

Minutes of Meeting

9:00 A.M., Thursday, October 9, 2014
Best Western Miner's Inn
122 E. Miner Street
Yreka, CA 96097

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: John Corbett, David Noren, William Massey, Geoffrey Hales, Gregory Giusti, and Valerie Minton

Regional Water Board staff present: Andy Baker, Fred Blatt, Katherine Carter, Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Mona Dougherty, Rebecca Fitzgerald, David Fowler, Shin-Roei Lee, David Leland, Bryan McFadin, Samantha Olson, Donna Poe, Dean Prat, Maggie Robinson, Matt St. John, and Tom Williams

iii. **Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure**

This section was not recorded.

iv. **State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports:** These items are for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.

The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore updated the Board on:

- Budget issues;
- Recent and upcoming activities at the State Water Board;
- Drought issues;
- Legislation passed or pending.

v. **Public Forum:**

Comments were taken from:

- Jane Vorpapel, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

iv. (continued) **The Executive Officer's Report:**

Matt St. John updated the Board on:

- The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's vision statement;
- Introduced new staff: Shin-Roei Lee, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Watershed Protection Unit, and Jonathan Meurer, Engineering Geologist, Northern Timber Unit;
- Clayton Creager, Staff Environmental Scientist has been promoted to Environmental Program Manager Specialist, Executive staff, Watershed Stewardship Team Coordinator;
- Accepting nominations for the upcoming Executive Officers' Water Quality Stewards Award for 2014.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 14, 2014 and September 23, 2014**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, David Noren seconded the motion.

2. **2015 Board Meeting Schedule adoption**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt with the May 7, 2015 Board meeting to be held in Humboldt County and a change to the October 2015 Board meeting date to October 8, 2015, David Noren seconded the motion.

Uncontested Items

3. **Public Hearing** to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2013-0030 for the **City of Tulelake Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A84002OSIS.**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion. John Corbett initiated a roll-call vote.

Corbett: aye

Noren: aye

Massey: aye

Giusti: aye

Minton: aye

Hales: aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

No action items were scheduled.

Workshops

No workshops were scheduled.

Information Items

4. **Update on the Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Program.** Diana Henriouille, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Enforcement, Grants and Solid Waste Unit, gave an update on the background of the Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory and Enforcement Program, a summary of developments of the Program, a detailed overview of the draft Order, and the next steps.

Comments were taken from:

- Julia Carrera, Small Farmer's Association
- Mark Baird, Jefferson Declaration Committee
- Susan Corum, Water Quality Coordinator, Karuk Tribe
- John Menke, Landowner, Siskiyou County

5. **Addressing Discharges from Roads in the North Coast Region – Update on Existing Regulatory and Education Programs.** Maggie Robinson, Engineering Geologist, Southern Timber Unit, gave an update on the importance of roads and water quality protection, Watershed-Wide Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Bear and Jordan Creeks, 5 Counties Roads Waiver, and the Mendocino County Permit Coordination Program. Tom Williams, Engineering Geologist, Northern Timber Unit, gave an update on General WDRs for non-Federal land timber harvest activities, ownership-wide WDRs, and the U.S. Forest Service nonpoint source Waiver, the gaps in the current regulations, and the development of the Rural Roads Education and Outreach Program Workplan. Dave Fowler, Engineering Geologist, Southern Timber Unit, gave an update on the new Road Rules of the California Forest Practice Rules. John Sherman, Regional Transportation Manager, U.S. Forest Service, gave an update on the U.S. Forest Service Roads Program. Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, gave an update on the NPDES Storm Water Permits and road construction best management practices (BMPs).

Comments were taken from:

- Grace Bennett, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
- Sari Sommarstrom, Public

6. **Update on Klamath Basin Water Quality Improvement Activities.** Clayton Creager, Environmental Program Manager Specialist, Watershed Stewardship Team Coordinator, introduced Mike Hiatt, TMDL coordinator, Oregon Department of Water

Quality and Randy Turner, Klamath Basin Monitoring Program Coordinator, and he then gave an overview of the Klamath Basin water quality improvement strategy, the Watershed Stewardship and adaptive management framework, Klamath Basin Monitoring Program and the Klamath Tracking and Accounting Program (KTAP) components. Katharine Carter, Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit and Sara Borok, California Department of Fish and Wildlife gave an overview of the Klamath Fish Health Assessment Team (KFHAT), a summary of the 2002 fish kill compared to 2014 conditions and the next steps. Craig Tucker, Natural Resources Policy Advocate, Karuk Tribe, gave a presentation on the Klamath River flow augmentation recommendations to prevent fish disease and mortality. Sarah Beesley, Fisheries Biologist, Yurok Tribe, gave a presentation on the Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program and water quality restoration in the lower Klamath River. Lyra Cressey, Associate Director, Salmon River Restoration Council, gave a presentation on the mission of the Salmon River Restoration Council and proposed riparian restoration projects in reaches of the Salmon River dominated by historic dredge mine tailings. Greg Laurie, Forest Hydrologist of the Klamath National Forest, U.S. Forest Service, gave a presentation on the U.S. Forest Services' Stream Restoration Projects on Sugar and Seiad Creeks.

Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, gave an update on the Scott River TMDL Conditional Waiver and the status of the water quality assessments and upland erosion control plans in the Scott River. Andy Baker, Engineering Geologist, Northern Timber Unit, gave an update and overview of the Shasta River TMDL Conditional Waiver and water quality ranch planning. Adriane Garayalde, Executive Director, Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, gave an update on the Shasta River Watershed Stewardship Report, a pilot project for watershed stewardship reporting. Amy Campbell, The Nature Conservancy, gave a presentation on flow augmentation in the Shasta River. Sari Sommarstrom, Scott River Water Trust Consultant, gave a presentation on Scott River Watershed restoration completed, Water Trust flow augmentation efforts, priorities for Coho Salmon and Steelhead, and the 2014 juvenile Coho Salmon rescue and relocation. Ric Costales, Natural Resource Specialist, Siskiyou County, described Siskiyou County's Scott Valley groundwater actions. Gus Tolly, PhD. student, U.C. Davis, gave a presentation on the Scott Valley Groundwater Study.

Jared Bottcher, Executive Director, Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, gave a presentation on the mission of the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust to restore and conserve the quality and quantity of water flowing in the Upper Klamath Basin, to enhance and restore natural ecosystem functions, and to supply needed water for downstream agriculture, ranching, and native fish and wildlife populations. Nell Kolden, Restoration Director, Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, gave a presentation on the Diffuse Source Treatment Wetland Program, an outgrowth of the Klamath River Water Quality Workshop held September 2012 in Sacramento, CA. Clayton Creager, spoke on behalf of Rick Carlson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Klamath Field office gave a presentation on the Bureau of Reclamation's water quality activities in the Upper Klamath Basin.

Comments were taken from:

- Brandon Criss, District 1 Supervisor County of Siskiyou
- Mark Baird, Jefferson Declaration Committee
- Susan Corum, Water Quality Coordinator, Karuk Tribe

7. **Executive Officer's Report.** See item iv.
8. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items Other Items of Interest.** No items to discuss.
9. **Closed Session.** There were no reports from closed session.
10. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
8:30 A.M., November 20, 2014,
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____