

Minutes of Meeting

1:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 20, 2013

8:30 A.M., Thursday, November 21, 2013

David C. Joseph Meeting Room

5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Wednesday November 20, 2013

i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member Gregory Giusti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: David Noren, Geoffrey Hales, William Massey, John Corbett, Irene Tynes and Gregory Giusti

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson, Patti Corsie, Donna Poe, Bryan McFadin, Mona Dougherty, Jonathan Warmerdam, Charles Reed, Cathleen Goodwin, James Burke, Dean Prat, Ben Zabinsky, Adona White, Michelle Fortner, Holly Lundborg, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Jeremiah Puget.

1. **Public Hearing to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2013-0059, Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, General Water Quality Certification, and Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District's Mendocino County Permit Coordination Program.**

Jonathan Warmerdam, Environmental Scientist, Non-point Source Unit gave a presentation to the Board on Mendocino County's conservation and restoration needs, the permitting process, Mendocino County Permit Coordination Program and the Regional Board Waiver and General Water Quality Certification.

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt with provision that a 5-year review requirement be added to the Monitoring and Reporting Program, John Corbett seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2013-0058, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to include the Policy for the Implementation of the Water Quality Objectives for Temperature, and Action Plans to Address Temperature Impairments in the Mattole, Navarro, and Eel River Watersheds.** Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, gave a presentation on the purpose of the Resolution, the status of the policy and approach, the response to comments received and the changes made to the Resolution, Policy and Action Plans.

Comments were taken from:

- Wes Stokes, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Janet Pauli, Public
- Joe Dillon, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Larry Maillard, Public
- Mike Jani, Mendocino Redwood Company
- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group
- Peter Ribar, Hawthorne Timber Company
- Janet Parrish, United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau
- Daniel Myers, Sierra Club, Redwood Chapter/Friends of Navarro
- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
- Matt Greene, California Licensed Foresters Association
- Ryan Rice, Humboldt County Farm Bureau
- Gene Senestraro, Humboldt County Farm Bureau
- Justin Fredrickson, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Jason Poburko, Public
- Larry Hanson, California River Watch
- Jack Rice, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Felice Pace, North Coast Sierra Club/Klamath Forest Alliance
- Clay Brandow, CalFire
- Don McEnhill, Russian Riverkeeper
- Matt Clifford, Trout Unlimited
- Chris Malan, Living River Council

Motion: William Massey moved to postpone adoption to either January 30, 2014 or March 13, 2014 Board meeting in order for staff to provide additional clarification regarding site potential effective shade, John Corbett seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Thursday November 21, 2013

ii. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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iii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

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Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson, David Rice, Patti Corsie, Donna Poe, Mona Dougherty, Charles Reed, Cathleen Goodwin, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Jeremiah Puget, Kasey Ashley, Jo Bentz, Robert Dickerson, Craig Hunt, Janice Goebel, Dave Parson, Cody Walker, Jim Tischler and Keith Baldanza.

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

- Geoffrey Hales spoke with Mike Miles, Humboldt Redwood Company regarding the Elk River Forum meeting.
- Gregory Giusti spoke with Yana Valacovic, University California Cooperative Extension-Humboldt-Del Norte County Director, regarding the Elk River Forum Meeting.
- William Massey and David Noren met with Federal, State and local officials regarding West County sewer issues.

v. **State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's and Executive Officer's Reports**

The State Board Liaison Report: Steven Moore updated the Board on:

- The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program has ample funds available to communities in California, and has extended the term of financing for loans from 20 to 30 years for small disadvantaged communities and regionalization projects, thus reducing their periodic payments significantly.
- Senate Bill 322 signed by Governor Brown requires the Department of Public Health in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board to investigate the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse of recycled water and to provide a final report on that investigation to the Legislature no later than Dec. 31, 2016.
- Governor Brown has expressed support for a proposal to relocate California's Drinking Water Program from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board. The purpose of this relocation would be to consolidate all major drinking water-related water quality programs within a single department by creating a new Division of Drinking Water to better manage and protect water resources and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians.

- Two significant initiatives were released for public comment on the State Board website: 1) Groundwater Strategic Workplan is an integrated approach to groundwater management, and is needed to ensure that appropriate action occurs at all levels of government and generally requires five key elements to be in place: thresholds, monitoring/assessment, governance/management, funding, and enforcement. 2) Draft Action Plan for Water will focus on the reliability of California's water supply, ecosystem restoration and infrastructure resilience. The plan focuses on ten key actions: make conservation a California way of life; increase local and regional self-reliance; achieve co-equal goals for the Delta; protect and restore important ecosystems; manage and prepare for dry periods; expand water storage capacity; provide safe drinking water for all communities; improve flood protection; increase operational and regulatory efficiency, and identify sustainable and integrated financing opportunities.

Executive Officer's Report: Matt St. John, Executive Officer acknowledged the Administrative Unit, Lori Foster, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Elena Franceschi, Office Technician, Donna Poe, Office Technician, Evelyn Reynolds, Office Assistant for their hard work in preparing the voluminous Agenda for this meeting. Matt St. John then presented the Cleanups Unit with a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Kasey Ashley, Senior Engineering Geologist, Keith Baldanza, Environmental Scientist, Jo Bentz, Engineering Geologist, Robert Dickerson, Engineering Geologist, Janice Goebel, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Craig Hunt, Water Resource Control Engineer, Beth Lamb, Engineering Geologist, Dave Parson, Engineering Geologist, Jim Tischler, Environmental Scientist, and Cody Walker, Engineering Geologist for their exceptional and dedicated work in groundwater protection throughout the North Coast Region, along with consistently exceeding their annual performance targets related to site closures. A Superior Accomplishment Award was presented to the Solid Waste Team of David Leland, Assistant Executive Officer, Diana Henriouille, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Gina Morrison, Water Resource Control Engineer, Terri Cia, Engineering Geologist for their two years of work on two very complex solid waste disposal sites with closure of the Cummings Road Landfill in Humboldt County and repermitting and partial closure of the Sonoma County Central Solid Waste Disposal Site. Matt St. John also reminded the public and staff that he is still accepting nominations for the Executive Officer's Water Quality Stewardship Award with a deadline of December 15th with award to be made at the January 30, 2014 Board Meeting.

vi. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Felice Pace, Public

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** September 26, 2013

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the September 26, 2013 Minutes, Geoffrey Hales

seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of 2014 Board Meeting Schedule**

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the 2014 Board Meeting Schedule as proposed, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items

There were no Uncontested Items considered.

Action Items

5. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2013-0001, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Santa Rosa Subregional Water Reclamation System, NPDES No. CA0022764, WDID No. 1B830990SON, Sonoma County.**

Charles Reed, Water Resource Control Engineer, Core Regulatory Unit, gave a presentation regarding the City of Santa Rosa revised Waste Discharge Requirements, and outlined the City of Santa Rosa's goals with compliance and environmental protection along with their discharge history, and the staff response to comments.

Comments were taken from:

- David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa
- Dave Smith, Consultant to City of Santa Rosa
- Jennifer Burke, City of Sana Rosa
- Amelia Whitson, U.S. EPA, Region 9
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC)
- Virginia Porter, Russian River Watershed Association
- Damien Obid, City of Cotati
- Michael Thompson, Sonoma County Water Agency, South Park County Sanitation District
- Pat Barnes, City of Rohnert Park
- Martha Davis, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
- Kimberly Burr, Public

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

6. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2013-0048, Amending Time Schedule Order No. R1-2011-0103 for City of Santa Rosa Subregional Water Reclamation System, NPDES No. CA0022764, WDID No. 1B830990SON, Sonoma County.** Charles Reed, Water Resource Control Engineer, Core Regulatory Unit, gave an overview of the Permit requirements, the Nutrient Offset Program, the proposed amendment to the 2011 Time Schedule Order and the response to comments.

Comments were taken from:

- David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa

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

7. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2013-0042, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Town of Windsor Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility, WDID No. 1B820370SON, NPDES Permit No. CA0023345, Sonoma County.** Cathleen Goodwin, Water Resource Control Engineer, Core Regulatory Unit, gave an overview of the location and description of the facility, the current NPDES Permit, the proposed NPDES Permit and the Staff response to comments.

Comments were taken from:

- Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
- David Richardson, Town of Windsor
- Amelia Whitson, U.S. EPA, Region 9

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

Workshops

There were no Workshop Items.

Information Items

9. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.**
- Board Member Corbett requested an informational report update on hatchery regulations.
 - Chairman Noren requested that an informational item, summary on the State Board report of the Underground Storage Tank Programs path to closure be heard at the March 13, 2014 Board Meeting.

- Board Member Massey requested updates on: 1) coordination between Region 1 (Rural region) and Region 2 (Urban region) on monitoring and regulation of Chemicals of Emerging Concern, and 2) Regional Water Board response to environmental impacts associated with marijuana cultivation in the North Coast Region.

10. **Other Items of Interest.** No items discussed.

vii. **Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure continued:**

- Board Member Hales exchanged emails and received photographs of the North Fork of the Elk River from Elk River resident Kristi Wrigley.

11. **Closed Session.** There were no reports from closed session.

12. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014
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Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____