

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD - SAN FRANCISCO BAY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2009

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Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order on June 10, 2009 at 9:02 a.m. in the State Office Building Auditorium, First Floor, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland.

Board members present: John Muller, Chair; Terry Young, Vice-Chair; Shalom Eliahu; James McGrath; Steven Moore; William Peacock; Rameshwar Singh.

Board members absent: None.

Tam M. Doduc, Member, State Water Resources Control Board, and liaison to Region 2, addressed the Board.

Item 2 – Public Forum

Mike Connor, General Manager, East Bay Dischargers Authority, recommended the regulatory program for wastewater treatment agencies be reevaluated and greater focus be placed on significant current pollutants, such as pollutants in consumer products.

Laura Reinhard, Policy Associate, Save The Bay, said plastic bags pollute Bay waters. She said a video prepared by Save The Bay that illustrates environmental problems caused by plastic bags may be viewed at www.savesfbay.org/bayvsbag. She said Save The Bay is working to increase public awareness about the need to end consumer dependence on single use items like plastic bags. She showed PowerPoint slides and discussed Save The Bay's participation in a recent trash cleanup conducted in the South Bay.

Item 3 – Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Board Meeting

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Peacock, seconded by Mr. Moore, and it was voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Board Meeting.

Item 4 - Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports

Mr. Muller said he recently gave a presentation about the Regional Board.

Bruce H. Wolfe addressed the Board.

Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Item

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the uncontested item.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Peacock, seconded by Mr. Eliahu, and it was unanimously voted to adopt the uncontested item as recommended by the Executive Officer.

Item 6 – Miller Dismantler, Oakland, Alameda County – Hearing to Consider Administrative Civil Liability for Late Submittal of Annual Monitoring Report Required Under the Statewide NPDES General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity

Mr. Wolfe said staff took back the complaint and no action was required.

Item 7 – Enforcement – Information Item on Standard Hearing Procedures for Administrative Civil Liability Cases

Mr. Wolfe said the written material for this Item included the following documents: Standard Hearing Procedure and Administrative Civil Liability Fact Sheet. He gave a presentation with PowerPoint slides and briefly discussed the documents. He said the documents are posted on the Enforcement Page of the Board's website.

Staff replied to questions from Mr. Peacock and Dr. Young.

Mr. McGrath and Mr. Moore commented.

[Dr. Singh left the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.]

Item 8 – The San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan – Status Report

John Stufflebean, Director, Environmental Services, City of San José, gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the master planning process, including opportunities and challenges. He replied to questions and comments from Board members.

Item 9 – The Role of Local Governments' Waste Ordinances and Regulations in Water Quality Protection – Status Report

[Mr. Muller left the meeting at approximately 10:50 a.m.]

Gary Wolff, Executive Director, StopWaste.Org, discussed several types of programs the agency could consider to address litter issues. He replied to questions and comments from Board members.

John Stuffelbean, Director, Environmental Services, City of San José, discussed litter management issues. He replied to a question from a Board member.

Item 15 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 p.m.