

## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

# MINUTES

## March 8-9, 2017

### Regular Meeting

Lahontan Water Board Annex, Hearing Room  
971 Silver Dollar Avenue  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
15095 Amargosa Road, Bldg 2, Suite 210  
Large Conference Room  
Victorville, CA 92394

### Board Members Participating – SLT

Peter C. Pumphrey, Chair, Bishop  
Don Jardine, Markleeville, Vice-Chair  
Amy Horne, Ph.D.  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

### Board Members Participating – Victorville

Kimberly Cox, Helendale  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond

### State Board Members Participating

DeeDee D'Adamo, Board Member

### Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board  
Elizabeth Beryt, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

### Regional Board Staff Participating

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Kathy Otermat, Clerk of the Board  
Eric Taxer, WRCE  
Bob Larsen, Sr. Environmental Scientist  
Dr. Bruce Warden, Environmental Scientist  
Ed Hancock, Scientific Aid

Scott Ferguson, Supervising Water Resources  
Control Engineer (WRCE)  
Patrice Copeland (in Victorville)  
Cathe Pool, Sr. WRCE  
Doug Carey, Sr. Environmental Scientist (ES)  
Dan Sussman, Supervising ES

### REGULAR MEETING: March 8, 2017- 7:30 p.m.

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## INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mr. Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2017 and introduced Board Members. Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, State Board Member and Regional Water Board Staff.

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

- Mr. Nick Billings representing Fox Capital spoke regarding procedural matters requesting a meeting on Laundry Works prior to issuance of decision.
- Mr. Kyle Flory representing Seven Springs Limited Partnership spoke regarding procedural matters requesting a meeting on Laundry Works prior to issuance of decision.

## OTHER BUSINESS OR STATUS REPORTS

### 2. Minutes

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Jardine, to approve the January 2017 Minutes as presented. The motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Chair Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	abstain

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### 3. Leviathan Mine Project Update

Mr. Scott Ferguson, Supervising WRCE, addressed the Board and presented a summary of Water Board activities at the mine site during the 2016 calendar year, anticipated actions for 2017 report on possible spill event and emergency measures in place, and an update on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) process schedule.

Board Comments:

- Ms. Cox asked if the reason there is no Spring treatment is due to weather conditions. Mr. Ferguson confirmed that getting site access, maintaining access and weather conditions make it very difficult. Ms. Cox asked if there is overflow in the ponds because staff cannot get out there to treat. Mr. Ferguson pointed out a late addition to the agenda package that showed the pond levels and discharges. Ms. Cox asked if the material removed is toxic. Mr. Ferguson replied that the sludge qualifies as California hazardous but not Federal hazardous and is taken to a facility in Beatty, Nevada. Ms. Cox stated she really appreciated the graphics provided.
- Mr. Dyas asked if the metals were in pure form or several compounds. Mr. Ferguson confirmed they are being quantified as pure form.
- Mr. Sandel asked if metals in pure form could be sold. Mr. Ferguson was not sure. Mr. Sandel asked what the final remedy would look like – would it be a variation of the current plant or something different. Mr. Ferguson said he did not know yet which is why they are doing the remedial investigation feasibility study which looks at a number of alternatives for a final cleanup treatment. He sees the potential for a

very significant construction project when the final remedy is adopted. Mr. Sandel asked if the final remedy would address the energy needed to cover the machinery. Mr. Ferguson confirmed it would be. Currently it is run on generators.

- Dr. Horne asked what happened in 2006 when there was overflow in Leviathan Creek such as enforcement action against Lahontan. Mr. Ferguson stated there was recognition of the site conditions and the effort that the Water Board put forth to prevent and minimize the discharge. Also he indicated for that year the quality of water was mostly snow melt so there was no enforcement from the USEPA. Dr. Horne asked who would bring enforcement action against Leviathan if it came to that. Mr. Ferguson said it would be the USEPA. He has kept them up to date on the site conditions. They understand the situation staff is currently encountering including efforts to minimize a discharge to the creek. Dr. Horne asked if the Water Board would face any liability if persons whose beneficial use might be affected. Mr. Ferguson acknowledged that it is always a possibility.

#### **4. Lahontan Water Board Annual Enforcement Review**

Ms. Cathe Pool, Sr. WRCE, presented a summary of the violations and enforcement activity for the 2016 calendar year.

Board Comments:

- Mr. Dyas wanted definition of class 2 violations. Ms. Pool stated those are ordered conditions like exceeding flow limit, free board is another one. The beneficial use is not being violated.
- Dr. Horne was curious that first notices of non-compliance are sent out and there are a lot of follow-up calls. She wondered which order saves staff time, phone calls first, then letters or vice versa. Ms. Pool said they have a hard time getting ahold by phone so the letter gets their attention stating they are out of compliance and listing fines. Most phone calls are returned calls from the letter. The letters did help. Discharges did submit their reports after being contacted.
- Chair Mr. Pumphrey noted the other advantage of sending out a letter is that it's easier to document that we have given notice to the potential violator and go back in history.

#### **5. Discussion of Water Board Accomplishments and Priorities**

Ms. Patty Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, and Ms. Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer, presented an overview of the region's accomplishments from the past year and priorities for the next fiscal year.

Board Comments:

- Mr. Sandel commented that it looks like an awful lot of work for a depleted staff.
- Dr. Horne congratulated staff for getting an incredible amount of work under difficult circumstances with a lot of vacancies. She is very concerned about having ten vacancies. As a Board member she finds these reports from the staff extremely helpful and she has shown the entire package to Board members in other regions and they are not getting this information from their staff. She hopes the Board will be informed if there are any difficulties so the Board can help advocate for the Board. Regarding workshop topics, she is looking forward to Wastewater Treatment Facility and Land Disposal Facility workshops as well as the Federal Land Non-point Source Pollution General Order.

- Dr. Horne asked that in the November Board meeting to have report from the Truckee River Watershed pilot program – how the program worked, if there are things they could improve, benefits, etc. Ms. Kouyoumdjian answered that this is scheduled for November.
- Dr. Horne is very concerned about the SWAMP program. She believes it is really important to this region to get a pulse on water quality in our region and asked if this workshop could be scheduled any earlier. Ms. Kouyoumdjian said she will reassess to see what they can do. Mr. Dan Sussman, Supervising Environmental Scientist, stated that he could see bringing something forward prior to 2019.
- Dr. Horne would like to rename the Climate Change program to Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy so it is not just what our region does to adapt to climate change but to always think creatively about whether there are ways to mitigate climate change. She would like the region to make sure we are not imposing requirements that make it more difficult for other regulatory agencies to adapt to climate change.
- Dr. Horne asked where enforcement fits in priorities. Ms. Kouyoumdjian stated enforcement is not called out specifically but sprinkled throughout the attachments.
- Dr. Horne wondered where stormwater is since it is an important component of the statewide action plan and is concerned that the statewide permit doesn't fit the hydrological conditions in the south Lahontan region very well and it is important to have a policy that works. She is also concerned about the lack of having enforceable permits in Antelope Valley because there are no waters of the US there.
- Dr. Horne asked which of the statewide water quality policies are likely to have a significant effect on Lahontan resources. Ms. Kouyoumdjian stated they start on Bates stamp 5-59. A lot of time is spent on the 401 Dredge and Fill Policy and Procedures which could affect the region on a policy level and fiscal impact. Climate change resolution just adopted will have an impact. Dr. Horne asked if any of the statewide policies designed for other regions have the potential to poorly fit Lahontan region. Patty answered that many are draft policies under development. Ms. Kouyoumdjian added that this year legislatively is going to be rather robust and is not sure how it will affect us. Dr. Horne appreciated the addition of unaddressed needs.
- Mr. Jardine stated the region is doing a remarkable job being so short-handed and agreed with the priority of protecting human health and aquatic life.
- Chair Mr. Pumphrey stated he keeps this material handy when people ask what he does on the Board and if there is any value. He said it is an ambitious set of proposals and likes the idea of setting priorities to make efforts to do things that are groundwork for the future. He agreed that if there is any bad news, he would share it with the Board.

## 6. CLOSED SESSION

None.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.*

**REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, March 9, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Mr. Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on March 9, 2017, and introduced members of the Board.

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel and Regional Water Board Staff.

## **7. PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms. Emilie Kashtan spoke about Donner Lake Pollution problems in the town of Truckee originating on West Street and asked the Water Board to expedite some interventions to mitigate the problems.

Ms. Becky Bucar representing the town of Truckee stated that a disagreement with Ms. Kashtan is who is responsible for maintenance of West Street and have been working with the West Street property owners for over 15 years. The town is in a predicament that they have to be responsible with public funds and to spend public funds on a privately maintained road becomes somewhat problematic. When the snow melts they plan on going out again to reassess.

Board Comments on Donner Lake pollution:

- Mr. Sandel asked if this is something we should pay attention to and what kind of attention would we put on it. Mr. Ferguson stated as far as options that are under the town of Truckee's municipal stormwater permit, they are responsible for maintaining and controlling the pollutants that come off their stormwater conveyance systems. He had communicated with the town of Truckee a couple of years ago and identified a couple of areas that improvements could be made and those improvements have not been made. The issue is how they go about that. Again we do not specify method of compliance. In the past, Water Board staff have been out there and met with the citizens. Mr. Bud Amorfini did communicate with CalTrans regarding runoff from one of their culverts and CalTrans planned on doing some armoring work. Mr. Ferguson plans to see if that work has been done and to get back onsite, re-evaluate with the Town of Truckee and meet with their citizens. Mr. Sandel asked if they would be taking more formal action after Mr. Ferguson's investigation. Mr. Ferguson said it would be too soon to say.
- Mr. Dyas heard references on pollution to Donner Lake and wanted to know if staff has done any measurements on any negative impacts. Mr. Ferguson stated there has not been any water quality sampling related to this specific issue. There is no on-going monitoring program regarding Donner Lake water quality.
- Mr. Steve Teshara, chair of the TRPA Planning Commission, came to thank the Water Board for allowing Mr. Bob Larsen to serve as the vice-chair.

## **RENEWED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS NPDES PERMIT FOR STORM WATER/URBAN RUNOFF DISCHARGES**

### **8. Renewed Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Storm Water/Urban Runoff Discharges from El Dorado County, Placer County, and The City of South Lake Tahoe within The Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit.**

Mr. Bob Larsen, Sr. Environmental Scientist, presented on the Lake Tahoe Municipal Storm Water Permit to continue implementing storm water program elements and Lake Tahoe TMDL load reduction requirements.

## Board Comments:

- Mr. Sandel asked if the model software was delayed. Mr. Larsen clarified that Credit Accounting platform is being integrated with partners and looking at ways to streamline the process. So rather than update the handbook, they are going to see how the software works out first.
- Dr. Horne quoted from the EPA website: the Lake Tahoe TMDL has blazed new ground by developing a comprehensive method by estimating, tracking and reporting progress on the ground pollution control activities. This program is held up as a model throughout the United States. Permit holders can best decide how to allocate their scarce resources on ways to meet the credit requirements. Performance measures provide for transparency and accountability so if one permittee is suspicious that the adjacent permittee is shading on implementing their program, they can look it up as well as the public being able to look it up. The North Coast Region has asked Mr. Larsen and Dr. Horne to present this program to their Board.
- Dr. Horne asked for an explanation on why the El Dorado baseline for fine sediment particles went down by 26%. Mr. Larsen stated during the baseline development for the first permit round there were a couple of variables that were uncertain. The biggest of them is connectivity, how connected is an area, a roadway or a parcel to surface water. That makes a big difference and at the time we had no clear guidance or consistent way to evaluate connectivity. El Dorado County at the time was sufficiently uncomfortable with that ambiguity so they deemed their entire jurisdiction to be connected. That increased their baseline load pretty dramatically. Late last year, the City of South Lake Tahoe worked with Northwest Hydraulics and established a more concrete and formal way for looking at connectivity and reassessed their connectivity, Not surprisingly, some areas of El Dorado County are not connected to surface waters. Another thing is the way the model assesses roadways. The roadway algorithms were initially looking for types of equipment and types of abrasive applications in a very qualitative way, which was shifted to a more quantitative approach that links it to a road rapid assessment methodology score. .
- Dr. Horne asked why the City of South Lake Tahoe's baseline went up by 28%. Mr. Larsen said similar reasons but for roads. Looking at road shoulder conditions became more consistent across the board and it was an adjustment in the way roads are dealt with. Dr. Horne asked for an explanation on why there are more pounds per year of total phosphorous and total nitrogen per fine sediment particles across all jurisdictions. Mr. Larsen did not have a direct answer but will look into the details at a later time.
- Dr. Horne was concerned about the trash TMDL because it was largely developed around Southern California beaches. The size of trash that goes down to the water is very small. When there is a statewide requirement that creates a lot of work to go after a problem we do not have in this area, what kind of burden does that create. Mr. Larsen shares the concern and agrees there is not the same trash problem here in Tahoe. The trash amendments have two different tracts for compliance. The first of which is to essentially install capture devices to capture down to 5 milliliters and the second tract is to demonstrate that existing facilities are appropriate and adequate and there must be a monitoring program to prove that existing facilities are accomplishing the 5 milliliter capture. Track 2 is a more likely option in that adding 5 milliliter screens to all of the storm drains in Tahoe would cause further flooding problems.
- Ms. Cox noted that the metrics have shown that the permit has worked and the permittees and stakeholders are all actively involved in this solution. She felt that the

suggestions in the USEPA letter were very helpful as well as supportive. The process she has witnessed has been a real model of collaboration.

- Mr. Dyas asked the renewed permit references the State Trash Amendments, yet in slide 8 states that implementation will occur outside of the renewed permit. Mr. Larsen stated that the references Mr. Dyas pointed to was in the findings to acknowledge the Trash Amendment requirements and that they will be dealt with outside of the permit.
- Chair Mr. Pumphrey stated that Dr. Horne was fully prophetic and absolutely corrected when she encouraged everyone to “join hands and jump into the future”. It is very gratifying to hear what has been accomplished by working together and working very hard. All are to be commended.

#### Public Comments:

- Ms. Jennifer Quashnick representing Friends of the West Shore mentioned that there is a heavy reliance on modeling but there are concerns on whether the models are accurate and are based on information from stormwater monitoring reports as well as reports of poor BMP maintenance. They also refer to additional information such as the USEPA audit that will come out in a few months. It is unfortunate that the audit will not be out before the permit is renewed. They did propose that they would like language in the permit regarding new information to assure that those get resolved as soon as new information becomes available.
- Mr. Russel Wigart representing El Dorado County Stormwater stated he is very happy, where they are at, the direction they are going, specifically with the lake clarity program. They are in a much better place than ever before. However there remain huge hurdles regarding financial unfunded concerns to try to meet the lake clarity program. He also mentioned that roads this year are completely annihilated. New information from in-house research suggests that the roads are contributing upwards of 30% of the total sediment load going into the Lake. They are looking into leveraging funding into the future to be able to research this more. This is probably the least understood topic in the stormwater world to date. They are looking for funding to improve the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of the road to improve the wash-in/wash-off quality. Dr. Horne asked if any of the damage to the roads in the Tahoe Basin is at the level where the Office of Emergency Services would be helpful. Mr. Wigart stated that they have put in for that and the west slope is in dire straights. There is a project list developed and that funding would be very beneficial.
- Mr. Brendan Ferry, El Dorado County Stormwater Program Manager, stated there is a huge difference from the first permit development. A huge reason why this program works is that they have flexibility to decide how to comply with their permit. It is not overly prescriptive to allow them to use their minds and resources. He recommended the Board adopt the permit renewal. He believes that if they could get the existing BMPs to be deemed as full capture devices with a monitoring component they could get to where they need to be for a Track 2 trash TMDL perspective. Dr. Horne stated she is feeling a little better about the Track 2 approach and thanked him for his comments. Mr. Jardine is looking forward to the pavement study.
- Mr. Robert Costa, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works for Placer County, stated he appreciates the effort put into the TMDL and he fully supports the permit for the first time and fully encourages the permit presented to the Board.
- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horn seconded by Mr. Sandel to adopt the Renewed Waste Discharge Requirements and the NPDES Permit for the Storm Water Dischargers

from El Dorado County, Placer County, and The City of South Lake Tahoe within The Lake Tahoe Hydraulic Unit as proposed. The motion **carried** per the following votes:

Ms. Cox	aye
Mr. Jardine	aye
Dr. Horne	aye
Mr. Dyas	aye
Mr. Pumphrey	aye
Mr. Sandel	aye

*Note: The Water Board took a break from 10:09am-10:18am*

## **OTHER BUSINESS OR STATUS REPORTS**

### **9. Bridgeport Grazing Waiver Renewal Status**

Mr. Bruce Warden, Environmental Scientist, gave an overview of the cooperative efforts with the Bridgeport Ranchers Organization to develop a watershed approach to grazing management practice implementation and to incorporate adaptive changes to the grazing waiver renewal in 2017.

#### Public Comments:

- Dr. Ken Tate, a professor at UC Davis, who has been working with Bridgeport Ranchers Organization (BRO) for about 20 years, on a series of topics and issues including the *E.coli* problem, provided his views on the Bridgeport Grazing Waiver Renewal Status. He offered continued support as a representative of UC Davis in terms of technical advice and monitoring as this process goes forward as scientific needs are identified – who did what, where is this coming from, and did this work. They can help design and implement applied research on the ground to provide the answers to questions the group needs to go forward. They have funding this summer to do a very comprehensive, very frequent monitoring assessment across the entire basin, essential to establish a baseline and bring some fingerprinting technology to the table.
- Mr. Bill Thomas, representing Centennial Ranchers, expressed that they agree with the staff report, the UC Davis report and the BRO report in the Agenda packet. They embrace option 3 extending the waiver. The duration of the waiver is limited to 5 years. All the regional boards that have adopted it have opted for the 5 years. Very often things develop within the 5 year time period and the Board can go back and put in revisions. Easier to do with a waiver than a general order. As to *E.coli*, the USEPA after years of review have recommended that all regulatory bodies across the nation move from fecal to *E.coli* and they said that either 100 or 126 limit would be equally and fully protective of human health. He thinks the wise choice would be to move to 126 to give more flexibility. There is no public exposure of these waters until it gets to Bridgeport reservoir and that brings to bear the new project. Secondly, he argues that all the fecal problems are at the ranch lands and don't exhibit themselves above. That is really not the case as extensive data has shown overtime. The Board should be overly focused on just the ranch lands. The question on how much improvements have there been with the millions of dollars spent over 10 years. Ms. Kouyoumdjian stated that the State Board has a draft policy out to consider 100 *E.coli* limit. It will be their decision not ours.

#### Board Comments:

- Dr. Horne asked Mr. Warden if the Walker River Irrigation district property would capture all of the surface water entering the reservoir. Mr. Warden confirmed it would. Dr. Horne asked if 100 *E.coli* units approximately the same as 200 fecal colophon units to *E.coli* units. Mr. Warden stated probably 126 should be used based on the Water Quality criteria documents for bacteria that the USEPA has issued.



- Mr. Jardine agrees that the whole watershed approach is far better with everyone working together.
- Ms. Cox asked for description on graphic provided from Dr. Ken Tate from UC Davis. Dr. Tate said the dark blue represents the natural channels as they exist, lime green represents residual channels, light blue represent irrigation delivery and tail water return flow ditches that began to be dug in the 1850's.
- Ms. Cox supports option number 3 outlined in staff support.
- Mr. Dyas concurred with extending the current waiver.
- Mr. Sandel concurred with the consensus.
- Dr. Horne praised everyone for working collaboratively and is excited and grateful for the support from UC Davis. She supports option number 3.
- Mr. Jardine supports option number 3.
- Chair Mr. Pumphrey made it unanimous to support option number 3 and thanked all involved with their cooperation.

## **REPORTS**

### **10. Reports by State Water Member, Water Board Chair and Board Members**

#### **Ms. DeeDee D'Adamo, State Board Member:**

- Stated the region is a model of collaboration. She presented a Water Issues update including percent of average precipitation, statewide snow pack, reservoir storage, drought conditions, groundwater levels, sustainable groundwater basins "backstop" deadlines and conservation. She discussed proposed major State Board actions and statewide policies updates, proposed policy changes to water quality enforcement, statewide bacteria standards, procedures to regulate discharges of dredged or fill materials to waters of the state, and toxicity amendments.
- Ms. Cox asked if the maps shown on the drought were available on the State Board website. Ms. D'Adamo noted they are on the CDEX.water.ca.gov website.
- Mr. Dyas asked about the 20% wineries that are permitted, what order are they regulated. Ms. D'Adamo said Region 1 has a general order, Regions 2 & 3 both has an order under development and larger wineries have individual WDRs. Ms. Kouyoumdjian believes Region 5 has been active in developing an order.
- Mr. Sandel had a question about the significance of the test of toxicity. Ms. D'Adamo said it would provide for greater consistency, the ability to pick up on hits and includes a mechanism for continued testing. Ms. Elizabeth Beryt said the toxicity would put in place acute and chronic water quality objectives, a program of implementation for different types of discharges, using USEPA approved test methods and analyzed through the tests of significant toxicity which is a statistical approach. Each region uses a slightly different approach.
- Dr. Horne thanked Ms. D'Adamo for spending so much time with the region. Dr. Horne recommended when talking about climate change that we ban the word "normal". Ms. D'Adamo suggested that she look at the final version of the climate change resolution the state adopted. Dr. Horne asked if she heard of any estimate on the recovery time for groundwater basins in the San Joaquin area. Ms. D'Adamo said she has not and says the focus is on governance and the funding to do the modeling. Each basin is very different.

**Ms. Cox:**

- Stated she loves the videoconferencing system.

**Dr. Horne:**

- Wrote a grant proposal to the US Forest Service for a regional California-Nevada wood utilization team to combine efforts.
- Went to the California Climate Change Symposium with three members of the staff. It was a great learning experience.
- Attended the Alpine County biomass committee twice.
- Been to workshops on the Air Board scoping plan, the forest carbon plan.
- Attended the Sierra Conservancy Summit and the Sierra Conservancy Board meeting.

**Chair Mr. Pumphrey:**

- Acknowledged the wonderful work of Kim Niemeyer, Legal Counsel, who is moving to a new position. Ms. Kouyoumdjian and other members of the Board also commended Kim Niemeyer on her service to the region.

**11. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, gave updates on:

- Currently 10 vacancies. Jeff Brooks has been hired as Engineering Geologist, North Basin Regulatory Unit, South Lake Tahoe to replace Bud Amorfini.
- Patrice Copeland has been promoted to Supervising Engineering Geologist in Victorville.
- Brianna St. Pierre is transferring to the State board in Sacramento where she is being promoted to Senior Engineering Geologist.
- A planning meeting was held with Region 5, BLM and Lahontan for Federal Permit planning.
- A meeting at CalEPA is planned for March 21 to discuss the path forward with George AFB.
- Update on Santa Village: the developer installed storm water BMPs to filter runoff from the parking lot and developed areas before it reaches the meadow restoration areas.
- Revised LAMPs from California City and San Bernardino County addressed staff concerns. Staff is reviewing documents.
- State budget update: general fund revenues are down and projecting savings for recession. Small staff increase compared to previous years.
- Federal Funding Cuts / Changes: WOUS federal regulations and climate change regulations have been pulled by Trump Administration. The first of many "back stop" bills have been introduced.

Board Comments:

- Mr. Jardine asked Ms. Kouyoumdjian if she was working with Region 4 on the USFS permit planning. Ms. Kouyoumdjian confirmed that she is working with Region 4.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12.11 p.m. on March 9, 2017.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathy Otermat, Executive Assistant

Adopted: April 19, 2017