

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 a.m., Thursday January 21, 2010
Regional Water Quality Control Board
David C. Joseph Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. Pledge of Allegiance:

David Noren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions:

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

Absent: Board Members Carol Dean and Heidi Harris

Regional Water Board staff: Catherine Kuhlman, Luis Rivera, Samantha Olson, Kim Niemeyer, Robert Klamt, David Leland, John Short, Bill Rodriguez, Mark Neely, Kasey Ashley, Patti Corsie, Greg Nash, and Jean Lockett

iii. Elections of Officers

Motion: Mike Dunker moved to elect Geoffrey Hales as Chairman. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: John Corbett moved to elect David Noren as vice-Chairman. William Massey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

iv. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:

William Massey stated that he had been working with Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, federal legislators, and local officials regarding west county sewers. Mr. Massey said that he will recuse himself from any items dealing with west county sewers.

v. Resolution of Appreciation for Bob Anderson

Board member William Massey read the Resolution of Appreciation for Bob Anderson. Mr. Anderson thanked the Board and reminisced about the honor to serve and to work with all the Board members.

vi. State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's, Board Members' and Executive Officer's Reports:

Tam Doduc, State Water Resources Board liaison for Region 1, thanked the Board and their staff for the commitment, leadership, and work for the State Water Resources Board. Ms. Doduc reported that:

- The State Board has asked State Board staff to initiate a rule making process in the Water Rights area to regulate the diversion of water for frost protection;

- The revised AB 2121 guidelines will be released in draft form sometime in March or April 2010; and
- That the State Water Board took action on site closures in the Underground Storage Tank Program, and that additional sites are expected to be recommended for closure in the coming months.

vii. Public Forum:

There were no comments from the public.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 2009

Motion: William Massey moved to accept the December 2009 Minutes with the recommended changes. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2010-0001, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Order imposing Administrative Civil Liability pursuant to settlement of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2006-0054 and Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2007-0064, in the matter of the **City of Arcata**, Wastewater Treatment Plant, WDID No. 1B82114OHUM
3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2010-0002, to consider proposed Waste Discharge Requirements in the matter of **Sea Ranch Lodge** Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B06006RSON

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt items 2 and 3 of the Uncontested Items Calendar. Mike Dunker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2010-0006, to consider a proposed Cease and Desist order for **Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency** Wastewater Treatment Facility, Waste Discharge Requirements Order R1-2009-0003, WDID No. 1B82045OSON

Item 4 of the Uncontested Items List was heard on February 8, 2010.

Public Hearing

5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2010-0005, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Order imposing Administrative Civil Liability pursuant to settlement of Administrative Liability Complaint No. R1-2008-0124, **City of Healdsburg Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility** WDID No. 1B82046OHUM

Chair Hales administered the Oath to those who expected to testify in this hearing.

Bill Rodriguez, Regional Water Board staff, entered the administrative file into the record, and gave the presentation.

Comments were taken from:

John S. Soracco, representing Soracco Family Vineyard and WASA
Gregory J. Newmark, representing City of Healdsburg
Don McEnhill, representing Russian Riverkeeper

Marc Bommersbach, representing Westside Association to Save Agriculture
Mike Kirn, representing City of Healdsburg
Judith Olney, representing Clean Water Coalition

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt Order No. R1-2010-0005. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

6. **Water Quality Enforcement Policy and Supplemental Environmental Projects**

Reed Sato, State Water Board staff, gave the presentation to the Regional Board. He covered several topics, such as:

- The goals of enforcement policy revisions,
- Enforcement Priorities for discretionary actions, and
- State Water Board enforcement actions.

7. **Regulation of Dairies in the North Coast Region**

Mark Neely briefed the Board on the progress on regulating dairies, with the aim of issuing a permit and waiver by the end of 2010. He introduced Cherie Blatt, as the lead staff on this effort.

Comments were taken from:

Gary Rynearson, representing Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Leslie Corp, representing Western United Dairymen

8. **Groundwater Cleanup Programs in the North Coast Region**

Kasey Ashley and Luis Rivera, Regional Water Board staff, gave a brief overview of the process used by Cleanups staff to cleanup and abate discharges to the environment for two programs, underground storage tanks and site cleanup.

9. **Executive Officer's Report**

Catherine Kuhlman referenced the written Executive Officer's Report that lists the 2009 Regional Water Board's accomplishments.

She also reported that:

- The State Water Resources Control Board has put out a notice for solicitation for water quality data for the 303 (d) list for 2012;
- That the January 20th 150,000 gallon spill of raw sewage in the Laguna from the city of Sebastopol has stopped and the Health Department is in charge of necessary posting; and
- A discharge, due to the earthquake and rain, in a construction job on Fern Street in Eureka is now stabilized. Workers are working with City of Eureka and NOAA.

10. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Board member Noren requested that the Cleanup Unit give an update to the board on Resolutions that come out of the State Board and how the Resolutions affect the staff and their workload.

Geoff Hales requested an update or progress report on the Triennial Review.

11. **Other Items of Interest**

This item was not discussed.

12. Closed Session

There were no reports from Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the Regional Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m. The next Regional Water Board Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2010, in Santa Rosa, California.

Chairperson _____

Date: _____