

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, March 14, 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 William Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: David Noren, William Massey, Geoffrey Hales and Irene Tynes.

Board Members absent: Heidi Harris and John Corbett.

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson, David Rice, Patti Corsie, Elena Franceschi, Greg Nash, Fred Blatt, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Diana Henriouille, Charles Reed, Terri Cia, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Bryan McFadin, Jeremiah Puget, David Kuszmar, Heidi Otten, Gill Falcone.

iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

- William Massey spoke with State and local Officials regarding West Sonoma County sewer issues.
- Geoffrey Hales met with Mike Miles and Mike Jani, Humboldt Redwood Company, regarding Timber Harvest Plan (THP) review process and timelines. He and Board Member Heidi Harris attended the latest Humboldt County Farm Bureau meeting.
- David Noren and Matt St. John attended the Sonoma County Farm Bureau roundtable meeting. Chairman Noren spoke with local agricultural communities regarding the Agricultural Waiver and Discharge Program.

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

Chairman Noren acknowledged and congratulated Steven Moore on his State Senate re-confirmation to the State Board.

Steven Moore updated the Board on:

- Governor Brown reappointed Tam Doduc, Frances Spivy-Weber and appointed Dorene D'Adamo to the State Board. Governor Brown appointed Felicia Marcus as

the new State Water Board Chair upon retirement of Chairman Charlie Hoppin in April, 2013.

- State Board adoption of *Phase II small MS4 General Permit* effective July 1, 2013.
- *De-Salinization Policy Amendment to the Ocean Plan* hearing in April, 2013.
- *Marine Plastic Debris and Trash Policy* hearing in April, 2013.
- Adopted a general NPDES permit for *Application of Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications*.
- State Senate (SB 117) and Assembly (AB 145) bill to propose legislation to move *Drinking Water Regulation Program* from the Public Health Department to the State Water Board.
- Reissuing the Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) for the *Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams* (AB 2121) per writ of mandate issued by the Alameda County Superior Court.

Matt St. John gave an update on Board Member Massey's request to look at Chemicals of Emerging Concern and their potential impacts to beneficial uses. An internal working committee has been formed with Matt St. John, Executive Officer, David Leland, Acting Assistant Executive Officer, Mona Dougherty and Staff, Core Regulatory Unit, Alydda Mangelsdorf and Staff, Basin Planning Unit and Rich Fadness, SWAMP Coordinator, Non-Point Source, 401 Unit. The project is in the data gathering phase with staff contacts at Region 2 and Region 4, the Environmental Protection Agency to see how this issue is addressed on a national scale, and review of the report from the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project completed for the State Board on this issue. This item will be discussed as a written or informational item in the coming months. Matt St. John also informed the Board that an informational item on the Environmental Impacts to Water Quality from Marijuana Grows in the North Coast will be presented at the May 2, 2013 Board by Stormer Feiler, Environmental Scientist, Enforcement Unit, along with presentations from California Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service.

v. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January 24, 2013

Motion: Geoffrey Hales moved to adopt the January 24, 2013 Minutes, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2. This Item has been removed from the Agenda, and will be heard at the May 2, 2013 Board Meeting in Eureka, CA.
3. Legislative Update- Informational Item on SB 965 and AB 685.

- Changes in Ex Parte Rule for General Orders – Implementation of SB 965
- Human Right to Water Act – Implementation of AB 685 (Lori Okun, State Water Board, Office of Chief Counsel).

Lori Okun, State Water Board, Office of Chief Counsel updated the Board on Assembly Bill 965, Human Right to Water Act and the State Bill 965 regarding the changes of the Ex-Parte Rule for General Orders.

Uncontested Items

4. This Item has been removed from the Agenda, and will be heard at the May 2, 2013 Board Meeting in Eureka, CA.
5. Consideration of a Resolution Requesting the State Water Resources Control Board to Nominate Several Sites for the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund, Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account, Fiscal Year 13-14.

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

6. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2013-0013 to consider the matter of an Extension of Limited Term Amendment Order No. R1-2011-0038, to NTMP Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038, **Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region**. James Burke, Engineering Geologist, Southern Timber Unit, gave an update on the need for an additional extension with a May 2, 2013 adoption date.

Comments were taken from:

- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

7. **Public Hearing** to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2013-0003, Waste Discharge Requirements for Operation, Corrective Actions, New Construction and Closure of the **County of Sonoma Department of Transportation and Public Works Sonoma County Central Disposal Site**, WDID Nos. 1B801490SON and 1B99011RSON.

David Leland, Acting Assistant Executive Officer introduced the Landfill Team and Joseph Miller, Registered Civil Engineer, SCS Engineering:

- Terri Cia, Engineering Geologist, Solid Waste Unit

- Gina Morrison, Water Resource Control Engineer, Solid Waste Unit
- Diana Henriouille, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Solid Waste Unit
- Clayton Coles, Principal Engineering Geologist, Lawrence and Associates

Joseph Miller gave a presentation to the Board on the permit status, project summary and landfill design features along with an introduction of the applicant team:

- Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works-Applicant
- Keller Canyon Landfill Company Inc.-contracted Landfill Operator
- SCS Engineers, Engineer-of-Record

Diana Henriouille gave an overview of the purposed permit, the review process, the response to public comments and the errata sheet.

Comments were taken from:

- Roger Lassen, Public
- Kevin Thompson, Public

Chairman Noren requested a 1 year update be given to the Board as an article in the Executive Officers Report or as an Informational Item presentation.

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

8. This Item has been removed from the Agenda, and will be heard at the August 22, 2013 Board Meeting in Santa Rosa, CA.

Workshops

No workshops at this time

Information Items

9. Russian River Watershed Association Update (*Mona Dougherty & Jake Mackenzie*). Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer introduced Virginia Porter, Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Executive Director and Mark Landman, RRWA Board Vice-Chair and Mayor of Cotati, who gave a brief overview of the RRWA Board structure and responsibilities. Virginia Porter gave an update on the ongoing projects, current year special projects and next year’s special projects. A video was shown of the Russian River Watershed Association’s High School 2012 “Rethink your Drink-Take it from the Tap” video contest winners.
10. Executive Officer’s Report (*Matt St. John*) See Item iv. for the Executive Officer’s Report

11. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items. Chairman Noren requested an update on the findings of the evaluation of active Underground Storage Tanks report after its completion in August, 2013. Board Member Hales requested an update on the ongoing work in the Elk River watershed.

12. Other Items of Interest

No items to discuss.

13. Closed Session

No closed session held.

14. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013

Wharfinger Building

#1 Marina Way

Eureka, CA

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____