

Minutes of Meeting

1:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 19, 2019 &
9:00 A.M., Thursday, June 20, 2019
Eureka City Council Chambers
City Hall
531 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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Wednesday June 19, 2019

9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. at Salt River Restoration Tour

i. Salt River Restoration Tour:

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

Regional Water Board staff present: Jim Burke, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Gil Falcone, Matt St. John, Chuck Striplen, and Jonathan Warmerdam

The Humboldt Resource Conservation District led a tour of the Salt River Restoration Project, visiting a sediment management site, channel enhancement, flood control and riparian enhancement areas. No action was taken by the Board.

1:00 P.M. at Eureka City Council Chambers

ii. Pledge of Allegiance: Board member Giusti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

iii. Roll Call and Introductions

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

Regional Water Board staff present: Jim Burke, Patti Corsie, Josh Curtis, Forest Fortescue, Nathan Jacobsen, Dean Prat, Matt St. John, and Jonathan Warmerdam

- 1. Public Hearing to consider adoption of Proposed Order No. R1-2019-0021, Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Water Quality Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC in the Upper Elk River Watershed, Humboldt County.** Jim Burke, Senior Engineering Geologist, Southern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave an overview and history of the Upper Elk River Watershed impairment and subsequent regulatory requirements that were implemented through a 2016 Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) Order and an Action Plan for the Upper Elk River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). On August 1, 2017, the State Water Board approved the TMDL Action Plan and via Resolution, directed the Regional Board to review and evaluate the WDR to ensure that it complied with all applicable TMDL requirements. Following discussions with Regional Water Board staff, Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) proposed revisions to specific provisions of the 2016 WDR to implement TMDL hillslope targets and load allocation and on February 1, 2019, submitted the proposed revisions. Following a review of HRC's proposal and in consideration of the State Board's Resolution, the Regional Water Board developed the draft WDR Order R1-2019-0021, which incorporates the revised findings and specific requirements for riparian zone protection and wet weather restrictions designed to address and fully implement TMDL hillslope indicators, numeric targets and the load allocation. When the public comment period closed, the WDR was revised in response to public comments. Staff recommend approval of proposed WDR Order R1-2019-0021 incorporating a Change Sheet.

Comments were taken from:

- Wayne Whitlock, Humboldt Redwood Company
- Mike Miles, Humboldt Redwood Company
- Vivian Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
- Jerry Martien, Friends of the Elk River
- Rob Diperna, Environmental Protection Information Center
- Gary Rynearson, Green Diamond Resource Company
- David Lemon, Green Diamond Resource Company
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Ellen Taylor, Public
- Eileen Cooper, Public
- Kristi Wrigley, Self & other Elk River residents

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Order R1-2019-0021, Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Change Sheet and revisions to Section I.F. regarding notification to the Regional Water Board when hauling ceases due to precipitation that results in 0.25 inches or more of rainfall within a

24-hour period. Board member Bedolla seconded the motion. Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Quinto aye
Noren aye
Corbett aye
Gant aye

Motion passed unanimously

Chairwoman Quinto directed the Executive Officer to provide annual written updates to the Board after May 1st each year regarding wet weather operations.

Thursday, June 20, 2019
9:00 A.M. at Eureka City Council Chambers

- vi. Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:** Board member Corbett attended a presentation given by the California Association of Water Agencies on the new State Water Resources Control Board Chair and the head of CalEPA. Board members Noren and Bedolla attended a Dairy Workshop held on May 31, 2019 at the Regional Water Board.
- vii. State Board Liaison's Report:** State Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo did not attend the meeting.

Executive Officer's Reports: See Item 8.

viii. Public Forum:

Comments were taken from:

- Susan Fricke, Karuk Tribe
- Eileen Cooper (provided following Agenda Item 1 on June 19, 2019)

Action Items

- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** April 17 & 18, 2019.

Motion: Board member Noren moved to adopt, Board member Corbett seconded the motion. Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Bedolla aye

Giusti aye
Quinto aye
Noren aye
Corbett aye
Gant aye

Motion passed unanimously

- 3. Adoption of 2020 Board Meeting Schedule.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer, reviewed the dates for the proposed 2020 Board meeting schedule, and noted that the proposed Board meetings are still scheduled to be 2-days in length; but will now be held on a Thursday and Friday. The proposed dates are: February 6 & 7, April 16 & 17, June 18 & 19, August 20 & 21, October 15 & 16, and December 10 & 11, 2020.

Motion: Board member Noren moved to adopt, Board member Gant seconded the motion. Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Quinto aye
Noren aye
Corbett aye
Gant aye

Motion passed unanimously

Uncontested Items

- 4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0013 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Geyserville Sanitation Zone Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B77117OSON (*Ben Zabinsky*)**
- 5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0020 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant, WDID No. 1B84083OMEN, NPDES No. CA0023078 (*Cathleen Goodwin*)**
- 6. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2019-0017 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Northcrest Mobile Home Park Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A171877RDN (*Ben Zabinsky*)**

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Uncontested Items 4, 5, & 6, Board member Gant seconded the motion; Chairwoman Quinto initiated a roll-call vote:

Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Quinto aye
Noren aye
Corbett aye
Gant aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Item

7. **Update on implementation of Order No. R1-2015-0021, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Federal Land Management Activities on National Forest System Lands in the North Coast Region*.** Forest Fortescue, Engineering Geologist, Northern Nonpoint Source & Forestry Unit, gave a presentation, beginning with an overview of the Federal Waiver and its implementation to date, the number and types of projects enrolled, inspections conducted, general observations, and lessons learned. Mr. Fortescue's PowerPoint presentation highlighted the federal post-fire recovery and vegetation management projects, grazing allotment monitoring with sample results, and legacy sediment site treatment activities. Sam Flanagan, Geologist, Bureau of Land Management; John Exline, Director for the Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Forest Service; Patty Grantham, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest, U.S. Forest Service; and Ted McArthur, Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest, U.S. Forest Service, each gave a presentation that summarized their accomplishments, the progress toward TMDL implementation, and described their experiences and challenges implementing the Federal Waiver.

Comments were taken from:

- Thomas Wheeler, Environmental Protection Information Center
- Felice Pace, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club
- Susan Fricke, Karuk Tribe

Information Items

8. **Executive Officer's Report.** Matt St. John, Executive Officer, highlighted two of the articles in the written EO's Report regarding the new Grants & Funding webpage, and that Regional Water Board staff are now accepting proposals for Supplemental Environmental Projects. Mr. St. John informed the Board regarding a settlement not included in the Enforcement Report, and summarized the status of the Russian River Pathogen TMDL, and the Dairy GWDR. Mr. St. John provided an update on the status of the State Water Board's General Cannabis Order, and the responsibilities of dischargers to terminate coverage under the Regional Cannabis Order or transfer to the new State Board General Cannabis Order by July 1, 2019.

9. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items. Board member Corbett requested an informational item on the 303(d) listing and delisting process. Board member Noren requested an informational update on the Laguna de Santa Rosa TMDL Vision Project.

10. Other Items of Interest. None requested.

11. Closed session: The Board did not meet in closed session.

12. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

8:30 a.m., Wednesday August 14, 2019 and

8:30 a.m., Thursday August 15, 2019

5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A

Santa Rosa, CA

Meeting adjourned at: 1:05 pm.

Chairperson _____

Date _____