State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Minutes of Meeting
9:00 A.M., Thursday, May 7, 2015
Wharfinger Building
#1 Marina Way
Eureka, CA 95501

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Thursday, May 7, 2015

i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Giusti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present:	John Corbett, Gregory Giusti, Geoffrey Hales, William Massey, Valerie Minton, and David Noren
Regional Water Board staff present:	Cherie Blatt, Fred Blatt, Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Mona Dougherty, Stormer Feiler, Joelle Geppert, Diana Henrioulle, Shin-Roei Lee, David Leland, Derek Magnuson, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Connor McIntee, Donna Poe, Dean Prat, Justin Smith, Matt St. John and Adona White

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 had conversations with stakeholders about the Agricultural Lands Discharge Program and the State Water Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Program.
- Geoffrey Hales spoke with Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond Resource Company, regarding the Elk River TMDL status and Susan Corum, Karuk Tribe regarding the Forest Service Westside Salvage project.
- David Noren had conversations with stakeholders about the Agricultural Lands Discharge Program, and the Sonoma County Landfill and Compost Facility issues.
- John Corbett had conversations and attended a meeting at the State Board regarding Cannabis issues. He spoke with the Farm Bureau and will be contacting the Buckeye Conservancy regarding the Temperature Policy adopted by the State

Water Board and the draft Restoration Policy pending adoption by the State Water Board.

- William Massey had discussions with state and local officials regarding the Sonoma County Landfill and Compost Facility issues and had discussions with state and federal officials regarding West County sewer issues.

iv. State Water Board Liaison's Report:

The State Water Board Liaison, Steven Moore was not in attendance.

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:

- Susan Corum, Karuk Tribe
- Kimberly Baker, Klamath Forest Alliance
- Jerry Martien, Friends of the Elk River
- Kristi Wrigley, Upper-Elk River resident
- Craig Tucker, Karuk Tribe
- Lucy Allen, EPIC
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Carol Dyer, Klamath Riverkeeper
- Susan Terence, Public
- Jennifer Kalt, North Coast Environmental Center
- Patrick Higgins, Eel River Recovery Project

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 11 & 12, 2015**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, David Noren seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye
Noren aye
Massey aye
Giusti aye
Minton aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Item

2. **Public Hearing to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2015-0017 Waste Discharge Requirements for the Shelter Cove Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B84086OHUM, NPDES No. CA0023027.**

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, David Noren seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye
Hales aye
Noren aye
Corbett aye
Massey aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item

3. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2015-0020 to consider the matter of a Short-Term Renewal of Order No. R1-2010-0029, Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Federal Land Management Activities on National Forest System Lands in the North Coast Region.** Dean Prat, Senior Engineering Geologist, Northern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave a presentation and overview of the proposed Order for short-term renewal, the existing Waiver and Monitoring Program and the proposed changes to each, stakeholder engagement, the Waiver renewal timeframe, response to comments received and the recommendation to adopt Order No. R1-2015-0020.

Comments were taken from:

- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club

Motion: David Noren moved to adopt, Geoff Hales seconded the motion, Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Corbett aye
Noren aye
Massey aye
Minton aye
Giusti nay

5 ayes, 1 nay. Motion passed by majority vote.

Information Item

4. **Update on Status of Implementing the North Coast Dairy Program General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0002 and Conditional Waiver Order No. R1-2012-0003.** Cherie Blatt, Water Resources Control Engineer, Southern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave an overview of the Dairy Program's enrollment and reporting requirements, water quality monitoring by counties, enforcement actions, and a summary of the program with dairy enrollments, education and reporting, water quality data, inspections, water quality improvements and concerns, along with the next steps of continued staff inspections, group surface monitoring, groundwater monitoring, the opening of two new facilities and the closing of six facilities, and potential Waiver fees, The Waivers will expire in January, 2017.

   Comments were taken from:
   - Blake Alexandre, Alexandre Dairy
   - Deanne Meyer, PhD., U.C. Davis
   - Denver Nelson, Public
   - Melissa Lema, Western United Dairymen
   - Felice Pace, North Group Sierra Club

Workshop

5. **Workshop on Draft Order No. R1-2015-0023 General Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver) and Initial Study for the Cannabis Discharge Regulatory Program.** Diana Henrioulle, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, Compliance Assurance Unit, introduced the Cannabis team of Water Resource Control Engineers, Kason Grady and Justin Smith; Connor McIntee, Environmental Scientist, and Derek Magnuson, Engineering Geologist, and the support staff of Stormer Feiler, Environmental Scientist, Compliance Assurance Unit; Adona White, Water Resource Control Engineer, Planning Unit; and Samantha Olson, Senior Staff Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel. Diana Henrioulle then outlined the joint State and Regional Water Boards and California Department of Fish and Wildlife statewide strategy of enforcement, regulatory program development and implementation, education and outreach, and interagency coordination, along with an overview of the applicability, conditions/management measures, multiple tiers, implementation, the accompanying documents for review of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Notice of Intent form and a list of Best Management Practices and the next steps of the draft Order before adoption at the August 12 & 13, 2015 Board meeting.

   Comments were taken from:
   - Karin Roscoe, Clean Green Certified
   - Jennifer Kalt, Northcoast Environmental Center
   - Tom Grover, Public

- Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County Supervisor, 3rd District
- Julia Carrera, Julia Carrera & Associates & Small Farmer's Association
- Scott Greacen, Friends of the Eel River
- Tom Wheeler, Enviromental Protection Information Center
- John Wynands, Public
- Travis Barter, Public
- Patrick Higgins, Eel River Recovery Project
- Robert Wiener, Public
- Matthew Smith-Caggiano, Humboldt NORML & Humboldt Fisheries
- Patrick Murphy, California Cannabis Voice-Humboldt
- Doug Smith, Public

6. **Executive Officer's Report**. Matt St. John, announced that Shin-Roei Lee, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer, Division Chief, Planning, Stewardship & Compliance Assurance Division, has been selected as the new Assistant Executive Officer (AEO), effective mid-July when David Leland, AEO retires from State service, and that Jonathan Warmerdam, Environmental Scientist, Adaptive Watershed Management Unit, has been promoted to Restoration Specialist, Nonpoint Source & Surface Water Protection Division. He also introduced and welcomed Derek Magnuson, Engineering Geologist, Compliance Assurance Unit; and Michael Lennox, Environmental Scientist, Adaptive Watershed Management Unit. He updated the Board on drought issues regarding junior water right holders in the Scott River having received curtailment letters, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Board request for voluntary water saving efforts in the Russian River and its tributaries in order to protect surface water flows and prevent curtailment of the Russian River.

7. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board member Noren requested updates on Klamath Fish Health Assessment Team (KFHAT) and drought issues throughout this summer.

8. **Other Items of Interest.** No items to discuss.

9. **Closed session:** There were no reports from closed session.

10. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
    8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 18, 2015
    5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A
    Santa Rosa, CA 95403

    Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Chairperson_____

Date_____