

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, May 17, 2018
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Audio recordings of Board meetings are available at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

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

Regional Water Board staff present: Fred Blatt, Jim Burke, Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Mona Dougherty, Nathan Jacobsen, Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Justin McSmith, Donna Poe, Jeremiah Puget, Maggie Robinson, Matt St. John, and Claudia Villacorta.

i. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Corbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

iii. Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:

- Board member Gant stated that she attended the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Conference in Fortuna, CA., and spoke to numerous regional county Supervisors that were in attendance.
- Board member Corbett met and spoke with Tom Weseloh, Chief Consultant, California Senate & Assembly Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding Endangered Species Act (ESA) Mitigation Policy funding.

iv. State Board Liaison's Report: The State Water Board Liaison, Steven Moore was not in attendance.

Executive Officer's Report: Matt St. John, Executive Officer (EO) spoke to the Board on personnel related announcements:

- Patricia Gorup Iverson, Staff Services Manager, retiring this month.
- Edith Viera, Staff Services Manager, hired to replace Patricia Gorup Iverson's position.
- Fred Blatt, Division Chief, Nonpoint Source & Surface Water Protection Division, will be retiring in June 2018.

- Jonathan Warmerdam, Division Chief, Nonpoint Source & Surface Water Protection Division, was promoted to replace Fred Blatt's position.
- New Division was formed for the Cannabis & Compliance Assurance Division with Kason Grady, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer (WRCE) as the new Division Chief; David Kuszmar, Supervising Senior WRCE, Southern Cannabis Regulatory Unit 1; Mona Dougherty, Supervising Senior WRCE, Northern Cannabis Regulatory Unit 2; and Diana Henriouille, Supervising Senior WRCE, Compliance Assurance Unit.
- Alydda Mangelsdorf, was promoted to Division Chief, Planning & Stewardship Division.
- Actively recruiting for the numerous vacancies at the Regional Water Board.

v. **Public Forum:**

None

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Deferred to July 11, 2018 – Board meeting.

Uncontested Items

2. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2018-0001 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Graton Community Services District Wastewater Treatment, Recycling, and Disposal Facility, WDID No. 1B840600SON, NPDES No. CA0023639** (*Justin McSmith*)
3. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2018-0003 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Sonoma West Holdings, Incorporated Wastewater Treatment Facility Plant No. 2, WDID No. 1B812020SON, NPDES No. CA0023655** (*Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan*)

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Items 2, and 3, along with the change sheet for Item 3; Board member Minton seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Quinto aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Gant aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously

Action Items

4. **Public Hearing to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2018-0011, Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for Road Management and Activities Conducted Under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program in the North Coast Region.** Maggie Robinson, Engineering Geologist, Southern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave a presentation on the history and background of the Waiver, progress made and lessons learned, reviewed the substantive changes made in 2018, along with public comments, and the next steps in implementing the 5C Program and waiver.

Comments were taken from:

- Bob Legge, Russian Riverkeeper

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

Quinto aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Gant aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Information Item

5. **Initiation of Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin.** Marcus Trotta, Principal Hydrogeologist at the Sonoma County Water Agency and staff to the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency, gave a presentation on the background and history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SMGA), its requirements and work plan objectives. Mr. Trotta discussed the planned approach to develop a groundwater sustainability plan for the Santa Rosa Plain, highlighting the proposed schedule and the next steps.

Comments were taken from:

- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association (PCFFA)
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC)
- Bob Legge, Russian Riverkeeper

Workshops

6. **Workshop on the Draft 2018 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan and the Basin Planning Workplan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021.** Alydda Mangelsdorf, Division Chief, Planning and Stewardship Division, gave a presentation on the history

of both the State of California and Federal Water Quality acts, reviewed the status of the 2014 Triennial Review projects, and described the draft 2018-2021 Planning Program Workplan, including the timeline for review and decision-making process prior to the adoption hearing scheduled for the September 6, 2018 Board meeting.

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
- Vivian Helliwell, PCFFA
- Tito Sasaki, President, Sonoma County Farm Bureau Foundation

Information Items

7. **Executive Officer's Report.** See Item iv.
8. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board member Gant requested an update on staff's efforts associated with monitoring and lily bulb operations in Smith River. Board member Corbett requested an information item for Board members to discuss draft policy statements to be included in the adopting resolution for the Triennial Review.
9. **Other Items of Interest.** No other items of interest requested by the Board.
10. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

8:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2018
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
11. **Closed session:** The Board met in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____