

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, February 8, 2018
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chairman David Noren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: Hector Bedolla, John Corbett, Gregory Giusti, David Noren, and Valerie Minton Quinto.

Board Members absent: Kelli Gant

Regional Water Board staff present: Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Mona Dougherty, Cathy Goodwin, Nathan Jacobsen, Jeremiah Puget, Charles Reed, Evelyn Reynolds, Matt St. John, Claudia Villacorta, and Jonathan Warmerdam

iii. **Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:** Board member John Corbett met separately with Alan Levine and Gary Rynearson to discuss the Elk River WDRs.

iv. **State Board Liaison:** The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore did not attend the meeting.

Executive Officer's Report: Matt St. John, Executive Officer, referenced and spoke at length about the Executive Officer's Report articles: 1) *The Reorganization at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board*, 2) *The Release of Final Smith River Monitoring Report*, and 3) *A Projected List of Future Regional Water Board Agenda Items*. Chairman Noren requested an information item on the Smith River monitoring report.

v. **Public Forum:** No Public Forum speakers.

1. **Election of Officers:** Board member Corbett motioned to extend the Chair (David Noren) and Vice-Chair's (Valerie Minton Quinto) terms for another year, Board member Bedolla seconded.

Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton Quinto aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution of Appreciation for Shin-Roei Lee.** Chairman Noren read the Resolution expressing appreciation to Shin-Roei for her distinguished and loyal service to the people of the State of California, and the waters of the state, and for her outstanding work as the Assistant Executive Officer for the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2018**

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt, Board member Minton Quinto seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton Quinto aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Bedolla aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Presentation of Executive Officer's 2017 Water Quality Stewardship Award.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer presented the 2017 Water Quality Stewardship Award to the Sonoma County and Mendocino County Watershed Task Forces for their exemplary work in protecting water quality from the risks of pollution following the October 2017 wild fires and for their proactive response and recovery actions to protect water quality resources and aquatic habitats.

Action Items

5. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2018-0005 to consider adoption of proposed Regional Water Board Resolution Approving the Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for the County of Humboldt.** Charles Reed, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Groundwater Permitting Unit gave an overview of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Policy and LAMPs, the development and approval process for the Humboldt County LAMP and staff recommendations. Chairman Noren moved this Uncontested Item to an Action Item due to public questions and discussion.

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt, Board member Minton Quinto seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton Quinto aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2018-0007 Modifying Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2012-0102 for the Occidental County Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B83001OSON, NPDES No. CA0023051.**

Cathleen Goodwin, Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit gave an overview of the Occidental Wastewater Facility including its history of permitting and enforcement, the reasons for the proposed modified Cease and Desist Order (CDO), and staff's recommendation to adopt the modified CDO.

Comments were taken from:

- Pam Jeane, Occidental County Sanitation District
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt, Board member Bedolla seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton Quinto aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Workshops

No Workshops scheduled

Information Items

7. **Constituents of Emerging Concern – Current Regulatory Framework and Results of Russian River Watershed Pilot Study.** Jeremiah Puget, Senior Groundwater Specialist, North Coast Regional Water Board, introduced Dr. Alvina Mehinto, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, Dr. Rebecca Sutton and Jennifer Sun, San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI). Mr. Puget gave an overview on the current statewide efforts in identifying and regulating Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs). Dr. Alvina Mehinto gave a presentation on the results of the Russian River CEC Pilot Study screening for CECs using Cell Assay Bioscreening for estrogen and glucocorticoid receptors and targeted analyses of known CECs in the water and sediment from the Russian River Watershed. Dr. Rebecca Sutton detailed SFEI's CEC Pilot Monitoring study of sport fish in the Russian River Watershed detailing the results of PBDE (Polybrominated diphenyl ethers) and PFOS (Perfluorooctane Sulfonate) levels in fish tissue. Ms. Sun gave an overview of the pesticide study, including identification and prioritization of detected pesticides, and the extent and magnitude of pesticide contamination in the Russian River water and sediment samples. Mr. Puget concluded the presentation with the lessons learned and the next steps.
8. **Comments were taken from:**
 - Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
 - Bob Legge, Russian Riverkeeper
 - Mark Millan, Windsor Town Council, Water Advisory Committee and the Russian River Watershed Association
9. **State of Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water – Status, threats and solutions for California salmon, steelhead, and trout.** Jonathan Warmerdam, Senior Restoration Specialist, North Coast Regional Water Board, introduced Dr. Peter Moyle, Dr. Robert Lusardi, UC Davis; and Patrick Samuel, CalTrout who gave a joint presentation on the updated 579 page peer-reviewed *SOS II: Fish in Hot Water* report that focuses on: 1) status of California salmonids, steelhead, and trout; 2) the threats to their survival; and 3) recommendations and solutions for restoration and conservation of these species. **Regional Water Board recovery actions to support salmonid populations.** Jonathan Warmerdam, gave a presentation on the state of Salmonids in the North Coast, the North Coast Regional Water Board's sphere of influence with regards to protecting salmonids and the Regional Water Board's current restoration and recovery actions, and priorities for future recovery actions.
10. **Executive Officer's Report.** See i.v.
11. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Chairman Noren requested a field tour, in the Shasta and/or Scott River watersheds prior to the April Board meeting in Siskiyou County.
12. **Other Items of Interest.** No Other Items of Interest requested.
13. **Closed session:** The Board did not meet in closed session.

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

9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 19, 2018
Weed City Council Chambers, City Hall
550 Main Street
Weed, CA

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Chairperson _____

Date _____