

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 11, 2015 Board Meeting Draft Minutes for Board Consideration

ADOPTED on April 8, 2015

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present

Steve Lefkovits

Newsha Ajami

Margaret Abe-Koga (arrived at
9:08)

John Muller

Vice-Chair James McGrath

Board Members Absent

William Kissinger

Chair Terry Young

Status

QUORUM

Senior Engineering Geologist Jim Ponton introduced new Environmental Scientist Paul Modrell.

Item 2 - Public Forum

Renee Silveira expressed concern regarding the possibility that contamination from the Prosperity Cleaners site in Marin County is continuing to migrate towards the well on her family's ranch. She asked the Board to require expedited cleanup without further delay. Bill McNickolas, a Marinwood resident, stated that there was a need for additional and urgent remediation under the building at the former Prosperity Cleaners. Ray Day, a Marinwood resident, discussed cancer incidents in the residential neighborhood across the street from the Prosperity Cleaners site and the need to expedite the cleanup. Stephen Nessel, a neighbor of the Silveiras, urged the Board to require action sooner and also noted the nearby cancer cases. Paul Brunell, a Marinwood resident, expressed concerns about the developer dragging its feet and noted that the community is concerned. In response, Division Chief Stephen Hill gave the Board a brief update on the status of the Prosperity Cleaners cleanup. He agreed to provide a more detailed response in the April Executive Officer's report.

Martin Nicolaus, a Berkeley resident and frequent user of Cesar Chavez Park, discussed water quality concerns associated with off-leash dogs at the park.

Item 3 - Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Board Meeting

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe recommended adoption of the minutes from the February 11, 2015, Board Meeting.

Board Member Abe-Koga moved for adoption of the minutes; Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: Lefkovits, Ajami, Abe-Koga, Muller, McGrath

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 4 - Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports

Vice Chair McGrath discussed an event sponsored by the Bay Institute that he attended the previous evening. He also discussed the recent Chairs' call and the February 19 Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association's annual meeting.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report. He discussed the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association's annual meeting. He also described the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group and its goal of designing projects to achieve multiple benefits. He gave an update on the status of the San Francisquito Flood Control Project and noted that the project impacts included in the application were inaccurate and are being revised. Board Member Muller noted that he would be participating on the multi-regional wetland restoration committee's conference call with the Executive Officer on Friday.

Consideration of Uncontested Items

Item 5A – Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Fairfield-Suisun Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Fairfield, Solano County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 5A.

Board Member Muller moved for adoption of Item 5A; Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: Lefkovits, Ajami, Abe-Koga, Muller, McGrath

Nos: none

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Other Business

Item 6 – Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Update – Status Report by Matt Gerhart, State Coastal Conservancy

Matt Gerhart, State Coastal Conservancy staff, gave an overview of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Update project. Board Member Lefkovits asked about coordination with Bay front property owners. Board Member Ajami asked about funding of projects. Mr. Gerhart described

funding sources and the goal of designing projects to be self-sustaining. Board Member Abe-Koga discussed possible ways to incentivize Bay front restoration.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes, and no action was taken.

Item 7 – Flood Control 2.0 – Rebuilding Habitat and Shoreline Resilience through a New Generation of Flood Control Channel Design and Management – Status Report by Caitlin Sweeney of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Caitlin Sweeney, San Francisco Estuary Partnership staff, gave an overview of the Flood Control 2.0 project. Board Member Ajami asked about flood risk mapping. Mr. Wolfe described other efforts that are building upon the science generated by this project. Vice Chair McGrath asked about integrating FEMA mapping into the project. Board Member Muller discussed concerns along the coastline.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes, and no action was taken.

Item 12 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. until the next Board Meeting – April 8, 2015