

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Wednesday, November 14, 2018
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. Roll Call and Introductions

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

Regional Water Board staff present: Cherie Blatt, Patti Corsie, Adriana Nunez, Charles Reed, Evelyn Reynolds, and Matt St. John

ii. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Noren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

iii. Roll Call and Introductions: Chairman Noren introduced the Board and Matt St. John introduced Regional Water Board staff.

iv. Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure: No Board member ex parte communications to disclose.

v. State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports:

State Board Liaison's Report: The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore left the State Water Board for employment in the private sector in mid-November and did not attend the Board meeting.

Executive Officer's Report: Matt St. John, Executive Officer (EO) referenced a couple of articles in his written EO's Report (Agenda Item 9): 1) With the increase of staff at the North Coast Regional Water Board, Claudia Villacorta, has been promoted to be the second Assistant Executive Officer (AEO), overseeing two divisions: a) Point Source & Groundwater Protection; and b) Cannabis & Enforcement; and Josh Curtis, AEO will be overseeing: a) Nonpoint Source & Surface Water Protection Division; b) Planning & Stewardship Division; and c) the Administration Unit. Josh and Claudia will be sharing the duties of the Chief Enforcement Officers for their respective sections. Having a second AEO will help the office become more effective and efficient with meeting the mission of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mr. St. John then updated the Board on the status of the Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL: Following

the adoption by the State Water Board in August, 2018, of new numeric objectives for fecal indicator bacteria for protection of the recreational beneficial use of both fresh waters and ocean/saline waters, Regional Water Board staff are currently re-analyzing all the bacteria water quality data for the entire Russian River Watershed. Staff will revise the Staff Report and Action Plan and the results will be presented to the Board in Spring 2019.

vi. **Public Forum:**

Comments were taken from:

- Rob DiPerna, Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) (Via email)
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter, Sierra Club

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** September 6, 2018

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt September 6, 2018 minutes, Board member Gant seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Uncontested Items

2. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2018-0046 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Ferndale Wastewater Treatment Plant, WDID No. 1B83136OHUM, NPDES No. CA0022721 (Cathleen Goodwin)**
3. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2018-0057 Modifying Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2013-0009 for the North Fork Lumber Company – Korbel Sawmill, WDID No. 1B800200HUM, NPDES No. CA005932 (Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan)**
4. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2018-0048 to consider adoption of proposed Rescission of NPDES Permit for Sierra Pacific Industries Arcata Division Sawmill, WDID No. 1B83065OHUM, NPDES No. CA0024520 (Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan)**
5. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2018-0052 to consider adoption of proposed Regional Water Board Resolution Approving the Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for the County of Mendocino (Charles Reed)**

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Items 2, 3, 4, & 5. Board member

Minton Quinto seconded the motion;
Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

6. **Approval of the 2019 Board Meeting Schedule.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer reviewed the 2019 Board meeting schedule that consists of six 2-day Board meetings: February 20 & 21, April 17 & 18, June 19 & 20, August 14 & 15, October 16 & 17, and December 18 & 19, 2019.

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Item 6, with a date change for the August Board meeting from August 7 & 8, 2019 to August 14 & 15, 2019. Board member Bedolla seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Information Item

7. **Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Update.** Andy Rodgers, RRWA Executive Director, introduced himself and Corey Hebner, Sonoma County Water Agency, Water Educator, who is filling-in for Melanie Bagby, Vice-Chair, RRWA. Mr. Rodgers gave an overview of RRWA's Mission; Structure; Programs; Association members; facts, and roles, and provided updates on key RRWA initiatives. Ms. Hebner gave an overview of the High School Video Contest that RRWA has sponsored for the past 16 years, and this year's theme was "*Litter to Zero - Be the Water Hero*".

Workshops

8. **Workshop on Draft General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2019-0001 for Dairies in the North Coast Region.** Cherie Blatt, Water Resource

Control Engineer, Southern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave an overview of the existing Dairy program; reviewed the new requirements and changes in the draft General Waste Discharge Requirements; reviewed California Environmental Quality Act requirements; highlighted the strong partnerships with numerous stakeholders; and outlined the next steps.

Comments were taken from:

- Paul Sousa, United Western Dairyman
- Dr. Deanne Meyer, University California Davis
- Tawny Tesconi, Sonoma County Farm Bureau
- Doug Beretta, Beretta Dairy
- Chris Howard, Alexandre Dairy
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter, Sierra Club
- Bob Legge, Russian Riverkeeper

Following oral comments, the Board directed staff to extend the public comment period for 30 additional days, with a new comment deadline of January 3, 2019.

Information Items

9. **Executive Officer's Report:** See item v
10. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:** Chairman Noren requested a written update on Assembly Bill 52 (AB52) – *Include Tribal Resources in California Environmental Quality Act Process* in order to understand the Boards' regulatory obligations as it pertains to AB52. Chairman Noren and Board member Corbett requested information be presented to the Board regarding the status of Elk River TMDL implementation.
11. **Other Items of Interest:** Board members Gant, Corbett, Noren, Giusti, and Minton Quinto had questions regarding the need for additional funding and staff resources for the Regional Board's Agricultural program. Chairman Noren discussed the upcoming Election of Officer's at the February 20, 2018 Board meeting.
12. **Closed Session:** The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the status of petitions of Order No. R1-2016-0004. There was no report from closed session.
13. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

8:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2019 &
8:30 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2019
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Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Chairperson _____

Date _____