

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Minutes of Board Meeting
March 22, 2001
Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

On March 22, 2001, Chair Daniel Crowley called a regularly scheduled board meeting of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, to order at 8:59 a.m.

i. Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Hoy led Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members Present: Bev Wasson, William Hoy, Dina Moore, William Massey and Daniel Crowley

Staff Members Present: Executive Officer, Lee Michlin; Division Chiefs Susan Warner, Ranjit Gill, Frank Reichmuth and Robert Tancreto; Legal Counsels, Phil Wyels and Yuri Won; Seniors: Mark Bartson, Bob Klamt, Dave Evans and John Short; Technical Staff: Al Wellman, Gail Seymour, Bernadette Reed, Charles Reed, Matt St. John; Secretary, Jean Lockett; Office Assistant, Donna Colvin; Gregg Nash,

iii. Minutes of Past Meetings

Minutes of the January 26, 2001, Board meeting was submitted for adoption.

MOTION: William Massey made a motion to adopt the January 26, 2001 Minutes. William Hoy seconded the motion. The Motion carried by unanimous vote with a noted change of Tess Cook name to Theresa Cook.

iv. Board Member Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

None.

v. Introductions of New Employee

Lee Michlin introduced the new staff members Matt St. John, Mona Dougherty, Ron Hallen who were present at the Board meeting.

vi. Presentation of Resolutions

Lee Michlin read the resolutions for former Board members Leslie Dahloff and Jason Liles.

MOTION: William Massey made a motion to adopt the resolutions. William Hoy seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

vii. Public Forum

Sonoma County Supervisor Mike Reilly spoke on the sediment in Jenner Gulch. He thanked the Regional Water Board staff for issuing the Monitoring and Reporting Orders for Jenner Gulch. He urged support for the Regional Water Board staff.

Tom Dunbar addressed the Board on the water shortage in the City of Rio Dell. He stated that its new system would require staff to work in the Eel River. Therefore, Region 1's involvement will be the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

Elizabeth Gallagher, a member of the Jenner Advisory Committee, introduced a group of residents to address the Board on Jenner Creek. A petition and written presentation was entered into the record. The presenters were Sharon Chang, John Braito, Cynthia Urbina, Lena Chyle, Mrs. Norah Barr, Thomas Yeates, Irene Carranza and Josephine Wright. They each thanked the Board and voiced their support of the Monitoring and Reporting Order issued for Jenner Gulch.

Prior to the Jenner Gulch group presentations, Phil Wyels became aware that the Jenner Gulch Timber Harvest Plan applicants may appeal the Monitoring and Reporting Programs to the State Water Resource Control Board. He recommended that the Board limit the presentations of the Jenner Advisory Committee, stating that due to the pending appeal it would be inappropriate to hear facts and argument on Jenner Gulch because information given in the presentation could be construed as testimony that the appellants could not rebut. The Board therefore limited the presentations of the Jenner Advisory Committee.

Dwayne Dewitt, a Santa Rosa resident, requested help in applying for Brownfield's funds. Copies of the Roseland Island Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative were distributed to the Board.

Consent Calendar

Items 1. Georgia Pacific Corporation, Fort Bragg Lumber Mill, Mendocino County Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES Permit No. CA0005304, WDID No. 1B84089OMEN

Roger Sherwood, Environmental Engineer for Georgia Pacific Corporation, stated his concerns regarding mathematical issues in the Ocean Plan. He suggested that an appeal may be filed to the State Board regarding the mathematical issues.

Item 2. Pellini Chevrolet, Sonoma County, Recision of Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Cleanup, Order No. 92-03, WDID No. 1B88022NSON

Item 3. Siemer's Nursery (Former) Sonoma County, Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Cleanup, Order No. 98-111, WDID No. 1B98069RSON

Item 4. Domaine St. George Winery, Sonoma County, Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements, WDID No. 1B740840SON

Motion: William Massey moved that the Consent Calendar Items be adopted, William Hoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Corrective Action

Item 5. Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1, Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), Mendocino County, Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES Permit No. CA0023078, WDID No. 1B84083OMEN and Revision of Cease and Desist Order No. 98-126

Al Wellman addressed the Board by giving information on the Fort Bragg Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Board members were in receipt of the Errata Sheet for this item.

Jere Melo, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, stated that the monitoring amount would increase to \$15,000 or \$20,000 per year. He requested the Board to take the monitoring cost in consideration.

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Jack Silver, a member of the Board of River Watch, stated that he should get 30 days to review the Errata Sheet for the permit since it was substantive.

Phil Wyels advised the Board to allow 30 days for public comment on the Errata Sheet before the Board adopts the permit.

Action: William Massey recommended that the Board delay action on item 5. Chair Crowley ordered a 30-day public comment period before any action will be taken on the Waste Discharge Requirements Order. Adoption of the WDR is continued to the April 26th Board meeting. Discussion at the April 26th Board meeting will be limited to the public's written comments submitted to the Regional Water Board staff no later than April 23, 2001.

Motion: William Massey moved to adopt the Cease and Desist Order. William Hoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a correction to strike the last sentence of the first finding ("the NPDES was adopted on March 22, 2001.").

A break was observed at 10:50 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

Other Business

Item 6. Update on City of Santa Rosa Wastewater Improvements

Dan Carlson, the City of Santa Rosa Capital Project Coordinator, gave the Board an overview of the current operations. For the calendar year 2000, 53 per cent of the flows from the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Program was recycled. The Geyser recharge project is being built in a series of ten contracts. The project start up date is scheduled in the fall of 2002. Plans are being designed to have the permit in place by 2005.

Public Forum:

Brenda Adelman stated that the Laguna is not the very best place to irrigate. She further stated that great care should be given when irrigating in the Laguna.

Item 7. Status Update for Occidental Wastewater Treatment Plant Enforcement Actions

John Short informed the Board that Item 7 is an informational item only.

Mike Thompson of the Sonoma County Water Agency addressed the Board. The Occidental County Sanitation District is under order to award a capital improvement project by March 1, 2001. He asked that this deadline be pushed back so that Camp Meeker alternative could be studied.

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Steven McNeil, board member of the Occidental Community Service District, requested that the Regional Water Board push back the deadlines in the existing Cease and Desist Order and Time Schedule Order. Fines for not meeting the time schedule would impose a significant financial hardship.

Gary Helfrick, President of Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District, also supported the extension for further evaluation of the Camp Meeker alternative.

Public Forum

Robert Rawson, a past employee of the Occidental Treatment Plant, suggested that the time extension information given by Occidental was incorrect. He stated treatment alternatives were available to Camp Meeker and Occidental. Mr. Rawson requested the Board to deny extensions.

Brenda Adelman stated that Occidental had an Environmental Impact Report that identified two basic solutions. She supports the leachfield on the Aho property. She voiced concerns on the revamping of the Occidental site.

John Short updated the Board on the various enforcement orders issued to Occidental, and stated that staff would like to present its recommendations to the Board on Occidental's extension request at the May hearing.

Mr. Baker addressed the Board on the Occidental site. The Board was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Baker. He requested that the Board keep a closer watch on the Occidental Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Action: The Board requested that the Regional Water Board staff bring the extension request and its recommendations back to the Board for a formal hearing.

A break for lunch was observed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:53 p.m.

Item 8. Introduction to Triennial Review Process of Basin Plan Updates

Lauren Clyde gave an overview on the 2001 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Board (Basin Plan). Workshops to gather public comments will be held in June 2001 in the cities of Yreka, Eureka and Santa Rosa.

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Chair Crowley stated that the timeline on the projects must be optimistic timelines. He recommended that a sub-committee of two Board members sit down with the Regional Water Board's staff and discuss priorities for the Basin Plan.

Action: Bev Wasson and Dina Moore, the appointed Board sub-committee, will meet with Ranjit Gill to discuss priorities for the Triennial Review Process of the Basin Plan.

Item 9. Update on Progress in Investigation, Cleanup, and Abatement Activities at the West College Avenue/Clover Drive Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) Site

Mark Bartson informed the Board that the Regional Water Board staff held a successful public meeting on February 28, 2001. A Clean Water Act Section 13267 Order was issued to landowners and to the operators of Sonoma French Dry Cleaners. Also a Cleanup and Abatement Order was issued to the former landowners and operators at 946 West College. Well sampling determined that there is no new contamination.

Item 10. Executive Officer Administrative Civil Liabilities

No Administrative Civil Liabilities complaints were issued during the month of February.

Item 11. State and Regional Water Board Communications

Lee Michlin announced that our new Board liaison is State Board Chair Art Baggett.

Item 12. Items for Discussion at Future Regional Water Board Meetings

The Board did not offer any input for briefing for the next Board meeting.

Item 13. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Role in the North Coast Watershed Assessment Program

Bob Klamt gave a brief overview of the new North Coast Watershed Assessment Program. He covered the programs genesis, goals, one, two and three-year assessment schedule. He also reviewed the Regional Water Board's tasks and the current status of the Watershed Assessment Program.

Item 14. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program

Bob Klamt reviewed the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). SWAMP is a statewide program to monitor and assess our waterbodies and develop long-term trend monitoring. Each state region is a participant in the program. He reviewed Region 1's program, progress and future tasks.

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Item 15. Discussion of 2002 Revisions to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies

Matt St. John gave a presentation on the Clean Water Act Section 303 (d) List of Impaired Waterbodies. He gave a definition of the 303(d) list, what is included on the list and how the list will be updated for 2002.

Public Forum

Brenda Adelman asked the Board a series of questions and requested a response. Chair Crowley suggested that staff respond to all of Ms. Adelman's questions at one time.

Item 16. Budget Priorities/Timing

Lee Michlin reported on concept papers. Polluted wells, co-ordination with US Forest Service and file material electronic scanning needs.

Executive Officer's Report

Items 17. Monthly Report to the Board

Stands as written.

Item 18. Leaking Underground Storage Tanks/Sewage Spills

There were no new Leaking Underground Storage Tanks reported for the month of February

Item 19. Proposition 65 Notifications

Stands as written.

Item 20. Violation and Enforcement Report

Stands as written

Item 21. Other Items of Interest

At 3:45 p.m. the Board observed a break before going into close session.

At 4:00 p.m. the Board resumed in closed session for **Items 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26.**

There being no further business to come before this meeting body, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until the next scheduled Board meeting on April 26, 2001.

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The Secretary, E. Jean Lockett recorded the minutes of the March 22, 2001, meeting of the North Coast Water Quality Control Board, to be approved by the Board at its next meeting.

Approved by _____ Chairman