

State of California  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

**Minutes of Meeting**

1:00 P.M., Thurs., June 13, 2024  
9:00 A.M., Fri., June 14, 2024,  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
5550 Skyland Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Thursday, June 13, 2024**

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:

Hector Bedolla, Greg Giusti, Alex Hart,  
Ryan Sundberg, Jake Mackenzie

Regional Water Board staff present:

Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen,  
Bayley Toft-Dupuy, Claudia Villacorta,  
Josh Curtis, Deidre Wilkerson, Charles  
Reed, Mike Reese, Sabrina Cegielski,  
Lynette Shipsey

iii. **Board member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:** Board Member Mackenzie reported that he met with Alexis Strauss Hacker, Chair of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Vice Chair Giusti reported that he is continuing to receive questions from the public about the Potter Valley Project. Board Member Hart reported that she has had conversations with the US Forest Service, specifically Rick Hopson of the Pacific Southwest Region.

- iv. **State Board Liaison’s and Executive Officer’s Reports:** State Board Liaison and Vice Chair Dorene D’Adamo gave a comprehensive report that focused on State Board’s annual meetings and tasks, including stakeholder fee meetings for Water Rights, Water Quality, and Drinking Water, and workshops for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and Safe Drinking Water Program. Ms. D’Adamo also provided updates on the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake, Public Hearing on the Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy and Staff Report, Public Workshop on the status of phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program, and concluded with updates on curtailments in the Scott and Shasta Rivers.

Board Members thanked Ms. D’Adamo for her report.

- v. **Board Chair’s Report:** Chair Bedolla thanked remote attendees, and shared appreciation for staff for all the behind-the-scenes work that often goes unacknowledged. Chair Bedolla concluded with a reminder of the Regional Water Board’s primary duty, which is described on each agenda.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2024

**Motion:** Board Member Hart moved to adopt April 4, 2024 Board meeting minutes; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla            aye
- Giusti             aye
- Hart                aye
- Sundberg         aye
- Mackenzie        aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

2. 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto shared that the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule will be posted to the Regional Water Board’s website, and updates to dates and locations will be posted there as well.

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule; Vice Chair Giusti seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla            aye
- Giusti             aye

- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Uncontested Items**

3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0025 to consider Change of Ownership of Facilities Having Individual Waste Discharge Requirements (Lynette Shipsey)

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt Order No. R1-2024-0025, Change of Ownership of Facilities Having Individual Waste Discharge Requirements; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0010 to consider for adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Dorris WWTP (Mike Reese)

**Motion:** Board Member Hart moved to adopt Order No. R1-2024-0010, proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Dorris WWTP; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

## Action Items

5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0023 to consider for adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES Permit No. CA0024490 for the McKinleyville Community Services District (Sabrina Cegielski)

This item was scheduled as an action item but was determined to be uncontested. Board members thanked Regional Water Board staff for answering questions during their briefings.

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt Order No. R1-2024-0023, proposed Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES Permit No. CA0024490 for the McKinleyville Community Services District; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla            aye
- Giusti             aye
- Hart                aye
- Sundberg         aye
- Mackenzie        aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

## Information Items

6. Tour of Santa Rosa Water's Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant

Chair Bedolla provided background information on the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant before the meeting concluded and Board members proceeded to the tour.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m. to begin the tour.**

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

- i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:

Hector Bedolla, Greg Giusti, Ryan Sundberg, Alex Hart, Jake Mackenzie

Regional Water Board staff present: Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen, Bayley Toft-Dupuy, Claudia Villacorta, Josh Curtis, Deidre Wilkerson, Lisa Bernard, Michelle Fuller, Charles Reed, David Kuszmar, Matt St. John

- vi. **Public Forum:** Comments were received from the following members of the public:
- Ken Richter, self
  - Sean White, self
  - Tom Stokely, Save California Salmon

Specific comments can be reviewed on [Cal-Span's Prior Board Meeting Video recordings](http://cal-span.org/) (<http://cal-span.org/>).

## **Action Items**

7. Resolution to Adopt Final Staff Report for 2023 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region and Planning Program Workplan for FY 2024 through 2027 (Michelle Fuller)

Michelle Fuller, Environmental Scientist for the Planning Unit at the Regional Water Board, presented to the Board. The presentation included Triennial Review purpose and process, outreach and engagement, draft staff report and workplan, public comments, and revisions and final recommendations.

After the presentation, the Board requested to hear comments from the public.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- Andy Maggi, Pew Charitable Trust
- Sam Davidson, Trout Unlimited
- Steven Evans, CalWild
- Amanda Cooper, CalTrout
- Tom Stokely, Save California Salmon
- Jamie Neary, Russian Riverkeeper
- Cody Phillips, California Coastkeeper Alliance

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After comments from the public were heard, Board members asked questions, which focused on the possibility of a board workshop near the beginning of the process, criteria and implications of designating Outstanding National Resource

Waters, and the length of the project list. Board members thanked staff for all of their hard work.

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt the Final Staff Report for 2023 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region and Planning Program Workplan for FY 2024 through 2027; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla            aye
- Giusti             nay
- Hart                aye
- Sundberg         aye
- Mackenzie        aye

**Motion passed**

### **Information Items**

8. Regional Board Program Priorities for Fiscal year 2024-25 (Valerie Quinto)

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto gave a presentation to the Board. The presentation included the Regional Water Board’s mission and vision, purpose of work planning/priority setting, demonstration of the new format, and program highlights.

Ms. Quinto responded to questions from the Board, with input from other members of the Regional Water Board staff.

9. **Executive Officer’s Report:** This item was moved to Thursday. Executive Officer Valerie Quinto highlighted the written Executive Officer’s Report and provided updates related to the article on the Potter Valley Project.

10. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Other Items of Interest:** Board Member Hart requested, if possible, an update on the Scott and Shasta TMDLs. Vice Chair Giusti mentioned previous requests for future agenda items and other items of interest and asked about potentially scheduling some of these. Board Member Mackenzie asked about the possibility of a field trip or tour during the upcoming August meeting in Eureka.

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto responded to each request.

11. **Closed Session:** The Board met in closed session from 1:32 p.m. – 2:31 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 to discuss the following items:

vii. State Water Resources Control Board’s Consideration of Own Motion Review Of Order No. R1-2023-0043 For Administrative Civil Liability In the Matter of Daniel

Maldonado Suarez; Issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. (July 18, 2023).

viii. Bareilles v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sonoma County Superior Court, Case No. SCV-273798 (July 12, 2023).

ix. Ecological Rights Foundation and Humboldt Waterkeeper Petition v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Petition for Writ of Mandate, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000044 (March 1, 2024).

There was no reportable action.

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

9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 15, 2024, and  
9:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, 2024  
Eureka City Hall, City Council Chambers  
531 K Street, Room 208  
Eureka, CA 95501

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**