

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, August 17, 2017
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: Hector Bedolla, John Corbett, Kelli Gant, Gregory Giusti, Valerie Minton, and David Noren.

Regional Water Board staff present: Fred Blatt, Steve Butkus, Katharine Carter, Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Mona Dougherty, Cathy Goodwin, Kason Grady, Nathan Jacobsen, Lance Le, Shin-Roei Lee, Alydda Mangelsdorf, Justin McSmith, Donna Poe, Charles Reed, Evelyn Reynolds, Matt St. John, Chuck Striplen, and Claudia Villacorta.

i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Noren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

iii. **Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:**

- Board member Corbett stated that he was on a speaker panel at a State Water Board presentation regarding Cannabis.

iv. **The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore updated the Board:**

- Budget issues
- Recent and upcoming activities at the State Water Board
- Drought issues
- Legislation passed or pending.

Executive Officer's Report: See Item 8 – Executive Officer's written Report.

v. **Public Forum:**

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** May 18, 2017

Motion: Board member Bedolla moved to adopt, Board member Gant seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Gant aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Uncontested Items

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0005 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for **City of Fortuna Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B83135OHUM, NPDES No. CA0022730 (*Justin McSmith*)
3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0026 to consider adoption of proposed Time Schedule Order (TSO) for **City of Fortuna Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B83135OHUM, NPDES No. CA0022730 (*Justin McSmith*)
4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0007 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for **City of Rio Dell Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B83147OHUM, NPDES No. CA0022748 (*Cathleen Goodwin*)
5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0008 to consider adoption of proposed Rescission of Cease and Desist Order for the **City of Rio Dell Wastewater Treatment Facility**, WDID No. 1B83147OHUM, NPDES No. CA0022748, Rescinding Orders R1-2003-0046 and R1-2005-0034 (*Cathleen Goodwin*)

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Items 2, 3, 4, & 5; Board member Minton seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye
Bedolla aye
Corbett aye
Noren aye
Gant aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Workshops

6. **Workshop on Draft Action Plan for the Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL.** Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, stated the purpose of the Workshop is to: 1) Provide an overview of the technical analysis as presented in the Russian River Watershed Pathogen TMDL Staff Report, 2) Provide an overview of the Program of Implementation as presented in the draft TMDL Action Plan, and 3) To answer clarifying questions and hear oral comments. Ms. Mangelsdorf then presented the Technical Analysis of: 1) TMDL basics, 2) Reviewed evidence of pollution, and 3) The TMDL allocations, and targets. Charles Reed, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, Groundwater Permitting Unit, reviewed the Program of Implementation of: 1) Fecal Waste Discharge prohibition, 2) Potential sources of pathogens, 3) Implementation actions, and 4) Funding opportunities.

Comments were taken from:

- Will Stockard, Permit Sonoma County, Stormwater Engineer
 - Lee Torr, public
 - Ted Walker, California Environmental Health Association
 - Kyla Brooke, public
 - Sarah Yardley, Hacienda Improvement Association
 - Bart Deamer, Public
 - Jim Christian, Summerhome Park resident
 - Pat Abercrombie, Fitch Mountain resident
 - Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
11. **Closed session:** The Board met in closed session to discuss referral of an enforcement case to the State of California Attorney General Office, and discussed the petitions on the Elk River WDRs for Humboldt Redwood Company.

Information Items

7. **Update on implementation of the Upper Elk River Sediment TMDL.** Alydda Mangelsdorf, Senior Environmental Scientist, Planning Unit, introduced Dr. Chuck Striplen, Environmental Scientist, Adaptive Management Unit and Dr. Lance Le, Water Resource Control Engineer, Planning Unit. Ms. Mangelsdorf reviewed the State Water Board approval of the Action Plan for Upper Elk River Sediment TMDL. Dr. Le reviewed the progress of the Elk River Assessment and associated conceptual model. Dr. Striplen reviewed the Pilot Sediment Remediation Projects and the status of Elk River Watershed Stewardship Program.

Comments taken from:

- Noah Oppenheim, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- David Bitts, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- Mike Miles, Humboldt Redwood Company
- Gary Ryneanson, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Jesse Noell, Elk River resident
- Kristi Wrigley, Elk River Residents Association

8. **Executive Officer's Report.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer, discussed the written EO Report article on the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the North Coast, and the 2-year flow monitoring effort in the Trinity River Watershed.
9. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** No requests for future Agenda items by the Board.
10. **Other Items of Interest.** No other items of interest requested by the Board. The Board members asked Josh Curtis, Division Chief, Planning, Stewardship & Compliance Assurance Division questions about the changes in the Cannabis Program and staffing.
12. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 19, 2017

Weed City Council Chambers
City Hall
550 Main Street
Weed, CA 96094

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Chairperson _____

Date _____