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**Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Watsonville City Council Chambers  
275 Main Street - 4th Floor (New Building)  
Watsonville

Thursday, May 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Roll Call  
[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140, [Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

**Water Board Members**

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Gray, and Member Young

**Absent:** Member Cervantez and Member Johnston (both arrived after roll call)

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards  
[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, [John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov) ]

Chair Wolf introduced new Executive Officer John Robertson and thanked Lisa Horowitz-McCann for her efforts as interim Executive Officer.

John Robertson thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity.

Executive Officer John Robertson introduced Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel; Michael Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer; and Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board.

3. Approval of the March 17-18, 2016, Board Meeting minutes

**Motion:** Vice-Chair Hunter moved to approve the minutes of March 17-18, 2016

**Seconded by:** Member Delgado

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Young

**Nay:**

**Absent:** Member Johnston

**Abstain:**

**MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

4. Report by Regional Board Members

- Chair Wolff:  
Attended 11 different meetings in addition to weekly meeting face to face with the Executive Officer to help with a smooth transition.
  - March 29, 2016, Sacramento, annual regional board chairs meeting.
  - Conference call with San Francisco Bay Region regarding practices used in vineyards and wineries. Not acting in a regulatory position.
  - April 5, 2016, meeting with City of San Luis Obispo regarding recycled water.
  - April 6, 2016, San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Council meeting.
  - April 8, 2016, at Central Coast Water Board with Dr. Hunter, Angela Schroeter, and Maria Kennedy regarding environmental justice in the Santa Maria, Nipomo, and Santa Barbara areas.
  - April 21, 2016, San Luis Obispo County Water addressing Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
  - April 22, 2016, Los Osos wastewater treatment plant ribbon cutting ceremony and tour.
  - April 27, 2016, Monterey County Water Resources Agency field trip to the lower Salinas River to see Salinas channel maintenance. Attended by Dr. Wolff, Mr. Young, Mr. Robertson, and other staff members.
  - May 1, 2016, San Luis Obispo, community meeting in Price Canyon organized by the community members and supervisor Adam Hill regarding oil production facility.
  - May 2, 2016, meeting with Debbie Arnold, San Luis Obispo County supervisor, regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
  - May 4, 2016. San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting.
- Vice-Chair Hunter:
  - Reported on environmental justice issues.
- Member Johnston:
  - March 7, 2016, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water tour
  - May 3, 2016, Watsonville Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour given by the City of Watsonville for the Mid-Pacific Bureau of Reclamation.
- Member Young:
  - April 27, 2016, Monterey County Water Resources Agency field trip to the lower Salinas River.
- Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, and Member Gray:
  - Nothing to report

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Uncontested Items

6. Items on the uncontested items calendar are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. Recommended action will be taken without discussion. Items may be removed at the request of any board member or person, and if removed, will be taken up during the meeting at a time specified by the Chair. If an item is removed from the uncontested items calendar, it will only be voted on at this meeting if the board accepts the staff recommendation for the agenda item. Otherwise, the item will be continued to a subsequent board meeting to allow input by interested persons. Item number 7-8 is uncontested.

Both items were removed from the uncontested items calendar.

7. Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 01-070 for Folktale Winery (Formerly Chateau Julien Wine Estate), Monterey County  
[Tom Kukol, 805/549-3689, [tom.kukol@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tom.kukol@waterboards.ca.gov)]

The discharger requested that the Water Board not act because the discharger very recently decided to grow beyond the Water Board's "small" winery production limit. The Water Board obliged and directed the discharger to work with staff towards appropriate permitting.

Speakers:

- o David Bayer, winemaker, Folktale Winery

8. Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Disaster-Related Wastes during a State of Emergency within the Central Coast Region, Order No. R3-2016-0001  
[Martin Fletcher, 805/549-3694, [Martin.Fletcher@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Martin.Fletcher@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Board Member Jeffrey Young asked about water quality concerns associated with widespread use of flame retardants during firefighting activities. Staff engineer Martin Fletcher responded that potential water quality issues associated with flame retardant use were beyond the scope of the Conditional Waiver, except as they apply to the characterization of emergency waste for handling and disposal. Landfill Program Senior Engineer Matthew Keeling added that although there are clear impacts from fires and firefighting activities, emergency responders are focused on protecting public safety; however, agencies such as CalFire are also involved in fire restoration activities that prevent erosion and reduce the discharge of sediment, ash, and other pollutants to surface waters. Mr. Robertson added that staff has historically participated with incident commands during emergencies to provide input for water quality issues. Additionally the Conditional Waiver also applies to other emergencies such as earthquakes and is intended to improve staff oversight of emergency waste discharges. Section Manager Lisa McCann added that staff scientist Karen Worcester is developing a monitoring program for emergent chemicals such as flame retardants. Board Member Young expressed that he was interested in talking informally with Ms. Worcester regarding her monitoring program.

**Motion:** Member Delgado moved to approve item 8.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Hunter

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**Watershed Management and Planning**

9. Status Report for City of Salinas Municipal Storm Water Discharges, Monterey County, Order No. R3-2012-0005  
[Mike Godwin, 805/549-3886, [MichaelD.Godwin@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:MichaelD.Godwin@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mike Godwin, Storm Water Unit Engineering Geologist, presented an informational update on the City of Salinas' stormwater permit compliance progress. This item was on the agenda pursuant to a Board request made at the September 2015 Board meeting to give an update about the City's response to the USEPA inspection audit performed in December 2014. After the presentation, Gary Peterson and Heidi Niggemeyer with the City of Salinas provided information about how the City is responding to the USEPA audit findings and their efforts to bring the City into full compliance with the stormwater permit. One public comment was brought to the attention of the Board asking about the City's commitment to the public education/public outreach component of the stormwater permit. The Board asked questions of City and Board staff. Board Chair Wolff requested an information update prior to adoption of the next permit at the May 2017 Board meeting.

Speakers:

- Gary Peterson, Director of Public Works, City of Salinas
- Heidi Niggemeyer, Stormwater Permit Manager, City of Salinas
- Robin Lee, resident of City of Salinas

**Public Forum**

10. Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. There were no speaker cards for Public Forum.

**Discussion/Informational Items**

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**Administrative Items**

12. Executive Officer's Report  
[John Robertson, Executive Officer 805/549-3140, [John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:John.Robertson@waterboards.ca.gov) ]

Mr. Robertson updated the Board and answered questions regarding the report.

**Closed Session**

13. The Board met in closed session as authorized by Government Code section 11126.

**Friday, May 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

14. Roll Call

[Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, 805/549-3140, [Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tammie.Olson@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

**Water Board Members**

**Present:** Chair Wolff, Vice-Chair Hunter, Member Delgado, Member Gray, Member Johnston, and Member Young

**Absent:** Member Cervantez

15. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Steven Moore 916/341-5624]

Mr. Moore provided a report on State Water Resources Control Board activities.

**Public Forum**

16. Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda.

Speaker:

- Debbie Peterson, former Grover Beach mayor

**Watershed Management and Planning**

18. Total Maximum Daily Loads for Sediment Toxicity and Pyrethroid Pesticides in Sediment in the Lower Salinas River Watershed, Resolution No. R3-2016-0003  
[Peter Meertens, 805/549-3869, [Peter.Meertens@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Peter.Meertens@waterboards.ca.gov) ]

Peter Meertens, an environmental scientist in the TMDL unit, presented a recommendation to the Central Coast Water Board to approve the TMDL for the Lower Salinas River Watershed. The presentation covered the following: process for development of the TMDLs, the main components of the TMDL (e.g., numeric targets and implementation plans), and the main issues in the written public comments. Following the presentation, staff responded to questions from the board about the development process and the components and findings of the TMDL.

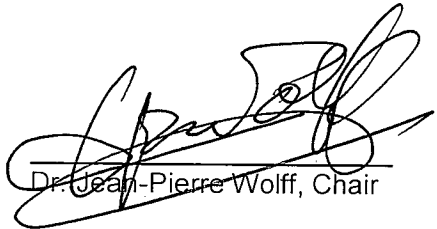
Following public comment, the board asked questions to the commenters and to staff. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board postponed adoption of the TMDLs and directed staff to develop responses to key questions raised by the board. The information will be presented at a future board hearing, when the board will consider adoption of the TMDLs.

Speakers:

- Mark McLaughlin, Kleen Globe, Inc., representing the pest management committee of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
- Theresa A. Dunham, Somach, Simmons & Dunn Attorneys at Law, representing the Pyrethroid Working Group
- Armand Ruby, California Stormwater Quality Association
- Kay Mercer, KMI Consulting

- Kirk Schmidt and Sarah Lopez, Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
- Steve Shimek, The Otter Project
- Brian Anderson, University of California Marine Pollution Studies Laboratory at Granite Canyon

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair