



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 9, 2015 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration

ADOPTED December 16, 2015

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Table with 3 columns: Board Members Present, Board Members Absent, Status. Includes names like Steve Lefkovits, Newsha Ajami, William Kissinger, Margaret Abe-Koga, John Muller, and Vice-Chair James McGrath.

Vice-Chair McGrath called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence to honor Zeke Grader, a long-time advocate for fisheries protection and water quality.

Division Chief Anna Torres introduced new Staff Services Analyst Kim Yee, Seasonal Clerk Janet Mack, and Seasonal Clerk Bonnie Lam. Senior Scientist Kevin Lunde introduced new Environmental Scientist Kristina Yoshida.

State Board Member Tam Doduc updated the Board about drought conservation efforts and next week's State Board Meeting. She also described ongoing discussions about resource allocation and the Lean Six Sigma approach to project management.

Item 2 - Public Forum

Bill McNicholas, local resident participating on a newly formed committee, urged the Board to expedite cleanup of the Prosperity Cleaners site in Marinwood. Raymond Day, a Marinwood resident, discussed the site's soil impacts and its potential for indoor air exposure. He noted that local residents want interim measures implemented immediately. Ann Moran, a Casa Marinwood board member, discussed the history of flooding in the area. Stephen Nestle, raised concerns about misleading statements in the press and Board staff not acknowledging the severity of the situation. Renee Silveira, an adjacent property owner, expressed concern about

the new data indicating that the Prosperity Cleaners' plume has spread beneath the Silveira's property.

Item 3 - 2015 Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award – Presentation of Award to Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

Board Member Muller gave tribute to former Board staff member, Dr. Teng-chung Wu, who was an early proponent of pollution prevention. Environmental Scientist James Parrish made the presentation to the Board, emphasizing the extensive effort the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District had undertaken to reduce the disposal of “flushable wipes” to the sanitary sewer system. Board Member Muller presented the award to Melody LaBella, who accepted it on behalf of the District. Ms. LaBella thanked the Board and described the challenges and successes with changing consumer habits.

Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award

Vice-Chair McGrath presented the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to Janet O'Hara and reported on her character and consistent, high-quality work on various projects at the Water Board, including PCB contaminant identification in caulk at Candlestick Park, bacteria TMDL, and a multitude of other projects Ms. O'Hara has worked on.

Item 4 - Minutes of the August 12, 2015 Board Meeting

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe recommended adoption of the Minutes from August 12, 2015, Board Meeting.

Board Member Kissinger moved for adoption of the Minutes; Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: Lefkovits, Ajami, Kissinger, Abe-Koga, McGrath

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 5 - Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports

Board Member Kissinger reported that he attended a meeting of the California Metals Coalition. Board Member Abe-Koga reported that she toured the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center. She noted that she plans to attend Sustainable Silicon Valley's water symposium later in September. Vice Chair McGrath reported that he and Chair Young met with staff to discuss the municipal storm water permit and that there may be a need for a 2-day Board meeting in October.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report, noting the growth in the use of treated water as a resource as demonstrated by the reuse of treated groundwater at Travis Air Force Base and the recent approvals of residential fill programs as acceptable components of numerous wastewater treatment agencies' recycling water programs.

Consideration of Uncontested Item

Item 6A – East Bay Municipal Utility District, Orinda Water Treatment Plant, Orinda, Contra Costa County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 6A.

Board Member Ajami moved for adoption of Item 6A; Board Member Kissinger seconded the motion.

Ayes: Lefkovits, Kissinger, Ajami, Abe-Koga, McGrath

Nos: none

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Other Business

Item 7 – Sustainable Groundwater Management in the San Francisco Bay Region – Status Report

Senior Engineering Geologist Alec Naugle made the presentation to the Board.

Board members asked clarifying questions. Board Member Kissinger asked about the statewide Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program. Board Member Lefkovits asked about the formation of sustainable groundwater management agencies. Board Member Ajami asked about potential impacts associated with metals liberation and how the source water can be treated to avoid impacts.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes and no action was taken.

Item 8 –Sears Point Restoration Project – Status Report on Completion of Black Point Sports Club Soil Remediation

Senior Engineering Geologist Keith Roberson made the presentation to the Board.

Vice Chair McGrath discussed the marsh restoration work and the need for sediment to raise the level of the marsh. Mr. Wolfe described features of the levee design.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes and no action was taken.

Item 9 –Closed Session – Personnel – Convened at 11:40 a.m.

The Board met in closed session to conduct a performance review of the Executive Officer. [Authority: Government Code section 11126(a)]

Item 12 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. until the next Board Meeting – October 14, 2015