State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, June 13, 2013 David C. Joseph Meeting Room 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member William Massey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: David Noren, William Massey, Geoffrey Hales and John

Corbett.

Board Members absent: Heidi Harris and Irene Tynes

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson,

David Rice, Patti Corsie, Drew Bayless, Fred Blatt, Mona Dougherty, Bryan McFadin,

Rebecca Fitzgerald, Patty Gorup, Charles Reed, Stephen Bargsten, Gil Falcone, Keith Baldanza, Clayton Creager, Holly Lundborg, Craig Hunt, Stormer Feiler, Alydda Mangelsdorf and

Jeremiah Puget.

iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

- William Massey met with Federal Legislators in Washington, D.C.
- Geoffrey Hales had conversations with Humboldt Redwood Company, Assemblyman Wes Chesbro's office, and Senator Noreen Evans' office regarding the Elk River. He had a phone conversation with Pat Higgins, Humboldt Bay Harbor District regarding the Freshwater Pulp Mill site in Eureka, CA.
- David Noren, Matt St. John, and David Leland attended a meeting in Redding, CA with other agencies regarding a potential water rights trade in the Shasta Valley.

iv. **State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's and Executive Officer Reports**Steven Moore updated the Board on:

- Water Board's budget and funding.
- Division of Drinking Water's possible move from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Board.

- Resource Alignment Report available on the State Board's website.
- Stakeholder meeting to be held at the State Board next week regarding the cost of compliance with State and Regional Water Board regulations.
- 401 Certification audit report.

Matt St. John, Executive Officer presented Stormer Feiler, Environmental Scientist, Enforcement Unit, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Regional Water Board for his exceptional and dedicated work in enforcement of State and Federal water quality laws and regulations.

Matt St. John updated the Board on three of the Executive Officer's Report articles:

- The new Executive Officer's Water Quality Stewardship Award.
- A Fact Sheet on the environmental impact of Marijuana cultivation has been developed and available on the Regional Water Board website.
- Chemicals of Emerging Concern (CECs) update.

v. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC)
- Dawna Gallagher, Clean Water Sonoma/Marin
- 1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**: May 2, 2013

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the May 2,

2013 Minutes, John Corbett seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items

- 2. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2013-0023 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for **University of California, Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory,** WDID No. 1B840350SON, NPDES No. CA0024333.
- 3. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2013-0029 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the **City of Tulelake Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1A84002OSIS, NPDES No. CA0023272.
- 5. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2013-0028, to consider rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for:
 - **Granite Construction Company (Formerly Parnum Paving)**, Order No. 80-100, WDID No. 1B801000MEN,
 - Bohan and Canelis Dba Austin Creek Ready Mix, Inc., Order No. 83-138, WDID No. 1B831380SON,

- Shamrock Materials, Inc., Order No. 97-110, WDID No. 1B840120SON,
- Syar Industries Inc., Order No. 87-109, WDID No. 1B830700SON,

• **Syar Industries Inc.**, Order No. 87-123, WDID No. 1B830660SON.

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt Items 2, 3

and 5, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items with Roll Call Vote

4. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2013-0030 to consider adoption of proposed Cease and Desist Order for the **City of Tulelake Wastewater Treatment Facility,** WDID No. 1A840020SIS, NPDES No. CA0023272.

Motion: John Corbett called for a roll-call vote, William

Massey seconded.

Noren aye Massey aye Corbett aye Hales aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

There are no Action Items

Workshops

6. **Public Workshop** to solicit comments on **Nonpoint Source Program Strategy and Five Year Plan**. Fred Blatt, Division Chief, Timber Harvest and Non-Point Source Division gave a presentation on the background of the 2008-2013 Nonpoint Source categories with the key accomplishments, the planning process for 2013-2018 five-year plan, 2013 guidelines, the numerical performance measures and ranking, along with the plan structure and schedule.

Comments were taken from:

• Peter Ribar, Campbell Timberland Management

Information Items

7. Status of the draft Basin Plan Amendment to establish a Policy to Implement the Water Quality Objectives for Temperature and the Action Plan to address elevated water temperature in the Navarro, Mattole, and Eel River watersheds.

Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, gave a presentation on the history, policy approach, status and the next steps for the adoption of the Basin Plan Amendment.

Comments were taken from:

- Daniel Myers, Sierra Club
- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group
- 10. **Presentation regarding the Recovery Plan for the Evolutionarily Significant Unit of Central California Coast Coho Salmon**. Charlotte Ambrose, Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Federal Recovery Plan for California's Central Coast Salmon and Steelhead, the collaborative work with the Water Board and the next steps.

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
- 8. Status of the draft Basin Plan Amendment to Update Specific Surface and Groundwater Water Quality Objectives. See item 9.
- 9. **Status of the draft Basin Plan Amendment to Update Implementation Plans to address Groundwater and Surface Water Protection**. Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Basin Planning Unit gave a presentation to the Board on groundwater and surface water protection in the North Coast Region, background of the regulations, components of the Basin Plan amendment and the next steps. Jeremiah Puget, Environmental Scientist, Basin Planning Unit gave an overview of Phase II of this Basin Plan amendment, regional prohibitions, the implementation plan addressing the discharge of waste to land, the incorporation of a recycled water policy, onsite waste treatment system policy and the next steps.

Comments were taken from:

- Nicole Granquist, California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- Rita Miller, City of Santa Rosa
- Virginia Porter, Russian River Watershed Association
- 11. **Executive Officer's Report**. See item iv.
- 12. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items**. Board Member Corbett requested an update on the restoration policy basin plan amendment. Chairman Noren requested that the Sonoma County Water Agency and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) give a presentation to the Board regarding the Russian River and Biological Opinion and potential effects on water quality and the nexus with TMDL implementation.
- 13. **Other Items of Interest**. None requested.
- 14. **Closed Session.** There were no reports from closed session.

15. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment** 1:30 a.m., Wednesday August 21, 2013 and 08:30 Thursday, August 22, 2013 David C. Joseph Meeting Room 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A Santa Rosa, CA

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Chairperson_				
Date				