

State of California  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

**Minutes of Meeting**

9:00 A.M., Thurs., June 12, 2025 &  
9:00 A.M., Fri., June 13, 2025  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:

Jake Mackenzie, Alex Hart, Hector  
Bedolla, Greg Giusti, Ryan Sundberg

Regional Water Board staff present:

Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen, Josh  
Curtis (via Zoom), Claudia Villacorta,  
Deidre Wilkerson, Chris Watt, Brenna  
Sullivan, David Kuszmar, Matt  
Herman, Charles Reed, Kason Grady,  
Mona Dougherty (via Zoom)

iii. **Board Member Reports:** Board Member Giusti reported that he's had ongoing discussions with members of the public regarding the Potter Valley Project.

iv. **State Board Liaison's and Executive Officer's Reports:** State Board Liaison and Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo gave a comprehensive report that included updates on

the East Oroshi Community Services District, the recent adoption of amendments to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program, the annual Salton Sea Workshop, continued hearings for the Delta Conveyance Project, Water Quality Certification Fee stakeholder meetings, revisions to the Draft Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook, the Once-Through Cooling Interim Mitigation Program, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

- v. **Board Chair's Report:** Chair Bedolla reported that he had a conversation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff to learn more about salmonid stocking, and he requested a future information item on the terms of hatchery permits. Chair Bedolla also noted that NOAA has released its updated Biological Opinion for Coyote Dam.

- vi. **Public Forum:** No comments were received from members of the public.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 7-8, 2025

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto noted that the May 7-8 meeting took place at the Miner's Inn and Convention Center in Yreka. The minutes incorrectly indicated the meeting took place in Santa Rosa.

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt the May 7-8, 2025 Board Meeting minutes with the correction of the meeting location; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Mackenzie      aye
- Sundberg      aye
- Hart            aye
- Bedolla        aye
- Giusti          aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

2. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule (*Valerie Quinto*)

**Motion:** Vice Chair Hart moved to adopt the 2026 Board Meeting schedule; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Mackenzie      aye
- Sundberg      aye
- Hart            aye
- Bedolla        aye
- Giusti          aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

## Uncontested Item

3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2025-0008 to consider the rescission of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0023655, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2018-0003 for Sonoma West Holdings, Incorporated, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Plant No. 2, WDID No. 1B81202OSON (*Matt Herman*)

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt Order No. R1-2025-0008; Vice Chair Hart seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Mackenzie      aye
- Sundberg      aye
- Hart            aye
- Bedolla        aye
- Giusti          aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

## Action Item

4. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Proposed Order No. R1-2024-0056, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Vineyards in the North Coast Region and Proposed Resolution No. R1-2024-0057, Certification of Environmental Impact Report, California Environmental Quality Act Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations (*Brenna Sullivan, Chris Watt, David Kuszmar*)

Chair Bedolla recused himself from the Board's consideration of this item. Board Member Giusti, acting as Chair for this item, opened the hearing by asking staff procedural questions, thanking landowners and others involved in the process, and reading the hearing procedures.

David Kuszmar, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, introduced the item and the rest of the Vinyard Order Team and provided background information on the order. Brenna Sullivan, Engineering Geologist, presented an overview of public engagement, revisions to the proposed order, order requirements and implementation milestones. Chris Watt, Senior Engineering Geologist and Groundwater Specialist, presented an overview of the Environmental Impact Report, and Mr. Kuszmar closed out the presentation with the staff recommendation to adopt Resolution No. R1-2024-0057 and Order No. R1-2024-0056.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- Noelle Cremers, Wine Institute
- Don McEnhill, Russian Riverkeeper
- Kim Stare Wallace, Dry Creek Vineyards
- Bruce Lundquist, Family Winemakers of California
- Susanne Zechiel, Jackson Family Wines
- Glenn McGourty, self
- Kimberly Burr, public
- Nick Frey, Balletto Vineyards
- Jack James, Residents of the Russian River Watershed
- Dayna Ghiradelli, Sonoma County Farm Bureau
- Pat Burns, Saini Farms/Sonoma County Farm Bureau
- Rue Furch
- Matthew Callaway, Sonoma County Conservation Action
- Beverlie Franzen, Fetzer Vineyards
- Alan Levine, Coast Action Group
- Mitch Patin, public
- Max Alper, North Bay Jobs with Justice
- Dylan Freebairn Smith, Friends of Gualala River
- Abby Carlson, California Farm Bureau
- Bruce Hilbach Barger
- Laurel Marcus, CA Land Stewardship Institute
- Dee Swanhuysen, Rural Alliance
- Regina Chichizola, Save California Salmon
- Gail Yamamoto Seymour, NAACP Sonoma County Branch
- Abigail Black, Save California Salmon
- Jaime Neary, Russian Riverkeeper

Specific comments can be reviewed on [Cal-Span's Prior Board Meeting Video recordings](http://cal-span.org/) (<http://cal-span.org/>).

Staff responded to comments from the public and additional comments and questions from the Board.

**Motion:** Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt Order No. R1-2024-0056 (including the errata sheet, an edit to the definition of waste, and a 1-year extension of enrollment and reporting deadlines in the order) and Resolution No. R1-2024-0057; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Mackenzie      aye
- Sundberg      aye
- Hart            aye
- Bedolla        recused
- Giusti          aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.**

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

- i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present:	Ryan Sundberg, Greg Giusti, Hector Bedolla, Alex Hart, Jake Mackenzie
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Regional Water Board staff present:	Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen, Josh Curtis (via Zoom), Claudia Villacorta, Deidre Wilkerson, Lisa Bernard, Michelle Fuller, Katharine Carter
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### **Information Item**

- 5. Update from Russian River Watershed Association (*Andy Rodgers & Ben Ford, Russian River Watershed Association*)

Ben Ford, Mayor of Cotati and Vice Chair of the Russian River Watershed Association Board, and Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, presented to the Board. The presentation provided background information on the Russian River Watershed Association, an overview of the watershed, the Association's approach, annual work plan, and active programs. Following the presentation, Mr. Ford and Mr. Rodgers responded to questions and comments from the Board.

### **Action Item**

- 6. Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to Incorporate Non-Regulatory Updates Identified in the 2024 Triennial Review (*Michelle Fuller*)

Michelle Fuller, Environmental Scientist in the Planning Unit, presented to the Board. The presentation included an overview of the Basin Plan, information on when and how to amend the Basin Plan, details of the 2025 Basin Plan Remediation Project, and closed with the staff recommendation to adopt the resolution approving the amendment of the Basin Plan.

Ms. Fuller responded to comments and questions from the Board.

**Motion:** Board Member Sundberg moved to adopt Resolution No. R1-2025-0019; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla            aye
- Hart                aye
- Giusti             aye
- Sundberg         aye
- Mackenzie        aye

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Information Items**

7. **Regional Board Program Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025-26** (*Valerie Quinto*)

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto gave a presentation to the Board that included information on the Regional Board's mission and vision, purpose of work planning and priority setting, and program highlights. Executive Officer Quinto responded to comments from the Board.

8. **Executive Officer's Report:** Executive Officer Valerie Quinto made note of the new artwork in the meeting room and highlighted the update on the work in the Gualala River Watershed in the written report.

9. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Others Items of Interest:** Chair Bedolla noted his earlier request for a future information item on CDFW's hatchery permits.

10. **Closed Session:** The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the following items:

10.d. i. Humboldt Redwood Company LLC v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; State Water Resources Control Board, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint; Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV 1901082 (Nov. 18, 2019.)

10. d. iii. Green Diamond Resource Company v. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; State Water Resources Control Board Real Party in Interest, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint; Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV 2000678 (July 8, 2020.)

10. d. v. Humboldt Redwood Company and Green Diamond Resource Company v. California State Water Resources Control Board and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Humboldt County Superior Court, Case No. CV2000678, (September 24, 2021).

10. d. xii. Office of Enforcement Request to Review Order No. R1-2025-0017 for Administrative Civil Liability in the Matter of Bo Dean Co., Inc. – Mark West Quarry, 4611 Porter Creek Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

There were no actions to report.

**11. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025, and  
9:00 a.m., Friday, August 15, 2025  
Regional Water Board  
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**Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.**