

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

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Minutes for the March 8, 2023 Board Meeting

March 8, 2023 Board Meeting
Adopted Minutes

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Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. at Elihu H. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Status
Chair Jayne Battey		
Vice-Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker		
William Kissinger		9:10 Arrival
Dr. Andrew Gunther		
Donald Young		
Letty Belin		

QUORUM of Board Members

Staff Introductions

Bill Johnson announced the promotion of James Parrish to Section Leader in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Division.

Laurent Meillier announced the retirement of John Jang from the Toxics Division after 36 years of service.

Item 2 – Public Forum

The following speakers provided testimony during the open forum:

Stephen Nestel, Clean Up Marinwood Plaza Now

Bill McNicholas, Clean Up Marinwood Plaza Now

Item 3 – Minutes of the of February 8, 2023, Board Meeting

Executive Officer White shared the new format of the Meeting Minutes beginning with the February 8, 2023, meeting. The minutes will now reflect a summary of motions and outcomes rather than a more detailed description of the Board Meeting. The meetings are all recorded and available for the public, in addition, transcriptions of each meeting are available on request.

Chair Battey asked for a vote to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023 Board meeting with the above modification.

Ayes: all

Nos: none

The February 8, 2023, board meeting minutes were adopted.

Item 4 – Chair’s, Board Members’ and Executive Officer’s Reports

Chair Battey asked for reports from each of the Board Members.

Board Member Young gave an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regional meeting and his attendance at the Membrane Technology Conference where he learned more about PFAS.

Board Member Belin gave an update on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) meeting where they discussed shallow groundwater rise in four (4) Bay Area counties. Board Member Gunther noted the current weather historic winter and snowpack with incoming warm rains potentially causing major flooding.

Chair Battey shared the ongoing coordination between the State Water Board and the Regional Water Boards across the State.

Executive Officer White introduced Michael Downey from the State Water Board Division Office of Financial Assistance who provided an update on funding across the state. Executive Officer White also highlighted several Executive Officer Report Items.

Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

5A. Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Intertie Pipeline System, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

5B. Silicon Valley Clean Water, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Redwood City, San Mateo County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Executive Officer White introduced the items and recommended the Board adopt both NPDES Permits. Chair Battey, Vice Chair Hacker and Board Member Gunther asked clarifying questions related to timing and contingency planning with the above projects.

Tim Costello from Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside was present and addressed the board questions related to Item 5A.

Daniel Buenrostro from Silicon Valley Clean Water was present and addressed the board questions related to Item 5B.

Chair Battey asked for a motion to adopt the two NPDES Permits.

Motion: Board Member Kissinger made the motion to adopt the two NPDES Permits.

Second: Vice Chair Hacker made the second.

Ayes: all

Nos: none

NPDES Permits were adopted.

Item 6 – Informational Item

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Strategic Workplan

Executive Officer White introduced the item and provided a presentation on the Strategic Workplan with Maggie Monahan and Demir Worthington.

Board Members all acknowledged the beautiful work done by the team and encouraged the staff to continue with transparency and ongoing communication, also recommending a short version, one or two pages for ease of access.

Item 8 – Closed Session – Personnel

The Board did not meet in closed session for Personnel matters.

Item 9 – Closed Session – Litigation

The Board did not meet in closed session for Litigation matters.

Item 10 – Closed Session – Deliberation

The Board did not meet in closed session for deliberation.

Item 11 – Adjournment 10:55