

Minutes of Meeting

9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011
Wharfinger Building
#1 Marina Way
Eureka, CA 95501

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i. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member David Noren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heidi Harris is detained due to a personal issue and Chairman Hales will be conducting the meeting in a workshop fashion starting with the EO's report until Heidi Harris is present.

13. Executive Officer's Report:

- Board Member Noren and Water Board Staff attended community meetings in Fort Jones with the regarding implementation of the Scott Ag Waiver.
- Oregon adopted their TMDL for the Klamath River, but is going through petition/review process now.
- Update on problem brought to the Board's attention by Mr. Hay at the January 27, 2011 Board Meeting regarding illegal gravel mining in the Russian River. The Regional Board issued a 13267 Order to Bohan and Cannelis and the Water Board Staff will be following up with Bohan and Cannelis.

12. Update on the Triennial Review- Holly Lundborg gave presentation.

Board Member William Massey addressed the Board to introduce and recognize the State of California's Wastewater Operator of the year, Mr. Doug Culbert of the Ferndale Wastewater Plant.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

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

Regional Water Board staff present: Catherine Kuhlman, Samantha Olson, David Rice, Terri Korell, Patti Corsie, Holly Lundborg, Matt St. John, Lisa Bernard, Cherie Blatt, Ben Zabinsky, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Kason Grady, Mark Alpert and Jim Burke

iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

William Massey reported that he had met with elected officials of the County, State and Federal levels regarding the Russian River sanitation problems and discharges.

Vice Chair Noren reported that he has met a few times with the Underground Storage Tank low risk Task Force. Attended meetings in Fort Jones with the Community, regarding implementation of the Scott Ag Waiver and attended a tour of Kristie Wrigley's property on May 4, 2011 along with Catherine Kuhlman.

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

Tam Doduc is not in attendance due to the State travel restrictions.

vi. Public ForumComments were taken from:

- Zandra Manns, Public
- Carol Binder, Public
- Craig Benson, Public
- Charles Ciancio, Public
- Felice Pace, Sierra Club Chair for North Coast
- Kristie Wrigley, Public
- Tom Shultz, Forest Operations Manager Humboldt Redwood Company

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2011

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the March 23, 2011 Minutes. John Corbett seconded, the motion passed.

Uncontested Items

- 2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2011-0028 to Consider Adoption of a General Waste Discharge Requirements, General NPDES Permit No. CAG911001, for Discharges of Highly Treated Groundwater to Surface Waters Following Extraction and Treatment of Groundwater Polluted with Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Volatile Organic Compounds Within The North Coast Region, Regionwide**
- 3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2011-0017 to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Order imposing Administrative Civil Liability, settling Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2010-0018, in the matter of the City of Crescent City, Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A8006ODN**
4. Item pulled from the Agenda
- 5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2011-0001, to consider modification of Waste Discharge Requirements for Covelo Community Services District, Wastewater**

Treatment Plant, NPDES NO. CA0023574, WDID No. 1B83009OMEN, Mendocino County

6. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2011-0032, to Consider Adoption of a Negative Declaration and Environmental Checklist, and Proposed Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, WDID NO. 1B09124RHUM, for **City of Fortuna Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) for the Land Application of Exceptional Quality (EQ) Classified BioSolids Derived Compost Material as a Soil Amendment**, Humboldt County
7. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2011-0040 to consider Rescinding Point Source Permit Requirements Pursuant to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0024171 contained within Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-0031 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2002-0031 for **Harwood Products, Inc., Branscomb Sawmill**, WDID NO. 1B83056OMEN Mendocino County

Geoffrey Hales, Chair pulled Item No. 4 and entertained a motion to approve.

Motion: John Corbett moved the motion to approve Items No. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.
William Massey seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

8. Regulatory Program for Waste Discharges from Dairies in the North Coast Region

Comments were taken from:

- Dennis Leonardi, Public
- David Renner, Diamond Point Dairy
- Domingo Santos, Public
- Paul Martin, Western United Dairymen
- Mario Avelar, Avelar Bros. Dairy
- Danny Merkley, California Farm Bureau
- Charles Ciancio, Public
- Denver Nelson, Public
- Jonathan Shultz, USDA-NRCS
- Donna Chambers, Resource Conservation District
- Frances Tjarnstrom, Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

- v. Resolution No. R1-2011-0053, expressing appreciation to **John M. "Mike" Dunker**

9. Update from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District on their initial discussions with stakeholders to consider/evaluate recommended water use options In attendance was:

- Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, President
- Aldaren Laird, Vice President

- J. Bruce Rupp, Director
- Barbara Hecathorn, Director
- Carol Rische, General Manager
- Barry Van Sickle, Superintendent

10. Report from New Coastal Ecosystems Institute of Northern California

- Frank Shaughnessy, Marine Botanist and Ecologist, Humboldt State University
- Darren Mierau, Aquatic Ecologist, McBain and Trush

11. Update on Irrigated Lands Water Quality Program in the North Coast Region and the Statewide Grazing Program

Comments were taken from:

- Danny Merkley, California Farm Bureau
- Felice Pace, Sierra Club Chair for North Coast

14. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- John Corbett requested Staff reconfigure our Web Site to be more “user friendly” to access our documents.
- William Massey requested that Staff work with Counties to form a Joint Committee in regards to Septic issues and early implementation of the TMDL on the Russian River pathogens.

15. Other Items of Interest:

No items to discuss

16. 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 3:25p.m. The next Regional Water Board Meeting is scheduled for June 22, 23 and 24, 2011, at the Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Chairperson _____

Date _____