

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

February 13, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

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**Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order on February 13, 2013, at approximately 9:05 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland.

Board members present: Margaret Abe-Koga, William Kissinger, James McGrath, Vice-Chair Terry Young, and Chair John Muller.

Board members absent: none.

**Item 2 – Public Forum**

There were no speakers.

**Item 3 – Minutes of the January 9, 2013, Board Meeting**

Board Member McGrath moved for adoption of the January 9, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes. Vice-Chair Young seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes.

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

Board Member Abe-Koga noted that 12 out of 15 cities in Santa Clara County have single-use bag bans in place and that the remaining cities are evaluating this. She also discussed the recent passage of the Santa Clara Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and asked Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe about the Water Board's role in this process. Mr. Wolfe explained that HCPs are established to address mitigation for endangered species. He noted the Water Board's mission is much broader in that we need to consider impacts to all beneficial uses of the State's waters in our permitting decisions and whether an applicant has first avoided, and then minimized any water quality impacts, before we allow for mitigation.

Board Member McGrath noted that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission is working on its strategic plan. Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of his written report for this month. He also gave an update on the recent potable water spill and resulting fish kill in San Mateo Creek.

**Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items**

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of items 5A and 5B.

Board Member Abe-Koga moved; Board Member McGrath seconded the motion.

Ayes: Abe-Koga, McGrath, Young, Muller, Kissinger

**Item 6 – Consideration of Uncontested Enforcement Items**

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of items 6A.

Board Member McGrath moved; Board Member Abe-Koga seconded the motion.

Ayes: Abe-Koga, McGrath, Young, Muller, Kissinger

**Item 11 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20.