

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, January 24, 2013
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Heidi Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: David Noren, William Massey, Geoffrey Hales, Heidi Harris, Irene Tynes and John Corbett.

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson, David Rice, Patti Corsie, Donna Poe, Greg Nash, Maggie Robinson, James Burke, Mark Neely, Fred Blatt, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Mona Dougherty, Clayton Creager, Bernadette Reed.

iii. Election of Officers

Motion: Geoffrey Hales moved to re-elect David Noren as Board Chair, William Massey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: William Massey moved to re-elect Geoffrey Hales as Vice Chair. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

iv. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

- William Massey and Matthias St. John appeared on the panel at the Biological Opinion Meeting held by the Public Policy Facilitating Committee. William Massey spoke with members of the State Assembly and with the Staff of the US House of Representatives regarding West Sonoma County wastewater issues.
- Geoffrey Hales met with NTMP landowners regarding the workshop being held today. Geoffrey Hales and Matthias St. John met with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding water quality impacts from both large and small marijuana grows.
- David Noren attended with Regional Water Board staff the Independent Science Review Panel on the Russian River.

- Heidi Harris exchanged emails with a Siskiyou County Planner regarding the NTMP workshop being held today.

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

Steven Moore updated the Board on:

- The January 23, 2013 Workshop held at the State Water Resources Control Board on the *Statewide Policy for Biological Objectives in Perennial Streams* and its policy goals.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 2121 the proposed Policy for *Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Streams*.
- Recycled Water Policy Amendment was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on January 22, 2013.
- The State Water Resources Control Board will be adopting an update to General Order 97-10; *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*.
- A Wetlands Policy draft out for public review in May, 2013.

Matt St. John, Executive Officer, introduced and welcomed two new staff members of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- Jeremiah Puget, Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit
- Brendan Thompson, Environmental Scientist, CalTrans Liaison for Region 1 and 2.

vi. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
- Daniel Myers, Sierra Club and Friends of the Navarro Watershed

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2012**

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the December 6, 2012 Minutes, William Massey seconded the motion with amendment to Item #3, motion passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of the 2013 Board Meeting Schedule**

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the 2013 Board Meeting schedule, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution expressing appreciation to Luis Rivera. Chairman Noren read the Resolution expressing appreciation to Luis Rivera for his 26 years of State Service and the outstanding work as the Assistant Executive Officer for the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Uncontested Items

4. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2013-0002, to consider Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Wineries** and enrollment in the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Waste.

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

Action Items

None

Workshops

6. **Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Operations for Non-Industrial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs) in the North Coast Region**, Order No. R1-2013-0005. Jim Burke, Engineering Geologist, Southern Timber Unit gave a brief history and summary of the components of the draft Waiver for adoption at the March 14th Board Meeting. Jim Burke introduced Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Resource Management for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection who is responsible for the regulatory oversight of NTMPs.

Comments taken from:

- Matt Greene, California Licensed Foresters Association
- Bill Keye, California Licensed Foresters Association
- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group
- Randy Jacobszoon, Association of Consulting Foresters
- Andy Westfall, Landowner
- Craig Blencowe, Public
- Lisa Weger, Public
- Peter Bradford, Public
- Peter Parker, Public
- Nan Denistan, Public Landowner
- Linwood Gill, Registered Professional Forester
- Larry Camp, Non-Industrial Landowner
- Larry Tunzi, Ranchowner
- George Hollister, Public
- Claire McAdams, Landowner
- Jason Poburko, Registered Professional Forester
- Dina Moore, Landowner
- Peter Bussman, Landowner

- Katie Delbar, Timberland owner
 - Ric Costales, Siskiyou County
5. **Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for County Road Management and Activities Conducted Under the Five Counties Program in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties in the North Coast Region**, Order No. R1-2013-0004. Maggie Robinson, Engineering Geologist, Lead for Southern Timber Unit, gave a staff presentation on the history and background of the 5C Waiver, and on the components of the draft Waiver. Maggie Robinson introduced Mark Lancaster, Program Director for the 5C Salmonid Conservation Program who gave an overview of the 5C Salmonid Conservation Program that serves as an adjunct to the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity for training, resources and staffing for conservation practices in the 5 Counties.

Information Items

7. **Update on the elements of a Nonpoint Source Program Strategy and Five Year Plan.** Mark Neely, Senior Engineering Geologist, Nonpoint Source and 401 Unit gave a presentation on the elements of the Nonpoint Source Program Strategy and Five Year Plan from 2008-2013 and an update on the 2013-2018 Planning Process along with the §319 Grant Program.
8. **Update on the Klamath TMDL Implementation Program.** Clayton Creager, Staff Environmental Scientist, gave an update and overview on Klamath TMDL Implementation.
9. **Update on the Scott Valley Groundwater Study.** Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer gave a brief history of the Scott Valley Groundwater Study and introduced Thomas Harter, Ph.D., U.C. Davis, Head of the U.C. Cooperative Extension Groundwater Hydrology Program and the Robert M. Hagan Endowed Chair in Water Management and Policy. Dr. Harter gave a presentation on the Scott Valley Groundwater Study's background, the scope of the work and the components of the modeling and assessment.
- Comments taken from:
Ric Costales, Siskiyou County
Michael Belchik, Yurok Tribe
10. Executive Officer's Report
See Item v for the Executive Officer's Report.

Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items

- Member Corbett requested a 1 year follow-up on the Green Diamond Waste Discharge Requirements adopted at the October 4, 2012 Board Meeting.
- Member Massey requested that Region 1 (a mainly rural region) staff work with Region 2 (a mainly urban region) staff to look at Chemicals of Emerging Concern and their potential impacts to beneficial uses.

11. Other Items of Interest

No items to discuss.

12. Closed Session

There were no reports from closed session.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____