

## **Minutes of Meeting**

8:30 A.M., Thursday, July 24, 2008  
Regional Water Board Office  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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8:40 a.m.

### **i. Pledge of Allegiance**

Geoffrey Hales led the pledge of allegiance.

### **ii. Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present: Bob Anderson, John Corbett, Carol Dean, Mike Dunker, Geoffrey Hales, William Massey, and David Noren.

Heidi Harris arrived at the board meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Regional Water Board staff: Catherine Kuhlman, Luis Rivera, Kim Niemeyer, Samantha Olson, David Leland, Holly Lundborg, John Short, Rachael Bosworth, Scott Gergus, Manual Baldenegro, Kason Grady, Matt St. John, Brionna Drescher, Kathleen Daly, Greg Nash, and Jean Lockett.

### **iii. Resolution R1-2008, 0088 to the Memory of Palma Risler, USEPA Environmental Protection Specialist.**

Catherine Kuhlman read the resolution in memory of Palma Risler.

Motion: Mike Dunker moved to adopt Resolution No. R1-2008-0088 as read. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **iv. Exparte disclosures**

William Massey reported on his meeting with Supervisor Mike Reilly and county staff regarding West Sonoma County's sewer issues. He restated that he would recuse himself from West County items brought before the board.

John Corbett and Geoffrey Hales reported that they attended the Elk River and Freshwater Creeks monitoring summit.

David Noren reported on conversations he has had with the local agricultural community regarding the need for a permit covering dairies and confined animal feeding operations.

Carol Dean stated that she attended two web broadcasts regarding pharmaceuticals and personal care products in wastewater and their potential effect on drinking water supplies.

The State Board Liaison was not in attendance.

**v. Public Forum:**

There were no requests for public forum.

1. **Minutes:** The June minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: John Corbett moved to accept the June 2008 Minutes as amended. William Massey seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mike Dunker abstaining.

### Consent Calendar

2. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0063 to consider adoption for Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Ocean Farms, dba Bodega Farms, Abalone Rearing Facility**, Sonoma County, NPDES Permit No. CA0024481, WDID No. 1B820220SON
3. ~~PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0064 to consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint for violations of discharge prohibitions contained in State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ and the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region in the matter of **Humboldt Community Services District**, Humboldt County, WDID No. 1B040200NHU (*Nick Weil*)~~
5. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0025 to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirement for **Geysers Power Company, LLC, Calpine Corporation at The Geysers**, Sonoma County, WDID No. 1B86002RSON
6. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0062 to consider adoption of an Administrative Civil Liability Order for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements acknowledging penalty payment and a proposal to complete a Compliance Project to satisfy Order No. R1-2002-0003 Administrative Civil Complaint No. R1-2008-0021 issued on February 8, 2008, in the matter of the **Redwoods Community College District, College of the Redwoods** Wastewater Treatment Facility, Humboldt County, WDID No. 1B80121OHUM
7. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0070 to consider adoption of an Administrative Civil Liability Order acknowledging penalty payment and a proposal to complete a Project to satisfy Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2007-0102 issued on November 16, 2007, for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order Nos. 95-47, R1-2004-0009 and R1-2005-0096 and State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ in the matter of **Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No.1**, Mendocino County, WDID No. 1B840830MEN

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, items 2, 5, 6, and 7. Mike Dunker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution No. R1-2008-0065 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Sonoma State University Domestic Wastewater Equalization Tank**, 1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park WDID NO. 1B08057RSON

Item 4 was removed from the consent calendar and a public hearing was held. Chairman Anderson administered the Oath to all those who expected to testify. John Short and Rachael Bosworth, Regional Water Board staff, gave the board a brief presentation.

Comments were taken from:

Darrin Jenkins, representing The City of Rohnert Park  
Christopher Dinno, representing Sonoma State University

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt Order No. R1-2008-0065. Heidi Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Public Hearings

8. PUBLIC HEARING Order No. R1-2008-0091 to consider revisions to General Waste Discharge Requirements for **Santa Rosa Subregional Water Reclamation System**, Sonoma County, Revised NPDES Permit No. CA0022764, WDID No. 1B830990SON

Chairman Anderson administered the Oath to those who expected to testify.

Charles Reed introduced the administrative file into the record, and gave a brief presentation to the Board.

Comments were taken from:

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC

Motion: Mike Dunker moved to adopt Order No. R1-2008-0091 as proposed. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed with Carol Dean abstaining.

9. Resolution No. R1-2008-0061 Approving Santa Rosa Nutrient Offset Program for the City of Santa Rosa – **Santa Rosa Subregional Water Reclamation Facility**, Sonoma County NPDES Permit CA0022764, WDID No. 1B30990SON

Chairman Anderson administered the Oath to those who expected to testify.

Charles Reed, introduced the administrative file into the record. Mr. Reed gave the presentation to the Board.

Comments were taken from:

Doug Eberhardt, U.S. EPA  
Craig Johns, City of Santa Rosa  
Lynn Small, City of Santa Rosa  
Dan Schurman, Laguna Foundation  
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt Order No. R1-2008-0061 based upon the amendments presented. Mike Dunker seconded the motion. Motion passed with Carol Dean abstaining.

### **Information Items**

#### **10. Klamath River TMDLs Update**

Matt St. John, Regional Water Board staff, gave the board members an update of the Klamath TMDL schedule.

#### **11. Presentation on the Trout Unlimited Coho Project**

Chuck Bonham, Senior Attorney and California Director of Trout Unlimited, gave the board a presentation on their Coho recovery efforts.

#### **12. Executive Officer's Report**

Catherine Kuhlman gave a verbal report to the board on items listed below:

- Staff has completed coordination for posting this year when Blue Green Algae level exceed State guidelines in the Klamath.
- Lab tests of trout and bass from Dwinnell Reservoir did not detect dioxins. A report is being prepared.
- New information shows that mercury levels in Yellow Perch in Copco and Irongate are of concern.
- Bacteria levels at Monte Rio beach have fallen, and the advisory against swimming has been removed.
- Staff will be tasked to help assess the damage from the June/July fires in our region.

#### **13. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items**

David Noren requested a staff report on the status of permitting dairies and confined animal facilities for the Region.

William Massey requested either a resolution or other appropriate statement from the Board regarding the ballot measure in Rohnert Park to roll back sewer rates.

#### **14. Other Items of Interest**

None presented.

#### **15. Closed Session**

There were no reports from closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Regional Water Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next Regional Water Board Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2008, in Santa Rosa, California.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_