



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **Meeting Announcement**

# 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 08, 2017

Fortuna City Council Chambers 621 11<sup>th</sup> Street Fortuna, CA 95540

Humboldt County

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Comments on individual agenda items are welcome. All persons desiring to address the Board are requested to fill out a **pink speaker card.** 

Except for items designated as time certain, there are no set times for agenda items. Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair. Agenda items are subject to postponement. You may contact the designated staff contact person in advance of the meeting day for information on the status of any agenda item.

- i. Pledge of Allegiance
- ii. Roll Call and Introductions
- iii. Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure. This item is for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.
- iv. State Board Liaison's and Executive Officer's Reports. These items are for Board discussion only. No public testimony will be allowed, and the Board will take no formal action.

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- v. Public Forum: Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the North Coast Water Board's jurisdiction provided the matter is not on the agenda, or pending before the North Coast Water Board. 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.
- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2017

# **Uncontested Items**

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0006 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Redway Community Services District, WDID No. 1B831470HMU, NPDES No. CA0022781 (*Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan*)

#### **Action Items**

3. Resolution No. R1-2017-0012 Clarifying the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Position on the Public Nature of Documents Held or Maintained by Approved Third Party Programs Associated with Order R1-2015-0023: Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification and Monitoring and Reporting Program for Discharges of Waste Resulting from Cannabis Cultivation and Associated Activities or Operations with Similar Environmental Effects in the North Coast Region. (Josh Curtis & Kason Grady)

# Workshops

No Workshops scheduled

# **Information Items**

- 4. Cannabis Regulatory Program and its Relationship to County Ordinances (*Kason Grady, Connor McIntee, and Adona White*)
- 5. Update on the status of the Agricultural Lands Discharge Program (Ben Zabinsky and Rebecca Fitzgerald, Regional Water Board, and Mike Hiatt, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality)
- 6. Update on Progress of Consolidated Wastewater Management Project in the Samoa Peninsula, Humboldt County (*Charles Reed, Regional Water Board, and Paula Mushrush, Humboldt County Planning Department*)
- 7. Presentation on California Sea Grant's Humboldt Bay ocean acidification and eelgrass protection project (*Dr. Joe Tyburczy, California Sea Grant Extension Specialist*)
- 8. North Coast Regional Board 2017 Priority Projects (*Matt St. John*)

- 9. Executive Officer's report (Matt St. John)
- 10. Board Member requests for future agenda items (Matt St. John)
- 11. Other items of interest (Matt St. John)

#### **Closed Session**

- 12. The Board may meet in closed session to:
  - a. Consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence (Gov. Code, §11126, subd.(c)(3));
  - b. Consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(a)(1));
  - c. Discuss significant exposure to litigation (Gov. Code, §11126, subd.(e)(2)(B)(i));
  - d. Discuss whether to initiate litigation (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e)(2)(C)(i)); and
  - e. Discuss initiated litigation in the following matters (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e)):
    - 1. Petition of Russian Riverkeeper and Fred Corson for Review of July 1, 2015 Notice of Applicability of Order No. WQO-2014-0090-DWQ-R1001-01 General Waste Discharge Requirements for Recycled Water Use and Order No. WQ-2016-0068-DDW-R1001 General Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use for the City of Healdsburg (August 1, 2016), SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2491.
    - Petitions of: Jesse Noell, Stephanie Bennett, Kristi Wrigley and Elk River Residents Association; Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association; and Environmental Protection Information Center and North Group of the Redwood Chapter Sierra Club for Review and Stay of Order No. R1-2016-0004, Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Water Quality Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC in the Upper Elk River Watershed, Humboldt County (December 30, 2016).
    - 3. Petition of the City of Rio Dell for Review of Monitoring and Reporting Plan and Water Code section 13267 Order (February 10, 2017).

#### 13. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2017 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA

#### **Procedures and Notes**

Accessibility - The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Patti Corsie, Executive Assistant, at (707) 576-2307 or Patti.Corsie@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

**General Statement** - The primary duty of the Regional Water Board is to protect the quality of the waters within the region for all beneficial uses. This duty is implemented by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water basins, and by prescribing and enforcing requirements on all domestic and industrial waste discharges. Responsibilities and procedures of the Regional Water Quality Control Board come from the state's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act and the nation's Clean Water Act.

**Written Comments, Oral Comments and Presentations** - The purpose of the meeting is for the Regional Water Board to obtain testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the recommendations made by the Executive Officer. The Regional Water Board and staff welcome information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics of the case to enable the Regional Water Board to take the appropriate action.

Materials for each agenda item that will be considered by the Regional Water Board are posted on the Regional Water Board's website and may be provided to each person on the interested parties list. If you wish to be added to our interested parties list for a specific agenda item, please contact the staff person listed with the item in this agenda notice.

Written materials that are received after deadlines set by item-specific Notices and/or Hearing Procedures will not generally be admitted. Any person requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause, and the Chair must find that the admission of the late materials would not prejudice the North Coast Regional Water Board or any designated party. Pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 648.4, the Regional Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony or evidence into the administrative record if it is not submitted to the Regional Water Board in a timely manner, unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship.

Any person who appears before the Board has an obligation to represent their interest in a professional manner. We expect all statements made before this Board to be truthful, with no attempts to mislead this Board by false statements, deceptive presentation, or failure to include essential information.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to be heard, a time limit for oral comments may be imposed on any agenda item. Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments in writing by the applicable due date and use time for oral comments to summarize those concerns. **Speakers should plan to deliver their oral comments within 3 minutes.** If a longer period of time is desired, speakers will be expected to notify the Regional Water Board staff prior to the meeting date, for approval by the Chair and for scheduling purposes. The speaker will be expected to have submitted a written summary of the comments to be delivered by the due date for the associated agenda item and limit oral comments to a summary of pertinent points previously presented in writing.

Speakers are responsible for providing and operating projectors and other presentation aids. Some equipment may be available at the Board meeting; however, the type of equipment available will vary depending on the meeting location. **To ascertain the availability of presentation equipment please contact Patti Corsie at (707) 576-2307 or** <u>Patti.Corsie@waterboards.ca.gov</u> **at least 5 working days prior to the meeting**.

**Hearing Record** - Material presented to the Regional Water Board as part of testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Regional Water Board. This includes photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, written testimony, etc. All Regional Water Board files pertaining to the items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record submitted by staff to the Regional Water Board for its consideration prior to action on the related items.

**Petition of Regional Water Board Action -** Any person affected adversely by a decision of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to review the decision in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of the Regional Water Board's action, except if the thirtieth day following the action falls on a Saturday, Sunday or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the laws and regulations applicable to filing a petition will be provided upon request, and may also be accessed at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\_notices/petitions/water\_quality/

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