

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 9, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:03 am in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Status</u>
Shalom Eliahu Steve Moore James McGrath Rameshwar Singh Vice-Chair Terry Young Chair John Muller	none	QUORUM

Tam M. Doduc, State Water Board Member and liaison to the San Francisco Bay Region, addressed the Board. She informed the Board that the State Board recently adopted a Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Closure Policy. She also discussed ongoing efforts to revise the industrial and General Stormwater permits.

Item 2 - Public Forum

No parties requested to speak.

Item 3 - Minutes of Board Meetings

Minutes of the May 11, 2011 Board Meeting

Vice-Chair Young moved for adoption of the minutes, Board Member McGrath seconded the motion.

Ayes: Eliahu, Singh, McGrath, Moore, Muller, Young

Nos: None

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 4 - Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports

Board Member McGrath noted that he intended to meet with stakeholders to gather ideas

about strategic planning concepts. Board Member Singh noted a recent newspaper article on plastics in the ocean. The Board Members further discussed the pros and cons of biodegradable plastics. Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe summarized the Executive Officer's Report.

Item 5 - Consideration of Uncontested Items

5.A- Total Maximum Daily Load for Mercury in Tomales Bay– Hearing to Consider Adoption of the Tentative Resolution Considering a Total Maximum Daily Load and an Implementation Plan for Mercury in Tomales Bay

Mr. Wolfe noted that this item is significant enough that even though it is uncontested, he asked Board staff Carrie Austin to give a staff presentation. Ms. Austin gave an overview of the TMDL and discussed the successful cleanup of the Gambonini Mine. Vice-Chair Young asked about trends in atmospheric loads. Board Member Moore noted that the presentation was also a good summary of the effectiveness of the Walker Creek Mercury TMDL and served as a de facto review. Board Member McGrath noted how far the scientific community has come in their conceptual understanding of mercury. Mr. Wolfe noted that this was the first time a TMDL will be adopted by resolution in our Region.

5.B. Georgia-Pacific Corporation, for the property located at 38811 Cherry Street (formerly 38801 Cherry Street), Newark, Alameda County – Rescission of Site Cleanup Requirements

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of all uncontested items.

Board Member McGrath moved for adoption of Item 5, Vice-Chair Young seconded the motion.

Ayes: Eliahu, Singh, McGrath, Muller, Young, Moore

Nos: None

ITEMS ADOPTED

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 6 - Monitoring Strategies for Chemicals of Emerging Concern in California's Aquatic Ecosystems – Presentation by Adam Olivieri, Member of the State Water Resources Control Board's Science Advisory Panel

Dr. Olivieri informed that Board that in accordance with the provisions of its Recycled Water Policy, the State Water Board convened a panel of experts to provide recommendations on how current knowledge of Chemicals of Emerging Concern should influence the Water Boards' regulatory activities. He then presented the panel's findings and discussed implications for monitoring and regulation.

Item 11 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am until the next Board Meeting – June 13, 2012