

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

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2025

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Minutes for February 12, 2025, Board Meeting

February 12, 2025, Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration

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Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. at Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

| Board Members Present | Board Members Absent | Status |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker | | In Person |
| Vice-Chair Donald Young | | In Person |
| William Kissinger | | Remote |
| Dr. Andrew Gunther | | In Person |
| Jayne Battey | | Remote |
| Letty Belin | | In Person |
| Mark Ransom | | In Person |

Chair Hacker declared a quorum was physically present for the meeting. Board Member Kissinger and Board Member Battey were participating remotely in the meeting, both acknowledged they were alone in their respective rooms and remained on camera throughout the meeting.

Item 2 – Public Forum

The following speakers provided commentary during the Public Forum:

- Geoff Ellsworth, League of United Latin American Citizens
- Heidi Taylor, Healthy Martinez

Item 3 – Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Executive Officer White introduced the item and noted the Water Code requirement to elect the Chair and Vice Chair at the Board's first regular meeting of the year.

Chair Hacker asked for any nominations for Board Chair. Vice Chair Young and Board Member Ransom nominated Chair Hacker for the position of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board Chair. No other nominations were received.

Board Clerk Castellanos called the roll.

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

Nos: none

Abstained: none

Alexis Strauss Hacker was elected Chair of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board.

Chair Hacker asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Board Member Ransom nominated Vice Chair Young. No other nominations were received.

Board Clerk Castellanos called the roll.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 4 – Minutes of the December 11, 2024, Board Meeting

Chair Hacker asked if there were any edits or modifications to the minutes. Receiving none, Chair Hacker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Board Meeting.

Board Member Gunther made the motion to approve the minutes.

Board Member Belin made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

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

Chair Hacker asked for reports from each of the Board Members, starting with Sean Maguire, State Water Board Liaison. Executive Officer White highlighted the Executive Officer Report Items.

Chair Hacker administered the Oath before proceeding with the items on today's board calendar.

Item 6 – Consideration of Uncontested items

Item 6A – City of Benicia, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Benicia, Solano County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Item 6B – City and County of San Francisco and North Bayside System Unit, San Francisco International Airport Mel Leong Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection Systems, San Mateo County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Item 6C – City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Item 6D – East Bay Municipal Utility District, Bayside Groundwater Project, San Lorenzo, Alameda County – Termination of Order No. R2-2007-0038

Board Member Kissinger recused himself from Item 6B. Executive Officer White introduced the items and recommended the board members take separate votes first for uncontested items 6A, 6C and 6D followed by a separate vote for item 6B which would exclude Board Member Kissinger.

After confirming no public speakers for the uncontested items, Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt uncontested Items 6A, 6C and 6D.

Vice Chair Young made the motion to adopt all three uncontested items.

Board Member Belin made the second.

A roll-call vote was taken to adopt the uncontested items 6A, 6C and 6D.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt uncontested Item 6B.

Board Member Belin made the motion to adopt.

Board Member Ransom made the second.

A roll-call vote was taken to adopt the motion.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: Board Member Kissinger

Item 7 – Informational Item: Public Policy Institute of California Water Policy Center: Priorities for California's Water – Are We Ready for Climate Change?

Executive Officer White introduced the item and Letitia Grenier, Public Policy Institute of California Water Policy Center gave a presentation. Xavier Fernandez, Planning Division Manager, contributed additional comments on the subject.

**Item 8 – Informational Item: Corte Madera Flood Risk Management Project:
College of Marin Creek Restoration Element**

Executive Officer White introduced the item. Keith Lichten, Watershed Division Manager, introduced Sandra Guldman, Friends of Corte Madera Creek, and Joanna Dixon, Marin County Flood Control District, who both gave presentations.

Item 10 – Closed Session – Personnel

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

Item 11 – Closed Session – Litigation

The Board met in closed session for Litigation Item 11A – 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).

The board met in closed session from 11:30 am and reconvened in the auditorium at 12:56 pm.

Item 12 – Closed Session – Deliberation

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

Item 13 – Adjournment 12:57pm. The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2025, at Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.