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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**October 12, 2016 Board Meeting  
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

ADOPTED November 9, 2016

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**Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Status</u>
Cecilia Ogbu	John Muller	QUORUM
Steve Lefkovits		
Newsha Ajami		
William Kissinger		
Vice-Chair James McGrath		
Chair Terry Young		

Senior Scientist Christine Boschen introduced new Scientific Aid Brian Warmboe. State Board Member Tam Doduc updated the Board about a recent workshop on direct potable reuse of treated wastewater. She also highlighted that the State Board extended the public comment period to January for the water quality update for the Delta.

**Item 2 – Public Forum**

No parties requested to speak.

**Item 3 - Minutes of the September 14, 2016 Board Meetings**

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe recommended adoption of the Minutes from September 14, 2016 Board Meeting.

Vice Chair McGrath moved for adoption of the Minutes; Board Member Kissinger seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ogbu, Lefkovits, Ajami, Kissinger, McGrath, Young

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

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

Board Member Ajami discussed a water reuse meeting she attended and hosted by the Governor's Office. Vice Chair McGrath discussed the Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) annual meeting. He also discussed a recent spill in the Delta and the water quality and fiscal impacts associated with sunken vessels. Chair Young highlighted parts of the RMP meeting. She also noted a number of meetings she had this past month including ones with the Public Policy Institute of California, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Baykeeper. She noted that she discussed the selenium TMDL and options for addressing trash from homeless encampments with Baykeeper's Ian Wren. She reported on the monthly Chairs' call and a discussion about the recent California Supreme Court's tentative decision on stormwater and unfunded mandates. Board Member Lefkovits raised the issue of water diversions in Point Reyes National Seashore and the possible need to outreach to rangers so that they are better informed about how to report water concerns.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report. He highlighted the letter he signed regarding the reinjection of fluids associated with oil production in Alameda County. Board Member Lefkovits asked to be kept informed of upcoming in-house trainings.

#### **Consideration of Uncontested Item**

##### **Item 5A – Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County, Paradise Cove Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Tiburon, Marin County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 5A.

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

Vice Chair McGrath noted that the performance of the plant is very good. Board Member Kissinger noted that this plant serves just a small number of homes and asked if this was typical.

Ayes: Ogbu, Lefkovits, Ajami, Kissinger, McGrath, Young

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

*BREAK at 9:58 a.m.; RECONVENED at 10:16 a.m.*

#### **Other Business**

##### **Item 6 – Overview of Regional Water Board Priorities – Workshop on the Board's Programs and Their Priorities for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year**

Mr. Wolfe summarized the discussion from September's workshop and updates that reflect comments received from the Board at that workshop. He encouraged the Board to provide feedback and ask questions. Vice Chair McGrath noted he was pleased with the outcome of the process. He noted appreciation of the additional information on Caltrans. Board Member Kissinger asked for an addition to the fourth bullet of the Toxics Division's section on measuring success.

Board Member Ajami asked for more graphs that can be used to illustrate things such as the amount of water discharged and recycled and long term improvements in Bay water quality. Board Member Lefkovits suggested presenting the information next year with a focus on regulating human activity vs. restoring the environment. He also noted that it is important to highlight the things that have been completed, as opposed to what will continue to require oversight. Board Member Ogbu noted that she liked the additional information on the challenges and limitations. Chair Young also noted support for the additional information on challenges and the importance of this exercise.

Board Member Young requested short write-ups on strategies for some of the cross-cutting programs identified in the last paragraph of the summary report. Board Member Ajami noted that she'd like to see the Board more involved in implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and water quantity and quality overlaps. Vice Chair McGrath discussed the need to both shift and seek additional resources to address flood control and sea level rise issues. He noted the need to be successful and efficient in the implementation of Measure AA. Board Member Lefkovits suggested areas to seek additional funding and possible roles for Board members. Chair Young suggested everyone keep in mind the need to create a culture of effective client services. She noted that clients include the environment, regulated community, and all interested persons. Vice Chair McGrath noted efforts to improve communication have been successful. Board Member Ajami and Chair Young asked about progress made to improve communication and efficiency in the 401 permitting program.

State Board Member Doduc seconded many of the comments made by Board members. She emphasized the need to define priorities and the importance of doing this in order to align or seek additional funding. She encouraged the Board to consider developing a demonstration project. She also suggested that State Board staff could come and give an informational update report to the Board.

Mr. Wolfe summarized the item and next steps.

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

#### **Item 7 – Enforcement Actions and Priorities for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year – Summary Report**

Mr. Wolfe summarized the item. Board Member Kissinger asked about issues regarding the payment of penalties. Board Member Lefkovits asked about insurance coverage related to penalties. Board Member Ogbu asked about Supplemental Environmental Projects, and Chair Young asked about the targeted stormwater effort. Board Member Lefkovits suggested that enforcement press releases could also be sent to associated trade industries.

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

#### **Item 12 - Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m. until the next Board Meeting – November 9, 2016