

**Minutes of Meeting**

1:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 11, 2015

8:30 A.M., Thursday, March 12, 2015

David C. Joseph Meeting Room

5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

**1:00 P.M.**

i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Minton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: John Corbett, Gregory Giusti, Valerie Minton, and David Noren

Board Members absent: William Massey and Geoffrey Hales

Regional Water Board staff present: Stephen Bargsten, Fred Blatt, Katherine Carter, Patti Corsie, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Scott Gergus, Diana Henriouille, Wendy Jones, Shin-Roei Lee, David Leland, Bryan McFadin, Samantha Olson, Dean Prat, Jeremiah Puget, Justin Smith, Matt St. John, and Elyse Wills

**Workshops**

1. **Consideration of Flow in the Water Quality Regulatory Process.** Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Flow and Riparian Protection Specialist, gave a presentation of the purpose of the workshop, the surface flow conditions in the North Coast, and the efforts to address low flow conditions in the Region, and introduced the panel of speakers. Samantha Olson, Senior Staff Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel, gave a presentation on the instream flows and the legal nexus between water quality and quantity. Victoria Whitney, Principal Engineer, Deputy Director, Office of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, gave a presentation on the opportunities and hurdles with considering flow in the context of water quality regulations. Robert Holmes, Instream Flow Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, gave a presentation on

quantifying flow criteria for fish and wildlife and their habitats. Daniel Schultz, Senior Environmental Scientist, Public Trust Unit, State Water Resources Control Board, gave a presentation on a method to develop flow criteria for Bay Delta tributaries, and the California Water Action Plan flow enhancement studies and the collaboration between the State Water Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Darren Mierau, Northern Coast Director, CalTrout, gave a presentation on regional guidelines for allocating instream flow in the North Coast watersheds. Steven Moore, State Water Board member and North Coast Regional Board liaison, spoke about the issues and relevance surrounding development of flow criteria objectives associated with the California Action Plan, the Bay Delta Strategic Plan, review of the framework of Basin Planning in water quality standards and development, and the next steps of the State Water Board regarding addressing flow issues.

Comments were taken from:

- Susan Corum, Water Quality Coordinator, Karuk Tribe
- Larry Hanson, California River Watch
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
- Kimberly Burr, Public
- Felice Pace, North Coast Streamflow Coalition/North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Craig Tucker, Natural Resources Policy Advocate, Karuk Tribe
- Grant Wilson, Earth Law Center
- Konrad Fisher, Klamath Riverkeeper
- Nathaniel Kane, Environmental Law Foundation
- David Keller, Friends of the Eel River
- Eileen Cooper, Friends of Del Norte

## **Thursday, March 12, 2015**

**8:30 A.M.**

**i. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ii. Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: John Corbett, Gregory Giusti, William Massey, Valerie Minton, and David Noren

Board Members absent: Geoffrey Hales

Regional Water Board staff present: Stephen Bargsten, Lisa Bernard, Fred Blatt, Katharine Carter, Rob Dickerson, Mona Dougherty, Stormer Feiler, Michelle Fortner,

Cathleen Goodwin, Kason Grady, Diana Henriouille, Colleen Hunt, Craig Hunt, Wendy Jones, Devon Jorgensen, Shin-Roei Lee, David Leland, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Jeremiah Puget, and Justin Smith, and Matt St. John

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.

- Valerie Minton attended the Russian River TMDL CEQA scoping meeting and had conversations with stakeholders about the Agricultural Lands Discharge Program and the State Water Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Program.
- David Noren had conversations with stakeholders regarding vineyard and agricultural permitting, the Sonoma County Landfill and Compost Facility issues, and the State Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Program.
- William Massey met with State and local officials regarding West County wastewater issues.

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

**The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore updated the Board on:**

- Budget issues
- Recent and upcoming activities at the State Water Board
- Drought issues
- Legislation passed or pending.

**The Executive Officer's Report:**

Matt St. John, Executive Officer (EO) announced that Charles Reed, Water Resource Control Engineer, has been promoted to Senior of the Land Disposal and Groundwater Permitting Unit effective February 18, 2015. Mr. St. John thanked all of the presenters and all interested public for providing comments at yesterday's workshop on Consideration of Flow in the Water Quality Regulatory Process. He summarized the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's role in addressing flow within the water quality regulatory context and how it aligns with the Board's new vision statement of Healthy Watersheds, Effective Regulation and Strong Partnerships, and summarized current and planned efforts to address surface water flows in the North Coast.

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.

Comments were taken from:

- Dwayne DeWitt, Public

- Roger Larsen, Happy Acres Resident
  - Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
  - Petey Brucker, Salmon River Restoration Council
  - Henry J. Mikus, Sonoma County Waste Management Agency
  - Felice Pace, North Coast Stream Flow Coalition
  - Larry Hanson, California River Watch
9. **Update on Development of the Storm Water Strategic Initiative and Renewal of the Phase I Municipal Storm Water Permit.** Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Point Source Control & Groundwater Protection Division, introduced: Colleen Hunt, Environmental Scientist, Point Source Control & Groundwater Protection Division; Sarah Gatzke, Water Resource Control Engineer, Storm Water Program, State Water Board; Greg Gearheart, Deputy Director, Office of Information Management and Analysis, State Water Board; and Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, Russian River Watershed Association. Sarah Gatzke and Greg Gearheart gave a joint presentation on the Storm Water Strategic Initiative's (SWSI) goals, the guiding principles, the issues, actions and next steps. Colleen Hunt and Andy Rodgers gave a joint presentation on the challenges and successes of regional collaboration and multiple agency program integration of the Russian River Watershed-wide Municipal Storm Water Permit. Colleen Hunt gave an overview of the Municipal Storm Water Phase I Permit renewal, update on the new permit requirements, monitoring and reporting, and the anticipated schedule for Board consideration in August 2015.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 29, 2015**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt with errata sheet, Greg Giusti seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye  
 Noren aye  
 Massey aye  
 Giusti aye  
 Minton aye  
 Motion passed unanimously.

### Uncontested Items

3. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2015-0005, to consider rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements and associated Monitoring and Reporting Programs for:**
- Alma Tassi Family Trust, Order No. R1-2003-0050, WDID No. 1B02122RMEN
  - City of Santa Rosa, R1-2000-0005, WDID No. 1B98010RSON
  - Sea Ranch Lodge, Order No. R1-2010-0002, WDID No. 1B06006RSON

- United States Forest Service, Order No. 96-66, WDID No. 1A96045RSIS
6. **Public Hearing to consider adoption of Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2015-0008, for the Loleta Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Facility**
  7. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2015-0003 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters in the North Coast Region, Regionwide General NPDES Permit No. CAG0024902**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt Items 3, 6 & 7, David Noren seconded the motion, roll-call vote initiated:  
Corbett aye  
Noren aye  
Massey aye  
Giusti aye  
Minton aye  
Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2015-0002 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Tulelake Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A840020SIS**

Motion: David Noren moved to adopt with errata sheet, William Massey seconded the motion, roll-call vote initiated:  
Corbett aye  
Noren aye  
Massey aye  
Giusti aye  
Minton aye  
Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Amendments to Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program to add Republic Services as a Permittee to Order No. R1-2013-0003, WDID Numbers 1B801490SON and 1B99011RSON for Operation, Corrective Action, New Construction, and Closure at the Sonoma County Central Disposal Site, Class III Waste Management Units and Class II Surface Impoundments, Sonoma County**

Comments were taken from:

- Roger Larsen, Happy Acres Resident

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt with change sheet, David Noren

seconded the motion, roll-call vote initiated:

Corbett aye

Noren aye

Massey aye

Giusti aye

Minton aye

Motion passed unanimously.

## Action Items

8. **Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2015-0012 to consider whether to adopt the proposed 2014 Triennial Review List of Priority Basin Planning Projects for the North Coast Region and Resolution No. R1-2015-0013 to consider whether to adopt the proposed editorial revisions to Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*.** Chairman Corbett announced that Resolution No. R1-2015-0013 to consider whether to adopt the proposed editorial revisions to Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* has been pulled from today's proceedings and will be brought back as part of the Water Quality Objectives Basin Plan Amendment at the June 18, 2015 Board meeting. Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, gave an introduction to the Basin Plan and Triennial Review process, a review of the 2011 Triennial Review projects and the 2014 project recommendations and priority rankings, the response to public comments received, and the staff 2014 Triennial Review recommendations to adopt of Resolution R1-2015-0012 and the 2014 Basin Planning Project Priorities.

### Comments were taken from:

- Susan Corum, Karuk Tribe
- Don McEnhill, Russian Riverkeeper
- Katherine Ross, City of Fortuna
- Felice Pace, North Coast Stream Flow Coalition
- Larry Hanson, California River Watch
- Chris Malan, Living Rivers Council
- Grant Wilson, Earth Law Center
- Eileen Cooper, Friends of Del Norte
- Petey Brucker, Salmon River Restoration Council
- Craig Tucker, Karuk Tribe

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt Resolution No. R1-2015-0012 with two amendments read into the record, David Noren seconded the motion, roll-call vote initiated:  
Corbett aye

Noren aye  
Massey aye  
Giusti aye  
Minton aye  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **Workshops**

No workshops were scheduled

### **Information Items**

9. **Executive Officer's Report.** See item iv
10. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** No requests made.
11. **Other Items of Interest.** No items to discuss.
12. **Closed session.** There were no reports from closed session.
13. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**  
9:00 A.M., Thursday, May 7, 2015  
Wharfinger Building  
#1 Marina Way  
Eureka, CA 95501

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_