

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2025

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Minutes for the March 12, 2025 Board Meeting

March 12, 2025 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration

Note: Copies of orders, resolutions, and minutes are posted on the Regional Water Board's website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay). Recordings of Board meetings are available via the following link: [CAL-SPAN](#).

Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. at Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present

Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker

Vice-Chair Donald Young

William Kissinger

Jayne Battey

Letty Belin

Mark Ransom

Board Members Absent

Dr. Andrew Gunther

Status

QUORUM

Item 2 – Public Forum

No speakers participated during the public forum.

Item 3 – Minutes of the of February 12, 2025, Board Meeting

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, Board Meeting.

Board Member Kissinger made the motion to adopt.

Vice Chair Young made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker.

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 4 – Chair's, Board Members' and Executive Officer's Reports

Chair Hacker asked for reports from each of the Board Members, and then Executive Officer White highlighted the Executive Officer Report Items.

Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

- A. Item 5A was postponed to a future board meeting, date to be determined. Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Fairfield-Suisun Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer System, Fairfield, Solano County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

Board Member Kissinger recused himself from items 5B through 5I and briefly left the meeting. Assistant Executive Officer Ross Steenson introduced the items and asked the Board to approve the Reissuance of these NPDES Permits.

- B. East Bay Municipal Utility District; Point Isabel, San Antonio, and Oakport Wet Weather Facilities; Richmond and Oakland, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- C. City of Alameda, Wastewater Collection System, Alameda, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- D. City of Albany, Wastewater Collection System, Albany, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- E. City of Berkeley, Wastewater Collection System, Berkeley, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- F. City of Emeryville, Wastewater Collection System, Emeryville, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- G. City of Oakland, Wastewater Collection System, Oakland, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- H. City of Piedmont, Wastewater Collection System, Piedmont, Alameda County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**
- I. Stege Sanitary District; Wastewater Collection System; El Cerrito, Kensington, and Richmond; Contra Costa County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit [Sam Plummer, 510-622-2485, Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov]**

Chair Hacker asked if there were any board or public comments on these items. The following speakers provided commentary:

- George Croton, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

- Amit Mutsuddy, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

Ross Steenson, Assistant Executive Officer, recommended the Board adopt items 5B through 5I. Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the revised tentative orders with the amendments that are stated in the supplemental staff summary reports and thus approve the Reissuance of these NPDES Permits.

Board Member Battey made the motion to approve.

Board Member Belin made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Battey, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker.

Nos: none

Abstain: Board Member Kissinger

J. California Department of Transportation – Interstate 80 Westbound Cordelia Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility Project in Solano County – Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements [Qi Yan, 510-622-2329, Qi.Yan@waterboards.ca.gov]

Board Member Kissinger returned to the meeting.

Executive Officer White introduced item 5J and asked the Board to approve the tentative order to issue waste discharge requirements to the California Department of Transportation to implement the Cordelia Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility Project.

Chair Hacker asked if there were any board or public comments on this item. The following speakers provided commentary:

- Kelly Hardwicke, Consultant for the Solano Transportation Authority
- Timothy Chen, Caltrans
- Katie Gallagher, Consultant for the Solano Transportation Authority

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to approve.

Board Member Belin made the motion to approve.

Board Member Battey made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker.

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 6 – Informational Items

Executive Officer White introduced the item and Bill Johnson, NPDES Division Manager, gave a presentation on the Anatomy and Physiology of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits.

Item 7 – Correspondence

The Board did not receive any correspondence during this meeting.

Item 8 – Closed Session – Personnel

The Board did not meet in closed session for Personnel in this meeting.

Item 9 – Closed Session – Litigation

The Board met in closed session for Litigation Items 9B and 9C.

- A. Sweeney et al. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, et al.; California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region v. Sweeney et al. (Solano County Superior Court; Case Nos. FCS048136, FCS048861, CU24-01789); Sweeney v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Case No. A172337)
- B. City and County of San Francisco v. State Water Resources Control Board and California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Alameda County Superior Court; Case No. RG19042575)
- C. United States and the People of the State of California *ex rel.* California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region v. City and County of San Francisco (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 3:24-cv02594)
- D. Ecological Rights Foundation v. California State Water Resources Control Board and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board et al. (San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CPF-24-518824)

The Board started the closed session at 10:25 am and reconvened in the auditorium at 11:44 am.

Item 10 – Closed Session – Deliberation

The Board did not meet in closed session to deliberate in this meeting.

Item 11 – Adjournment 11:45am the next meeting will be held April 9, 2025, at the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.