

**Minutes of Meeting**

8:30 A.M., Thursday, August 11, 2016  
David C. Joseph Meeting Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Minton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: John Corbett, Kelli Gant, Gregory Giusti, Geoffrey Hales, Valerie Minton, and David Noren

Regional Water Board staff present: Shawn Agarwal, Lisa Bernard, Elizabeth Beryt, Ryan Bey, Fred Blatt, Graham Brown, Jim Burke, Steve Butkus, Katharine Carter, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Carley Dunleavy, Lareina Earls, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Cathy Goodwin, Diana Henriouille, Nathan Jacobsen, Paul Keiren, David Kuszmar, Lance Le, Shin-Roei Lee, Ben Minx, Jeremiah Puget, Charles Reed, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Justin McSmith, Matt St. John, and Claudia Villacorta

iii. **Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:**

No Board member reports or Ex Parte Communication.

iv. **State Board Liaison and Executive Officer's Reports.**

- The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore did not attend the meeting.
- Matt St. John, Executive Officer, presented the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award to the NPDES team of Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit; Lisa Bernard, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Planning Unit; Cathleen Goodwin, Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit; Charles Reed, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Groundwater Permitting Unit; Devon Jorgenson, Engineering Geologist, NPDES Unit; Paul Keiren, Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit; Kason Grady, Water Resource Control Engineer, Compliance Assurance Unit; Colleen Hunt, Environmental Scientist, NPDES Unit; Justin McSmith, Water Resource Control Engineer, NPDES Unit; and Elena

Franceschi, Office Technician, Administrative Unit; for all their hard work and dedication in clearing the NPDES permits backlog.

v. **Public Forum:**

Comments were taken from:

- Kimberly Burr, Public

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** June 16, 2016

Motion: Board member Noren moved to adopt, Board member Gant seconded the motion; Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye  
Hales aye  
Noren aye  
Corbett aye  
Gant aye  
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously

### **Uncontested Items**

No Uncontested items were scheduled

### **Action Items**

2. **Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2016-0011 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for McClelland Dairy West, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.** Cherie Blatt, Water Resource Control Engineer, Southern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave an overview on the General Dairy Program, the steps taken to open this new dairy, the history, location and cattle numbers, the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), reporting submittal dates, tribal consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria regarding the CEQA and Mitigated Negative Declaration that resulted in mitigation measures for protection of tribal cultural resources, and the 30-day public review of the proposed Individual Waste Discharge Requirements, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Initial Study with no public comments received. Ms. Blatt read the Errata sheet changes to the WDR Order and Initial Study. Ms. Jana McClelland, spoke to the Board regarding McClelland Dairy's management team that consists her parents, George and Dora and herself, and that they strive to produce high quality milk while protecting the environment and creating a positive workplace for all the team working on the Dairy. Protecting and sustaining the land, soil and water for the next generation is paramount for McClelland Dairy.

Motion: Board member Noren moved to adopt, Board member Minton seconded the motion; Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye  
Hales aye  
Noren aye  
Corbett aye  
Gant aye  
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

## Workshops

No Workshops were scheduled

## Information Items

3. **Garcia River Monitoring Program – Overview, Status and Trends.** Jonathan Warmerdam, Senior Restoration Specialist, Nonpoint Source & Surface Water Protection Division, gave a presentation to the Board with an overview of the Garcia Watershed's conservation and restoration actions. Jennifer Carah, The Nature Conservancy, gave details on the Garcia River Monitoring Program, including data and trends, along with the next steps of the Garcia River Monitoring Program.
4. **Update on Russian River Watershed Pathogen Indicator Bacteria TMDL.** Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, and Charles Reed, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Land Disposal & Groundwater Permitting Unit and Russian River TMDL Project Manager, introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Mangelsdorf then updated the Board by reviewing the 2015 TMDL update, progress on the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) component of the TMDL, technical and legal coordination, and coordination efforts with Sonoma & Mendocino counties, progress on funding options of state loans and grants, update on bacteria objectives, with the next steps and the proposed schedule for completion of the project.

### Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

5. **Small Disadvantaged and Financial Hardship Determination for North Coast Region Communities.** Connor McIntee, Environmental Scientist, Compliance Assurance Unit, gave an overview on the background, purpose, criteria and funding opportunities and technical assistance for small disadvantaged communities. Mr. McIntee reviewed the analysis results of 10 counties and 60 communities in the North Coast Region, and it showed that the North Coast Region consists primarily of small

and disadvantaged communities and state and Federal funding is available to assist these communities in achieving environmental justice and to protect the human right to water.

Comments were taken from:

- Brian Gerving, City of Eureka
- David Long, Forestville Water District
- Matt Froneberger, Forestville Water District
- Dave Clemmer, Graton Sewer District
- Gary Harris, Forestville Water District
- Adam Lee, Trinity Hmong Community

6. **Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities for Wastewater Facilities Serving Small and Disadvantaged Communities.** Charles Reed, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Land Disposal & Groundwater Permitting Unit, introduced Jennifer Toney, Division of Financial Assistance, State Water Board; Brian Phillips & Karen McBride, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC); and Katherine Gledhill, North Coast Resources Partnership. Ms. Toney outlined the history of the State Board Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS) and its 3 key functions of 1) Project Funding; 2) Fostering Partnerships; 3) Technical Assistance. Funding is available through OSWS for small community wastewater projects, small community grant funds, planning and construction grants, along with the criteria and requirements to qualify for these loans or grants, and the process for obtaining funds through OSWS, along with technical assistance with project development and coordination, legal assistance, engineering, environmental analysis and leak detection/water audits. Brian Phillips gave an overview of the RCAC, the services provided, funding sources, the Northern California environmental projects for 2014-2015, and technical assistance provided. Karen McBride spoke about RCAC's involvement with the town of Monte Rio, providing technical assistance, community engagement and expertise in wastewater management. Mr. Phillips ended the presentation with information on the RCAC loan products available to our region. Katherine Gledhill gave an overview of the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Proposition 1 IRWM Funding & Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program's goals, objectives, governance, and technical review. Ms. Gledhill reviewed the 88 NCRP IRWM implementation projects in Region 1; along with the Small Community Toolbox, which provides resources for systematic management of local water and wastewater infrastructure, and reviewed the NCRP project review and selection process guidelines.
7. **Executive Officer's Report.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer, updated the Board on: 1) The State Senate's confirmation of John Corbett and Kelli Gant to serve on the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; 2) Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (see Colleen Hunt's article in the written EO's report); 3) Received final approval from the Office of Administrative Law on three Basin Plan Amendments that are now part of Region 1's Basin Plan: a) Onsite Waste Treatment Systems Policy; b) Temperature Implementation Policy; and c) Water Quality Objective Update Amendment (still need approval from U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency); 4) Various counties responses to Blue-Green Algae blooms; and an update on the Klamath Fish Health Assessment Team (KFHAT); 5) Update on the Cannabis Program with current enrollment numbers (total enrollments to date is 568 with an additional 84 that are still in process), three third-party certification providers have been approved; 1) Jacobson & Associates; 2) Pacific Watershed Associates; 3) Timberland Resource Consultants; with three more in process of approval. The Cannabis Unit sent out 13260 Enrollment Enforcement letters to 204 landowners in the South Fork Eel River area. The results of the 204 letters; 156 landowners claimed receiving the letter; 34 letters were not claimed; 32 responded that they are not growing or that they are growing an amount less than the 2000 square feet threshold; 9 property owners stated that the property has been sold; 57 responded that they have enrolled or in the process of enrollment; and 52 have not responded and the Cannabis Unit is identifying which of those landowners will receive a Notice of Violation letter (34 have been verified to date). Pat Higgins, Eel River Recovery Project Managing Director, gave a broad overview on The Eel River Recovery Project's phase I project and how it pertains to the Cannabis Program, and the need for funding for a phase II of the project.

8. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board member Gant requested a strategic planning session with the Board, Executive Officer, Assistant Executive Officer, and Legal Counsel, to be scheduled in conjunction with a regular Board meeting.
9. **Other Items of Interest.** No items to discuss.
10. **Closed session:** The Board met in closed session. Discussed a law case as previously announced by Legal Counsel. Nothing reported.
11. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**  
8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 20, 2016  
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_