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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**February 10, 2016 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

ADOPTED March 9, 2016

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present

Cecilia Ogbu
Steve Lefkovits
Newsha Ajami (arrived 9:05 a.m.)
William Kissinger
Vice-Chair James McGrath
Chair Terry Young

Board Members Absent

John Muller

Status

QUORUM

Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

Senior Engineering Geologist Laurent Meillier introduced new Scientific Aid Winne Loo. Senior Engineering Geologist Jim Ponton introduced new Scientific Aid Alex Grant.

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe presented the 25-Year State Service Award to Cecil Felix.

State Board Member Tam Doduc updated the Board about the recent adoption of Emergency Conservation Regulations. She also discussed two items that will be heard at the next State Board Meeting: the Human Right to Water Resolution and cultural resource beneficial uses. She noted that State Board staff released a draft order for regulating San Joaquin Valley irrigated agricultural lands. Vice Chair McGrath asked about drought and the need to evaluate long term plans for drought.

Item 2 – Public Forum

No parties requested to speak.

Item 3 - Minutes of the January 13, 2016 Board Meeting

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the Minutes from the January 13, 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 reported that she was contacted by Richard McMurtry and that he is concerned that there is not enough connection between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Water Board. She reported that she testified at Assembly Member Rich Gordon's recent Select Committee hearing on urban water recycling and reuse. Chair Young asked for clarification on the use of the terms indirect and direct potable water reuse. Mr. Wolfe described the differences between the two terms and regulatory requirements. Vice Chair McGrath discussed a recent meeting with Diana Sokolove about a grant that will be focused on resilience and sustainability at ten Bay Area locations.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report. He noted that we are doing an update of our Environmental Screening Levels (ESLs). He highlighted the application of ESLs for the cleanups noted in the report. Vice Chair McGrath and Board Member Kissinger discussed the benefits to private developers and landowners of having certainty in regard to cleanups. Mr. Wolfe also highlighted the cleanup of Treasure Island. He announced that the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority approved moving forward with placing a ballot measure entitled, "San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, and Habitat Restoration Measure on the June 7 ballot in all nine Bay Area counties. Board Member Kissinger asked about the groundwater remedy at Treasure Island and the transfer of liability.

Consideration of Uncontested Item

Item 5A – The Exploratorium, Heating and Cooling System and Fog Bridge Desalination System, San Francisco, San Francisco County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 5A.

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

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

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 5B –Cleanup Programs – Status Report Including Case Closures

This item was for informational/discussion purposes and no action was taken. Chair Young asked about the number of open cleanup sites in all three categories and the total number of staff working on these sites. Mr. Wolfe agreed to get back to Chair Young with this information.

Other Business

Item 6 – U.S. EPA’s San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

U.S. EPA Staff Sam Ziegler gave the presentation to the Board. He described a federal grant program that is focused on restoring impaired waters and enhancing aquatic resources in San Francisco Bay. He presented three priorities: restoring water quality, restoring wetlands, and greening development. He provided examples of projects previously funded. Vice Chair McGrath raised the need for scaling up the Flood Control 2.0 project and supporting green infrastructure planning and implementation. He also noted the need for monitoring and its value. Chair Young noted that the funding is very meaningful, even if it is not large. She mentioned ways in which the funds could send an important message and highlighted the need for outcome monitoring for trash efforts by municipalities. She reiterated the need to find ways to incentivize the cities to develop and implement green infrastructure programs. Board Member Ajami asked about outreach efforts to municipalities.

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

Item 12 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. until the next Board Meeting – March 9, 2016