

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, December 6, 2012
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Irene Tynes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members present: David Noren, William Massey, Geoffrey Hales, Irene Tynes and John Corbett.

Board Members absent: Heidi Harris.

Regional Water Board staff present: Matt St. John, David Leland, Samantha Olson, David Rice, Patti Corsie, Donna Poe, Greg Nash, Lisa Bernard, Charles Reed, Cathleen Goodwin, David Kuszmar, Fred Blatt, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Mona Dougherty, Kasey Ashley, Clayton Creager.

iii. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

- William Massey and David Noren reported that they met with state and local officials seeking funding for West County sewers.
- Geoffrey Hales and David Noren reported that they met with Congressman Thompson, Assembly Member Chesbro and Senator Evans representatives regarding the Elk River Cleanup and Abatement funding pursuit, and some Elk River residents regarding the recently adopted Timber Harvest Plan for the Elk River region.

iv. State Board Liaison's, Board Chair's and Executive Officer Reports

- The State Board Liaison was not in attendance.
- David Noren, Board Chair, presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board to Kasey Ashley, Supervisor, Cleanup Unit for her exemplary work accomplishments in the Cleanup Unit.
- Matt St. John, Executive Officer also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Samantha Olson, Staff Council and Lisa Bernard for their dedication and hard work on the Confusion Hill Judicial Hearing process. He also acknowledged his

appreciation for the work that Patricia Gorup, Staff Services Manager I, Janet Mahoney, Staff Service Analyst, Craig Hunt, Water Resource Control Engineer, Cleanup Unit, Greg Nash, Information Systems Analyst and Drew Bayless, Information Systems Technician did on the coordination of the office remodel from start to finish.

- Matt St. John also confirmed that Geoffrey Hales and Heidi Harris were reappointed by the Governor for another four year term with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

v. **Public Forum**

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman-Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
- Daniel Myers, Sierra Club
- Deanne Meyer, University of California Davis
- Melissa Lema, Western United Dairymen

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2012

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the October 4, 2012 Minutes, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the 2013 Board Meeting Schedule

Motion: John Corbett moved to adopt the 2013 Board Meeting schedule with changes for June, October and December Meeting dates to be adopted at the January 24, 2013 Board Meeting, William Massey seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

2a. Resolution No. R1-2012-0117, Delegation of Authority to the Acting Assistant Executive Officer

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

Uncontested Items

- 3. Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0105 to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Trinity County Waterworks District No. 1**, WDID No. 1A97069WNTR Trinity County.

4. **Public Hearing** on Resolution R1-2012-0099 to consider renewal of Resolution No. R1-2007-0098, **Policy for Waiving Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Waste Discharge**.
5. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0108, to consider rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements for Camp Newman, URJ (formerly UAHC Camp SWIG) Wastewater Treatment Facility, Order No. 96-075, WDID No. 1B83018OSON Sonoma County.
6. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0097, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements to renew NPDES permit in the matter of **City of Ferndale Wastewater Treatment Plant**, WDID No. 1B83136OHUM, NPDES Permit No. CA0022721, Humboldt County.
7. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0100, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Benbow Hotel and Resort** WDID No. 1B12079RHUM, Humboldt County.

Motion: Geoffrey Hales moved to adopt, John Corbett seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items with Roll Call Vote

8. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0106 requiring the **Trinity County Waterworks District No. 1** to Cease and Desist From Discharging Or Threatening to Discharge Effluent in Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order Nos. 98-51 and R1-2012-0105, WDID No. 1A97069WNTR, Trinity County.

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt, John Corbett seconded the motion. David Noren called for a roll-call vote.
Tynes aye
Massey aye
Hales aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Motion passed unanimously

Action Items

9. **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0101, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements to renew NPDES permit for the **Occidental County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency** for the **Occidental Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B83001OSON, NPDES No. CA0023051, Sonoma County. Cathleen Goodwin, Water Resources Control Engineer, Core Reg. Unit, gave a presentation and

overview summarizing the existing and the proposed Occidental County Sanitation District's TMDL Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, the issues identified during the public comment period and the Staff's approach to implementing the Waiver and the Cease and Desist Order.

Comments were taken from:

- Wendy Gjestland, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Pam Jean, Sonoma County Water Agency

Motion: William Massey recused and left the Board room for Item 9. John Corbett moved to adopt with changes, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- 10. Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0102, to consider requiring the **Occidental County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency** to Cease And Desist From Discharging Or Threatening to Discharge Effluent In Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Occidental Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B830010SON, NPDES No. CA0023051, Sonoma County.

Motion: William Massey recused and left the Board room for Item 10. John Corbett moved to adopt, Geoffrey Hales seconded the motion. David Noren called for a roll-call vote and amended that Staff update the Board in December, 2013 on this site.

Tynes aye

Hales aye

Corbett aye

Noren aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Items

- 11. Update** on the Development of the **Laguna de Santa Rosa Total Maximum Daily Loads** for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature, and Sediment. Rebecca Fitzgerald, Senior Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit introduced David Kuszmar, Water Resources Control Engineer, TMDL Unit who gave the history, a summary of the work, the continuing development and the TMDL's timeline to completion.

Comments were taken from:

- Valerie Minton, Sotoyome Resource Conservation District

- 12. Update** on Implementation of the **Nutrient Offset Program** for the **City of Santa Rosa**. Charles Reed, Water Resource Control Engineer, Core Regulatory Unit gave the

Board an update on the history, a summary of the work and the continuing development for implementation of the Nutrient Offset Program for the City of Santa Rosa.

Comments were taken from:

- David Gunin, City of Santa Rosa
- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

- 13. Update on Wood Ash Management** in the North Coast Region. Lisa Bernard, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Core Regulatory Unit and Mona Dougherty, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Core Regulatory Unit gave a presentation and update on Wood Ash Management.

Comments were taken from:

- Charlie Abbott, Eel River Power, Vice-President of Operations
- Adrienne LaPierre, Iris Environmental
- Martin Mileck, Cold Creek Compost
- Bob Marino, DG Fairhaven Power

- 14. Executive Officer's Report**

See Item iv for the Executive Officer's Report.

- 15. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items**

No future Agenda Items were requested by the Board Members.

- 16. Other Items of Interest**

Chairman Noren requested an update on the Temperature Amendment be given at the January 24, 2013 Board Meeting.

- 17. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013
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Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Chairperson_____

Date_____