
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 12, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

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Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:06 am in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Status</u>
Rameshwar Singh James McGrath Shalom Eliahu Vice-Chair Terry Young Chair John Muller	none	QUORUM

Steve Moore, State Water Board Member, addressed the Board. He discussed the issue of nitrates in drinking water. He also discussed issues pertaining to developing a desalination policy and noted that the State Board recently adopted the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy. He also summarized recent legislation of interest.

Chair Muller presented Sustained Superior Accomplishment Awards to Board staff Leslie Ferguson and Richard Looker.

Item 2 – Public Forum

No parties requested to speak.

Item 3 – Minutes of Board Meetings –Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Board Meeting.

Board Member Eliahu moved for adoption of Item 3;
Vice-Chair young seconded the motion.

Ayes : Singh, McGrath, Eliahu, Vice-Chair Young, Chair Muller

Nos: None

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 4 – 2012 Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Awards – Presentation of Awards to Alameda County for Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance and to Thomas Barron in Recognition of Lifetime Achievements in Pollution Prevention

Board staff Dylan Garner gave the staff presentation.

Chair Muller presented the first award to Nate Miley, President of the Alameda Board of Supervisors, and Kamika Dunlap, Policy Assistant, who spoke on behalf of Alameda County. Phil Bobel, City of Palo Alto, summarized Tom Barron's efforts in pollution prevention. Chair Muller presented the second award to Tom Barron.

Item 5 – Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports

Chair Muller potential changes with ex parte legislation.

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report and discussed budget issues.

Item 6 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

Item 6A – Henkel Corporation, for the property located at 37899 Niles Boulevard, Fremont, Alameda County – Rescission of Site Cleanup Requirements

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the uncontested item.

Board Member Singh moved for adoption of Items 6A;

Board Member Eliahu seconded the motion.

Ayes: Singh, McGrath, Eliahu, Vice-Chair Young, Chair Muller

Nos: None

ITEM ADOPTED

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 7 – Implementation of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit Trash Load Reduction Requirements – Status Report

Chair Muller recused himself for this item and stepped down. Vice-Chair Young led the meeting for this item. Mr. Wolfe noted that the item is a status report and not an action item.

Board staff Dale Bowyer made the presentation. His presentation focused on the three things permittees were required to submit by February 2012: a trash baseline reduction methodology, a trash tracking methodology, and short-term trash reduction plans and staff's June response to these submittals.

The following parties provided comments at the hearing: Tom Dalziel, Contra Costa Clean Water Program; Rinta Perkins, City of Walnut Creek Stormwater Program Manager; Mark Lander, City Engineer, City of Dublin; Larry Patterson, City of San Mateo Public Works Director; Kathy Cote, Environmental Services Director, City of Fremont; Paul Singarella, Attorney, Latham & Watkins; Stephen Knight, Political Director, Save the Bay; Ian Wren, Staff Scientist, BayKeeper; Chandler Hadraba, Board Member and Managing Director, Western

Plastics Association; Jim Burden, Business Strategies Director, Emerald Program; Ryan Kenny, Manager State Affairs, American Chemistry Council; and Craig Johns, Partnership for Sound Science and Environmental Policy.

Board Member McGrath recommended that the BASMAA entities engage the community and work with environmental groups to come up with innovative solutions. Mr. Eliahu noted that they were depending on staff to work with dischargers to come up with the best solution for gathering needed data. Vice-Chair Young noted our shared goal of reducing trash. She noted that by 2014 she would like to see a robust monitoring program for measuring trash and determining compliance. She suggested that the permittees not move forward with the proposed crediting system and consider a limited crediting system to promote innovation. Lastly, she advised permittees to implement programs that decrease trash and not rely on their proposed credit system to judge success.

Item 14 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm until the next Board Meeting – October 10, 2012