

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2026

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Minutes for the February 11, 2026 Board Meeting

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February 11, 2026 Board Meeting
ADOPTED

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Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Status
Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker		QUORUM
Vice-Chair Donald Young		
William Kissinger		
Dr. Andrew Gunther		
Jayne Battey		
Mark Ransom		

Item 2 – Public Forum

There were no public speakers who provided comments during the Public Forum at this meeting.

Item 3 – Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Executive Officer White introduced the item and noted the Water Code requirement to elect the Chair and Vice Chair at the Board's first regular meeting of the year. Executive Officer White noted Chair Hacker was re-elected Chair of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board at the February 2025 Board meeting. She shared that Vice Chair Young has expressed interest in the role of Board Chair.

Chair Hacker asked for any nominations for Board Chair. Board Member Battey nominated Vice Chair Young for the position of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board Chair. No other nominations were received.

Board Clerk Haas called the roll.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Donald Young was elected Chair of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board for the calendar year 2026. Executive Officer White welcomed Chair Young to his new role

as Chair of the Board. She then shared that former Chair Hacker had expressed interest in being Vice Chair of the Board.

Chair Young then asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Board Member Gunther nominated Former Chair Hacker for the position of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board Vice Chair. No other nominations were received.

Board Clerk Haas called the roll.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Former Chair Hacker, Chair Young

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 4 – Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 Board Meeting with two corrections noted on Page 3 lines 4 and 6 where “Waste” was misspelled.

Board Member Battey made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 Board Meeting.

Vice Chair Hacker made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Hacker, Chair Young

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 5 – Chair’s, Board Members’ and Executive Officer’s Reports

Chair Young asked for reports from each of the Board Members, starting with Sean Maguire, State Water Board Liaison.

Executive Officer White then spoke on several items including the retirement and thank you to Warner Chabot from the San Francisco Estuary Institute, the selection of Keith Lichten as Assistant Executive Officer, and the receipt of the State-sponsored Superior Accomplishment Award for Jacob T. Henry, Engineering Geologist in the Groundwater Protection Division. Chair Young administered the oath for the hearings.

Item 6 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

Executive Officer White introduced the uncontested portion of the calendar and announced the movement of Items 7A and 7B to the uncontested portion of the board agenda. She noted votes on Items 6 and 7 would be taken separately based on a Board member recusal for Item 7.

- A. Novato Sanitary District, Novato Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer System, Novato, Marin County– Reissuance of NPDES Permit**
- B. East Bay Municipal Utility District, Special District No. 1 Main Wastewater Treatment Plant and Interceptor Conveyance System, Oakland, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**
- C. Delta Diablo, Delta Diablo Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer System, Antioch, Contra Costa County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

Executive Officer White introduced the 3 uncontested items 6A, 6B and 6C and made a recommendation to the Board to adopt all three items.

Chris Dembiczak, Senior Environmental Health & Safety Specialist from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), spoke to thank the board, Sam Plummer, Water Resource Control Engineer, and other staff for working collaboratively during the development of the reissuance for the NPDES Permit for EBMUD (Item 6B).

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the uncontested NPDES Permits, Items 6A through 6C.

Board Member Gunther made the motion to approve the uncontested NPDES Permits, Items 6A through 6C.

Board Member Battey made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Hacker, Chair Young

Nos: none

Abstain: none

The motion to adopt the NPDES Permit Items 6A through 6C was approved by the Board.

Prior to the introduction of the uncontested Items 7A and 7B, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility, Board Member Kissinger recused himself and exited the dais and meeting room.

Item 7 – Waste Discharge Requirements

- A. Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility, Martinez, Waste Management Unit Restoration Project – Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Waste Discharge Requirements and 401 Water Quality Certification**

B. Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility, Martinez – Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements

Executive Officer White introduced the item noting that Item 7A is the Tentative Resolution that would adopt the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Waste Discharge Requirements and the 401 Water Quality Certification. Item 7B is the tentative order that would issue the Waste Discharge Requirements that will regulate the waste management unit's cleanup and closure. Both items are uncontested.

There were no public speakers for these items and Executive Officer White made a recommendation to the Board to adopt Item 7A and Item 7B.

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve Items 7A and 7B for the Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility.

Board Member Battey made the motion to approve Items 7A and 7B.

Vice Chair Hacker made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Vice Chair Hacker, Chair Young

Nos: none

Abstain: none (Board Member Kissinger was recused)

The motion to adopt the Tentative Resolution to adopt the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Waste Discharge Requirements and the 401 Water Quality Certification as well as the tentative order to issue the Waste Discharge Requirements to regulate the waste management unit's cleanup and closure was approved by the Board.

Board Member Kissinger rejoined the Board meeting after the board voted on items 7A and 7B.

Item 8 – California Department of Transportation – State Route (SR 37/121) Intersection and Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement Project in Sonoma County – Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Executive Officer White introduced the item and turned the session over to Rebecca Nordenholt, Senior Environmental Scientist, who gave the staff presentation.

There were no public speakers for this item and Executive Officer White made a recommendation to the Board to adopt Item 8 with the following revision; on page 6 of the Revised Tentative Order on Finding 28, it states that “the application fee was paid in two parts: \$204,615 on September 10, 2025, and \$35,667 on February X, 2026”. The

second part was paid on February 5, 2026, and the Revised Tentative Order will be updated with that second payment date.

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve Item 8 with the edit noted by Executive Officer White.

Board Member Gunther made the motion to approve Item 8 with the noted revision.

Vice Chair Hacker made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Hacker, Chair Young

Nos: none

The motion to adopt issuance of the Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the State Route (SR 37/121) Intersection and Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement Project in Sonoma County with the edit on Page 6 of Finding 28 was approved by the Board.

Item 9 – Informational Item, The State of Our Estuary: Reporting on the Health of the San Francisco Estuary – Update on the status and trends of the health of the San Francisco Estuary

Executive Officer White introduced the item and turned it over to Laura Feinstein, Resilient Landscapes Program Director for the San Francisco Estuary Institute, and Natasha Daniels, Senior Environmental Planner for San Francisco Estuary Partnership, who provided the presentation on the health of the Estuary.

Item 10 – Informational Item, 401 Certification Program – Update on the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program

Executive Officer White introduced the item and turned it over to Elizabeth Morrison, Senior Environmental Scientist and Program Manager for the 401 Water Quality Certification Program, and Agnes Farres, Senior Environmental Scientist and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board representative on the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT), who gave the staff presentations.

Item 11 – Correspondence

No correspondence was received at this meeting.

Item 12 – Closed Session – Personnel

The Board did not meet in closed session for Personnel in this meeting.

Item 13 – Closed Session – Litigation

The Board did not meet in closed session for Litigation in this meeting.

Item 14 – Closed Session – Deliberation

The Board did not meet in closed session to deliberate in this meeting.

Item 15 – Adjournment was at 11:33 a.m.