

**Minutes of Meeting**

8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 29, 2011  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
David C. Joseph Hearing Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste 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: Geoffrey Hales, David Noren, William Massey, Heidi Harris, and John Corbett

Regional Water Board staff present: Catherine Kuhlman, Luis Rivera, Samantha Olson, Greg Nash, Patti Corsie, Patricia Gorup, Donna Poe, Holly Lundborg, Bryan McFadin, Bernadette Reed, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Diana Henriouille, Andrew Baker, Matt St. John and Matthew Buffleben

**iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure**

Board Member William Massey reported that he had met with elected officials of the County, State and Federal levels regarding West County Sewers.

Vice Chair David Noren reported he attended UST Task Force policy development meeting; a tour and workshop on the Shasta TMDL; and a tour of Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) property in Mendocino County belonging to Lisa Weger.

Chairman Geoffrey Hales reported a telephone conversation with Mr. Jason Porburko, RPF, California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) regarding a potential late comment submittal on the Temperature Policy.

**iv. State Board Liaison's, and Board Chair's Reports**

Ms. Doduc thanked the Board for their attendance at the Fall Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) on September 26-27, 2011 in Sacramento and updated Board on the tasks State Board Staff is focusing on:

- State Board Staff will be releasing a draft septic policy on September 30, 2011. Four public hearings are scheduled. One public hearing will be held at the Wells Fargo Center in Santa Rosa on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The State Staff are holding two public scoping meetings and five outreach meetings on the proposed Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat UST Closure. Board Member Noren was a member of the Low-Threat UST Workgroup. He raised issues that were technical in nature but specific to this region and whom compiled a set of recommendations to the State Board.
- At the September 19-21, 2011, State Water Board meeting/workshop/hearing, the State Board adopted:
  1. Frost protection regulations.
  2. Approved a new fee schedule increase of almost \$28 million for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.
  3. Directed Staff to prepare a draft proposal by October of the actions that staff would take, along with stakeholder input, to set the priorities for expenditures and cost reduction for fee supported programs. .

#### vi. Public Forum

##### Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee; Estuary Project
- Lee Howard, Public; storm water regulation in Mendocino County

Board Member Noren had questions regarding the Phase II program and permitting. Catherine Kuhlman will brief the Board at a future Board Meeting regarding the existing Phase II program and the State Board's draft Phase II Permit currently under consideration.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 23, 2011

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the June 23, 2011 minutes. William Massey seconded. The motion passed.

#### Uncontested Items

2. Public Hearing to consider adoption of an **NPDES permit renewal for the City of Rio Dell wastewater treatment facility (WWTF)**. The updated permit regulates ongoing discharges to the Eel River and allows a new land discharge in an agricultural area north of the City. The City of Rio Dell is in the midst of WWTF upgrades including construction of the effluent transmission line and the new land disposal location. Discharge requirements contained in this new permit will

transition, becoming even more protective of water quality as the City completes impending WWTF upgrades.

Motion: William Massey so moved the motion to adopt the NPDES. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Action Items

3. Item removed and will be heard at the November 3, 2011 Board Meeting.
6. Russian River Watershed Association, Resolution R1-2011-0094. **Endorsing the Russian River Watershed Association's Seven Principles and Practices of Russian River-Friendly Landscaping.** Catherine Kuhlman introduced Jake Mackenzie, Vice Mayor, City of Rohnert Park and Chair of the Russian River Watershed Association along with Virginia Porter, Executive Director of the Russian River Watershed Association. Jake Mackenzie and Virginia Porter gave an update on the Russian River Watershed Association's ongoing projects for their organization. A video was shown of the Russian River Watershed Association's High School Video contest winners from 2005-2011.

Comments were taken from:

Kate Wilson, Russian Riverkeeper; Landscape Guidelines  
Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee; Landscape Guidelines

Motion: John Corbett so moved the motion to adopt the Resolution with changes in the language. William Massey seconded the motion with changes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2011-0091, **2011 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region** presented by Holly Lundborg.

Motion: William Massey so moved the motion to adopt the Resolution. John Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2011-0069, **Directing Staff to Use Existing Authorities to Implement Water Quality Objectives for Temperature in the North Coast Region and Develop for Board Consideration a Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate a Temperature Implementation Policy.** Catherine Kuhlman introduced Matt St. John, Timber and Non-Point Source Division Chief, Dr. Matthew Buffleben, Timber Division Staff, who presented an update on the Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan review and how it relates to the Temperature

Implementation Policy. Bryan McFadin, Watershed Protection Division, gave a summary of the public comments received and the associated responses before summarizing changes that were made to the proposed Temperature Policy language in response to the comments that were received. The Board decided to open an additional two week public comment period on the modified Temperature Policy language, and to hear the item again at the November 3 , 2011 Board Meeting.

Comments were taken from:

- Jason Poburko, RPF, California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA)
- Matt Greene, Public
- Bonnie Burchill, Public
- Mark Hannon, Campbell Timber
- John Williams, Public
- Ed Struffenegger
- Ruthann Schulte, Executive Director of The Buckeye
- Devon Jones, Mendocino Co. Farm Bureau
- Jack Rice, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Daniel Myers, Redwood Chapter Sierra Club

### Workshops

7. **Shasta River TMDL Action Plan and Waiver Update.** Andrew Baker, NPS Staff, gave an update on the progress made in implementing the Shasta River TMDL. The 5 year progress report will be used for evaluation of the Shasta River TMDL conditional waiver which expires January 26, 2012. Andrew Baker introduced Dave Webb, Shasta Valley RCD who presented the accomplishments and the results of the assessments made. Lisa Unkefer, Aquaterra Consulting Firm, presented an update on the Tailwater program. Amy Hoss, The Nature Conservancy, presented an update on the Big Spring Ranch restoration project and cold water dedication. Adriane Garayalde, Shasta Valley RCD presented the challenges and recommendations for the TMDL and Conditional Waiver.

Comments were taken from:

- Darren Mierau, California Trout

### Information Items

9. **Mad River Watershed Assessment and TMDL Compliance.** Catherine Kuhlman introduced Bernadette Reed, Grants Division, Mad River Watershed Grant Manager and Craig Benson, Redwood Community Action Agency, who gave a summary and power point presentations on the Mad River Watershed Assessment and the TMDL Compliance Plan.
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**12. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Kuhlman informed the Board of a second Agricultural Waiver survey that will be going out next week and the results of the first Agricultural Waiver survey are now available for the Board's review.

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

No requests from the Board.

**14. Other Items of Interest**

No items to discuss.

**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 5:15 p.m. The next Regional Water Board Meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, November 3, 2011, David C. Joseph Meeting Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Chairperson\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_