

Minutes of Meeting

9:00 A.M., Thursday, August 4, 2022
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Video Conference

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- i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Board Member Quinto led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board Members present: Hector Bedolla, Gregory Giusti, Shaunna McCovey, Bill Matsubu, Valerie Quinto, Crystal Robinson.

Regional Water Board staff present: Patti Corsie, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Kason Grady, Matthew Herman, Nathan Jacobsen, Justin McSmith, Jeremiah Puget, Charles Reed, Matt St. John, Claudia Villacorta.
- iii. **Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure.** Board McCovey participated in a planning meeting with Matt St John and Devon Jorgenson regarding the development of the draft Racial Equity Resolution for the North Coast Region.
- iv. **State Water Board Liaison's and Executive Officer's Reports:** State Water Board Liaison Dorene D'Adamo, gave a comprehensive update on various topics including the ongoing drought, water conservation reporting, Curtailment Orders, development of water use standards for commercial turf; the State Water Board's Racial Equity Action Plan; the Division of Financial Assistance new funding dashboard; and the Auditor's report on the state's Drinking Water Program.
- v. **Regional Board Chair's Report:** Chairman Giusti reported that he participated in a meeting with Matt St John and Nathan Jacobsen, along with Board member McCovey, to discuss the matter of Friends of Gualala River v. Regional Water Quality Control Board; and joined Matt St John and Jonathan Warmerdam in a meeting with representatives from CalFire and the Board of Forestry as a follow up to the June 10,

2022 Regional Water Board Workshop on Post-fire Timber Salvage Operations, Wildfire Remediation, and Monitoring; and met with several landowners regarding lily bulb operations in Smith River Plain. Finally, Chairman Giusti expressed his support to schedule periodic Regional Board meetings during non-routine business hours in order to provide expanded opportunities for public engagement in our meetings.

vi. Public Forum:

- No public comments.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 9 & 10, 2022

Motion: Board member Quinto moved to adopt June 9 & 10, 2022, Board meeting minutes; Board member McCovey seconded the motion; Chairman Giusti initiated a roll-call vote:

McCovey aye
Quinto aye
Matsubu aye
Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Robinson abstain

Motion passed

- 2. Resolution of Appreciation for Clayton Creager.** Matt St John read Resolution No. R1. 2022-0034 and expressed his thanks and appreciation for Mr. Creager's boundless contributions as the Watershed Stewardship Coordinator for the North Coast Region. Board members and members of the public provided compliments and thanks to Mr. Creager.

Uncontested Items

- 3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2022-0001 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Master Recycling Permit for the Mendocino City Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant, WDID No. 1B83129OMEN, NPDES No. CA0022870 (*Matthew Herman*)**

Motion: Board member Bedolla moved to adopt Agenda Item 3 - Order No. R1-2022-0001; Board member Quinto seconded the motion; Chairman Giusti initiated a roll-call vote:

McCovey aye
Quinto aye

Matsubu aye
Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Robinson aye

Motion passed unanimously

4. Change of Name and Ownership of Facilities Having National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits and Time Schedule Orders. (*Justin McSmith*)

Motion: Board member Quinto moved to adopt Agenda Item 4 - Order No. R1-2022-0026; Board member McCovey seconded the motion; Chairman Giusti initiated a roll-call vote:

McCovey aye
Quinto aye
Matsubu aye
Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Robinson aye

Motion passed unanimously

Action Item

5. Public Hearing on Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2022-0023, Issued To: Szagora LLC, Toshko Toshkoff and Rudy Chacon, Humboldt County, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 208-054-003-000 (*Brian Fuller*)

Chair Giusti opened the hearing and the Chair reviewed the rules of the hearing for all parties. Parties to the hearing (Prosecution Team and Discharger) were provided opportunity to address the hearing procedures. Representatives for the Prosecution Team were present and had no objections. The Discharger was not present and did not make an appearance at the hearing. The Prosecution Team presented its case-in-chief, which included opening and closing statements, case presentation, witness questioning, and submission of evidence into the record. (The hearing was recorded; the recording provides a complete accounting of the hearing.)

After discussion and questions to the Prosecution Team, the Board members convened in closed session with the Executive Officer and counsel to deliberate the case. The Board reconvened in open session and counsel to the Board presented Order No. R1-2022-0033 as proposed by the Prosecution Team with modifications based on Board input in closed session. The Board discussed the proposed Order and Chair Giusti asked if any party had comments on the proposed Order. The Prosecution Team had no comments on the changes, the Discharger was not present.

Motion: Board member Quinto moved to adopt Order No. R1-2023-0033 with changes as presented to the Board and authorized the Executive Officer to make any minor typographical corrections; Board member Robinson seconded the motion; Chairman Giusti initiated a roll-call vote:

McCovey aye
Quinto aye
Matsubu aye
Bedolla aye
Giusti aye
Robinson aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Items

6. **Executive Officer's Report.** No oral report.
7. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Other Items of Interest.** Board member Bedolla requested –future updates regarding post-fire timber salvage operations and the Regional Water Board's regulation of this activity.
8. **Closed Session:** The board met in closed session to discuss Item 5.
9. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
9:00 a.m., Tuesday August 30, 2022
Online – Zoom Meeting,
Eureka, CA

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chairperson _____

Date _____