

## Item 2 – Public Forum

Larry Kolb, speaking on his own behalf, discussed the cost to purchase and install devices to remove trash from stormwater. He described the amount of money a municipality spent to purchase and install devices and concluded cost may not be prohibitive.

David Lewis, Executive Director, Save the Bay, said his organization recently identified the ten worst trash hot spots in the Bay Area and placed maps and pictures of the hot spots on its website. He said the website features videos of agency representatives discussing the trash problem and citizens discussing how trash impacts their lives.

Mr. Lewis said the trash problem extends throughout the Bay Area. He said volunteers will collect trash on the annual Coastal Cleanup Day that will be held on September 15, 2007. He referred to Dr. Kolb's presentation and stressed the importance of keeping trash from getting into waterways.

John Muller suggested enforcement of local trash ordinances might help reduce trash levels.

Mr. Lewis said enforcement is important. He said, however, a large amount of trash in waterways is not littered intentionally. He said trash that is moved by wind may eventually be washed into creeks and into the Bay.

Richard McMurtry, Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition, said at the July Board meeting during discussion of erosive forces in streams, the Creeks Coalition requested the Board consider issuing watershed permits. He said one type of watershed permit addresses limiting factors to sustaining key species within a watershed. He described a second type of watershed permit. He said after limiting factors to key species have been identified, a watershed permit can address limiting factors to one species. He referred to a diagram that identified problems that could be addressed through a watershed permit and problems addressed through existing regulatory programs.

Mr. McMurtry said the Creeks Coalition drafted a watershed permit that addresses limiting factors to steelhead trout in a specified creek. He requested the Board ask staff to review the permit and determine whether the permit would help solve a significant problem and whether there is legal authority to issue it.

Mr. Wolfe recommended the Board consider Mr. McMurtry's request during discussion under Item 4 of the recent stormwater subcommittee meeting.

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

Gary Wolff, State Board member, said he attended the recent stormwater subcommittee meeting. He discussed State Board activities that occurred during the month of August and described future scheduled events, including the Water Quality Coordinating Committee to be held in October.

John Muller said the State and Regional Board Chairs held a teleconference on September 10, 2007 and discussed the 2007 Strategic Plan update. He said pending legislation was discussed. He said he would be attending a U.S. EPA Local Government Advisory Committee meeting later in the month.

Terry Young said she and Margaret Bruce serve on the Board's stormwater subcommittee. Dr. Young said Mrs. Bruce, Mr. McMurtry, Dr. Wolff, and she participated in a recent subcommittee meeting and talked about issues generated from the discussion of erosive forces at the July Board meeting. She said the participants discussed the watershed permit that Mr. McMurtry described during the Public Forum.

Dr. Young said participants concurred that to recover the beneficial uses of streams, it may be necessary to focus on physical stressors rather than on chemical stressors. She said participants discussed a diagram that showed problems that are addressed by current programs and problems that are not addressed by current programs. She suggested the subcommittee and interested parties meet with staff to discuss programs that staff is in the process of developing.

Mr. Wolfe said the Stream and Wetland Systems Protection Policy and sediment TMDLs offer opportunities to address physical stressors. He said staff recognizes the volume and velocity of water moving through a creek may have the effect of a pollutant. He said NPDES municipal stormwater permits offer an opportunity to address volume and velocity of runoff from new construction and redevelopment projects. He said one area that has not been addressed is reduction in volume and velocity of runoff from existing development.

Mrs. Bruce encouraged staff to work with cities on water related issues that might be incorporated in general plan revisions.

Dr. Young said she would work to set up a follow-up stormwater subcommittee meeting.

Dr. Wolff expressed interest in prioritizing the many different physical stressors in a watershed and said prioritization could help provide direction when resources are spent to implement actions.

Mr. Wolfe said the State Board approved amendments to the Basin Plan to establish a Sonoma Creek Watershed Pathogen TMDL and to establish a Napa River Watershed Pathogen TMDL.

Mr. Wolfe discussed a teleconference that staff participated in with representatives from the U.S. Maritime Administration. He said staff anticipates sending a letter later in the week to the agency with comments on a pilot test to clean hulls of ships located in an eastern river. He said staff is commenting on the pilot test because there are environmental concerns with hulls of ships in the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet.

Mr. Wolfe said the Annual Meeting of the Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in San Francisco Bay will be held on October 2, 2007 in Oakland. He said the State of the Estuary Conference will be held on October 16, 17, and 18, 2007 in Oakland.

Mrs. Bruce said she had accepted an environmental position with a local municipality and would no longer serve as a Board Member after the close of the meeting. She said she has been honored to serve on the Board and holds affection and respect for her colleagues on the Board. She said she has been proud to represent the outstanding staff.

Mrs. Bruce briefly reported on environmental conferences that will be held in late September and early October in Santa Clara County.

Mr. Muller wished Mrs. Bruce well in her new endeavors and said it had been a pleasure to work with her.

Mr. Muller, on behalf of the Board, presented Mrs. Bruce with a Proclamation of Appreciation. Reading from the Proclamation, Mr. Muller said Mrs. Bruce joined the Board in April 2005 and brought unequivocal enthusiasm and common sense to her work on the Board. Further, he said the Board and its staff have been privileged and honored to work with her.

Item 5 – 2007 Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award – Presentation of Award in Recognition of Exceptional Accomplishments in Pollution Prevention in the San Francisco Bay Area

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Doug Linney, Vice-President, Board of Directors, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, said EBMUD was honored to be recognized for developing pollution prevention partnerships with environmental groups.