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Mailout Date: November 18, 2009

**Meeting Announcement  
Agenda**

**9:00 A.M., Thursday, December 10, 2009  
Regional Water Board Office  
David. C. Joseph Hearing Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Supporting documents for agenda items are posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting. To view or download documents, go to [www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast).

Comments on individual agenda items are welcome. A set of draft materials for each agenda item that will be considered by the Regional Water Board is mailed to each person on the interested parties list. If you wish to be added to our interested parties list for a specific agenda item, please contact the staff person listed with the item in this agenda notice.

For comments on an agenda item to be considered by the Regional Water Board, they must be submitted on or before the due date listed in the associated hearing notice, which is mailed to interested parties, and posted on the Regional Water Board's website.

**For any item for which there is no due date specified by a specific hearing notice, all written submittals shall be due no later than 12:00 noon the Thursday before the board meeting or workshop. Timely submittal of comments gives the Regional Water Board staff and the Regional Water Board members sufficient time to familiarize themselves with your concerns and for staff to address them.**

The Regional Water Board may refuse to accept written comments submitted after the due date in the applicable hearing notice. Pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 648.4, the Regional Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony or evidence into the administrative record if it is not submitted to the Regional Water Board in a timely manner, unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship. Agenda items are subject to postponement. You may contact the designated staff contact person in advance of the meeting day for information on the status of any agenda item.

It is the policy of the State and Regional Water Boards to provide a work environment that is free from threats or acts of violence. Threats or acts of violence committed by, or directed at, any employee will not be tolerated. The Board will not tolerate derogatory conduct directed toward any person based on their race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or similar characteristics.

Any person who appears before the Board has an obligation to represent their interest in a professional manner. The Board requests that all persons in or near a Board meeting refrain from engaging in inappropriate conduct. Inappropriate conduct may include disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior, breach of peace, boisterous conduct, violent disturbance or other unlawful interference in the Board's proceedings. Such conduct could subject you to contempt sanctions by the superior court (Gov. Code, §11455.10.).

The North Coast Water Board considers items which may result in Board action or direction to staff. We encourage input from all people interested in a given item or issue, so that when we act, our decision is based on all available information. We expect all statements made before this Board to be truthful, with no attempts to mislead this Board by false statements, deceptive presentation or failure to include essential information.

All persons desiring to address the Board are required to fill out a **speaker card**. The Chair may then determine the number of persons who wish to speak on any one item. Cards are normally provided near the entrance to the meeting room.

Except for items designated as time certain, there are no set times for agenda items. Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair.

- i. Pledge of Allegiance
  - ii. Roll Call and Introductions
  - iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure - Board Members will identify any discussions they may have had requiring disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 11430.50.
  - 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.
  - v. **Public Forum:** Time will be reserved for the general public to address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction, excluding those items on the agenda. The Board Chair may limit the public forum to thirty (30) minutes initially, and continue any remaining appearances beyond the thirty (30) minutes at the end of the regularly scheduled business of the day. The Board Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limit their presentation to three (3) minutes.
1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September and October 2009

#### **Uncontested Items**

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0090, to consider Waste Discharge Requirements for **Smith River Rancheria** Wastewater Treatment Facility WDID No. 1A03126RDN (*Roy O'Connor*)
3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0115, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Administrative Civil Liability Order for Discharges in Violation of Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification in the matter of **California Department of Transportation** (Caltrans) Hardscrabble Creek Bridge Replacement Project WDID No. 1A06056WNDN (*Diana Henrioulle*)
4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0099, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Administrative Civil Liability Order for Mandatory Minimum Penalties for Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. 99-59 and R1-2006-0020, in the matter of **Town of Scotia Company**, LLC Wastewater Treatment Facility and Cogeneration Plant, NPDES No. CA0006017, WDID No. 1B83104OHUM (*Nick Weil*)

5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0105, to consider adoption of **General Waste Discharge Requirements, Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Checklist for in-Situ Soil and Groundwater Remediation at sites with Volatile Organic Compounds, and/or Metals** within the North Coast Region (*Caryn Woodhouse* )
6. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0094, to consider renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, **Humboldt County Resort Improvement District No. 1**, Shelter Cove WWTF, WDID No. 1B84086OHUM (*Charles Reed*)
7. Public Hearing on Order R1-2009-0114 to consider short term renewal of Order No. R1-2004-0015, Categorical Waiver for Discharges Related to **Timber Harvest Activities on Federal Lands Managed** by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the North Coast Region (*Mark Alpert*)
8. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0019, to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Administrative Civil Liability Order for violation of Waste Discharge Requirements in the matter of **City of Ferndale Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Disposal Facility**, WDID No. 1B83136OHUM (*Cecile Morris*)
9. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0103, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Geysers Power Company LLC, Calpine Corporation At The Geysers**, Buckeye and Wildhorse Development Project, WDID NO. 1B86002RSON (*Scott Gergus*)

#### Updates

10. **Klamath River TMDL** – Water Quality Modeling Technical Analysis Update (*Matt St. John*)
11. **Recycled Water Policy** - pertaining to the North Coast Regional Water Board (*Jonathan Bishop*)

#### Public Hearing

- ~~12. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0107 to consider a proposed Cease and Desist Order requiring the **Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency** Wastewater Treatment Facility to Cease and Desist from discharging or threatening to discharge effluent in violation of Waste Discharge Requirements Regional Board Order No. R1-2009-0003, NPDES No. CA0024058, WDID No. 1B82045OSON (*Cathleen Goodwin*)~~

#### Information Items

13. Update on Timber (*Robert Klamt*)
14. Executive Officer's Report (*Catherine Kuhlman*)
15. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items (*Catherine Kuhlman*)
16. Other Items of Interest (*Catherine Kuhlman*)

## Closed Session

17. The Board may meet in closed session to:
- a. consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence (Gov. Code, §11126, subd.(c)(3));
  - b. consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(a)(1));
  - c. discuss significant exposure to litigation (Gov. Code, §11126, subd.(e)(2)(B)(i));
  - d. discuss whether to initiate litigation (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e)(2)(C)(i)) including, but not limited to, the following matters: *In re Talmage Dam* [consider referral of sediment discharge from dam operated by Mendocino County to Attorney General's Office]; and *In re California Dept. of Transportation* [consider referring to Attorney General for prosecution in the superior court violations occurring at Confusion Hill of 401 Certification and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit for Statewide Storm Water Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the State of California, Dept. of Transportation]; and *In re Occidental County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency Treatment Facility* [consider referring to the Attorney General for prosecution in the superior court violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order 93-42 and anticipated noncompliance with Time Schedule Order R1-2005-0086 and Cease and Desist Order R1-2005-0085]; and
  - e. discuss initiated litigation in the following matters (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e))
    - 1) *Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company, LLC v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and California State Water Resources Control Board*, Humboldt Co. Sup. Court, Case No. CV-030650 (challenging 13267 orders);
    - 2) *Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company, LLC v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and California State Water Resources Control Board*, Humboldt Co. Sup. Court, Case No. CV-030761 (challenging request for reports of waste discharge in Freshwater Creek);
    - 3) *People of the State of California v. North Coast Railroad Authority d.b.a. North Western Pacific Railroad*, Mendocino Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. CV-80240;
    - 4) *Whitman Corp. and Pneumo Abex Corp. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region*, Sonoma County Sup. Court (no Case No.); and related case *People of the State of California, et al. v. Remco Hydraulics, Inc., et al.*, U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist., Case No. C96-0283;
    - 5) *John W. Hanes et al. v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board*, Mendocino County Superior Court, Case No. SCUJ CVPT 0492211 (challenging administrative civil liabilities and their basis);
    - 6) *John Green; Green Right O'Way Constructors v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board*, Mendocino Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. CV0595697 (challenging ACL order);
    - 7) *Pacific Lumber Co. et al. v. State of California*, Fresno Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. 06CECG04221;
    - 8) *City of Arcata v. SWRCB*, Humboldt Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. CV070275;
    - 9) *Karuk Tribe of Northern California v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region*, Sonoma Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. SCV241368;
    - 10) *In re Scotia Development LLC, Debtor, US Bankruptcy Court, S. Dist. of Texas, Corpus Christi Division*, Case No. 07-20027-C-11;
    - 11) *Sierra Club et al.*, San Francisco Co. Sup. Ct., Case No. CPF-09-509193;
    - 12) *Kristi Wrigley v. State of California, et al, Ca. Victim Comp. and Gov't Claims Bd. (claim for damages from flooding on Elk River)*;
    - 13) *In re Petition of Betty A. Marshall*, (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1652) – challenging order requiring technical report for Chang property in Sebastopol;
    - 14) *In re Petition of City of Healdsburg*, (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1673) – challenging waste discharge requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064;
    - 15) *In re Petition of Pacific Lumber Co., et al*, (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1755) - challenging watershed-wide waste discharge requirements in Elk River and Freshwater Creek;
    - 16) *In re Petition of Robert and Alice Larsen Trust*, (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1850) – challenging issuance of Cleanup and Abatement Order R1-2007-0033 being held in abeyance at petitioner's request;
    - 17) *In re Petitions of J.H. Baxter & Co., Roseburg Forest Products Co, and International Paper* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1874) – challenging Order requiring technical information regarding J.H. Baxter Superfund Site;

- 18) *In re Petition of Cletus Isbell* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1937) – challenging MRP Order R1-2008-0071 for Pacific Lumber Co, et al;
- 19) *In re Petition of Humboldt Watershed Council* (SWRCB/OCC No. A-1937(a)) – challenging MRP Order R1-2008-0071 for Pacific Lumber Co., et al.;
- 20) *In re Petition of KFD Enterprises* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-1962) – challenging Regional Water Board's failure to amend Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R1-2003-0088,
- 21) *In re Petition of Ken Berry et al* (SWRCB/OCC No. A-1998) – challenging WDR Order R1-2009-001 for In Situ Groundwater Treatment;
- 22) *In re Petition of Hewlett Packard Co.* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2026) – challenging Order requiring technical reports;
- 23) *In re Petition of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2029), *California Farm Bureau, et. al* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2029(a), and *Weger Interests Ltd. et al.* (SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2029(b))-challenging Categorical Waiver of Discharge Requirements for Non-Federal Timber Harvest Activities (Order No. R1-2009-0038).

19. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 21, 2010  
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## Procedures and Notes

**A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.**

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board may meet for dinner and may recess for lunch; however, no business will be discussed except for Closed Session items as announced at the meeting.

**Accessibility** - The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Jean Lockett, Secretary, at (707) 576-2307 or [JLockett@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:JLockett@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

**General Statement** - The primary duty of the Regional Water Board is to protect the quality of the waters within the region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water basins, and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on all domestic and industrial waste discharges. Responsibilities and procedures of the Regional Water Quality Control Board come from the state's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act and the nation's Clean Water Act.

**Presentations** - The purpose of the meeting is for the Regional Water Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the recommendations made by the Executive Officer. The Regional Water Board and staff welcome information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics of the case to enable the Regional Water Board to take the appropriate action.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to be heard, a time limit for oral comments may be imposed on any agenda item. Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments in writing by the applicable due date and use time for oral comments to summarize those concerns. **Speakers should plan to deliver their oral comments within 3 minutes.** If a longer period of time is desired, speakers will be expected to notify the Regional Water Board staff prior to the meeting date, for scheduling purposes. The speaker will be expected to have submitted a written summary of the comments to be delivered by the due date for the associated agenda item and limit oral comments to a summary of pertinent points previously presented in writing.

**If the submitted written material is more than 5 pages or contains foldouts, color graphics, maps, etc., 20 copies must be submitted for distribution to the Board members and staff.**

Comments on agenda items will be accepted by electronic mail subject to the same conditions set forth for other written submissions. The total submittal (including attachments) cannot exceed 5 printed pages in length.

Speakers are responsible for providing and operating projectors and other presentation aids. Some equipment may be available at the Board meeting; however, the type of equipment available will vary depending on the meeting location. **To ascertain the availability of presentation equipment please contact Jean Lockett at (707) 576-2307 or [JLockett@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:JLockett@waterboards.ca.gov) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.**

**Hearing Record** - Material presented to the Regional Water Board as part of testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Regional Water Board. This includes photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, written testimony, etc. All Regional Water Board files pertaining to the items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record submitted by staff to the Regional Water Board for its consideration prior to action on the related items.

**Contributions to Regional Board Members** - All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit being considered by the Regional Water Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contribution of \$250 or more to any Regional Water Board Member. This requirement applies to contributions of \$250 or more made by the active supporter or opponent or his/her agent for use in federal, state or local elections within the last 12 months.

Also, all permit applicants and/or persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit pending before the Regional Water Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Regional Water Board Member for three months following a Regional Water Board decision on the permit application.

**Water Quality Certifications** - The Regional Water Board processes requests for Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, to ensure that proposed federally-permitted activities will comply with the Regional Water Board's water quality standards. A listing of requests which are pending may be obtained by calling the office of the North Coast Regional Water Board at (707) 576-2220. The list may also be obtained by accessing our web site at: **[www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast)**

**Notices of Proposed Corrective Actions** - The Regional Water Board provides routine public notices on proposed corrective actions and closure decisions related to cleanup on contaminated sites. These routine notices are published on our web site and a copy is maintained at our office for public review.

**Petition of Regional Board Action** - Any person affected adversely by a decision of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to review the decision. The State Water Board must receive the petition within 30 days of the Regional Water Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the laws and regulations applicable to filing a petition will be provided upon request, and may also be accessed at: **[www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/)**

If the State Water Board accepts a petition for review, the Regional Water Board will be required to file the record in the matter with the State Water Board. The costs of preparing and filing the record are the responsibility of the person(s) submitting the petition. The Regional Water Board will contact the person(s) submitting a petition and inform them of the payment process and any amounts due.

Board Member	Appointment Category
<b>Bob Anderson, Chairman</b> <i>Healdsburg</i>	Irrigated Agriculture
<b>Geoffrey Hales, Vice Chairman</b> <i>Eureka</i>	Water Quality
<b>John Corbett</b> <i>McKinleyville</i>	Water Supply
<b>Carol A. Dean</b> <i>Santa Rosa</i>	Water Quality
<b>John "Mike" Dunker</b> <i>Rio Dell</i>	Municipal Government
<b>Heidi Harris</b> <i>Salyer</i>	Recreation, Fish and Wildlife
<b>William Massey</b> <i>Forestville</i>	County Government
<b>David Noren</b> <i>Sebastopol</i>	Industrial Water Use
Vacancy	Public

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Lead Staff	
Catherine Kuhlman	Executive Officer
Luis Rivera	Assistant Executive Officer
Karen White	Staff Services Manager
Janet Mahoney	Small Business Liaison
E. Jean Lockett	Executive Assistant
Samantha Olson	Counsel to the Board
Kim Niemeyer	Counsel to the Board

Watershed Protection Division	
David Leland	Division Chief
John Short	Supervisor, Core-Regulatory Unit
Diana Henriouille	Supervisor, Enforcement/Grants/Land Disposal
Mark Neely	Supervisor, TMDL Implementation/Nonpoint Source/ 401/ Wineries

Timber Harvest Division	
Robert Klamt	Division Chief
Mark Alpert	Supervisor, Southern Timber Unit
Fred Blatt	Supervisor, Northern Timber Unit

Watershed Management Division	
Holly Lundborg	Supervisor, Basin Planning Unit
Matt St. John	Lead, TMDL Unit

Cleanup Division	
David Evans	Division Chief
Kasey Ashley	Supervisor, Northern Cleanups Unit
Christine Wright-Shacklett	Supervisor, Southern Cleanups Unit

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**From the South:**

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