPA building in Sacramento on September 11-13, 2012.

**12. Update on the State Water Board's Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy**

Charles Reed, Water Resource Control Engineer, Core Regulatory Unit, updated the Board on the background, the policy structure, the risk-based regulatory tiers, and the next steps for AB885 OWTS policy implementation for Region 1.

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Water Protection Committee
- Dan Fein, Monte Rio interested citizen

**13. Update on the Russian River Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load**

Rebecca Fitzgerald, Senior Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit, introduced Charles Reed, Water Resource Control Engineer, Project Manager for the Russian River Pathogen TMDL, who updated the Board on the Russian River Pathogen TMDL development status, the geographic area of impairment, the types of analyses conducted, land and beach use monitoring sites, preliminary observations, early implementation efforts in coordination with Sonoma County, public outreach, ongoing regulatory staff work and the time schedule for completion.

**14. Executive Officer's Report**

Matt St. John gave an oral update on the following:

- Our office is being remodeled from September to December 31<sup>st</sup> to bring the building up to ADA compliance along with increased security at the front

reception area. During this time, staff will be working but with intermittent limited phone usage.

- Due to the State budget constraints, our students and retired annuitant's last day will be August 31, 2012.
- Fred Blatt has been promoted to Division Chief of the Non-point Source Unit and Alydda Mangelsdorf has been promoted to Senior of the Basin Planning Unit.
- The Cleanup Unit has exceeded their performance targets for the fiscal year.
- The Core Reg Unit has been working with waste water treatment facilities to promote improvements to their systems and to bring consistency throughout the region.

Matt St. John then introduced Katharine Carter, Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit who gave a brief update to the Board on the Klamath Fish Health Assessment Team (KFHAT) technical workgroup and their mission:

- To provide early warning to avert a fish kill with 4 readiness levels of green, yellow, orange and red.
- To mobilize a coordinated response effort to monitor conditions during a fish kill event in the Klamath basin below Iron Gate Dam.
- Response plan zones of lead responsibility: Yurok, Karuk and Hoopa tribes on tribal lands, California Department of Fish and Game for fisheries on non-tribal land, and Regional Water Board for the water quality on non-tribal land.

#### 15. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Board Member Corbett asked that at the next Board meeting in Santa Rosa that we honor Dr. Brad Lundborg with a Resolution of appreciation, and at the next Board meeting in Eureka area recognize the Humboldt County Farm Bureau for their hard work in the development and implementation of the Dairy regulation program.

#### 16. **Other Items of Interest** No other items discussed

#### 17. **Closed Session** There were no reports from closed session

#### 18. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

9:00 a.m., Thursday October 4, 2012

Location to be determined in Siskiyou County.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_