

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2024

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Minutes for the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting

December 13, 2023 Board Meeting
Adopted

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Item 1 – Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. at Elihu H. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Status
Chair Jayne Battey	William Kissinger	QUORUM
Vice-Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker		
Dr. Andrew Gunther		
Donald Young		
Letty Belin		
Mark Ransom		

Item 2 – Public Forum

Commenters:

- Kelly Abreu

Item 3 – Minutes of the of November 8, 2023, Board Meeting

Chair Battey asked for any questions or edits to the November board meeting minutes and received none.

Motion: Vice Chair Hacker moved to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes.

Second: Board Member Belin

Aye: Vice Chair Hacker, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Belin, Board Member Ransom

Abstain: Chair Battey, Board Member Young

Nay: none

The minutes of the November 8, 2023, board meeting were approved by a show of hands.

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

Sean Maguire, State Water Board Liaison, provided an update on statewide matters. Board Member Gunther gave an update on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and

Development Commission (BCDC) work and Chair Battey gave an update on a group of Bay Area agencies coordinating on climate change mitigation work.

Executive Officer White thanked the board and acknowledged the staff for their hard work over the last year and for their many accomplishments. She then shared the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board recipients of the Superior Accomplishment Award and the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award.

Chair Battey administered the oath before proceeding to the hearing items on the agenda.

Item 5 – Basin Plan

Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to Correct Errors in Freshwater Metal Water Quality Objectives, to Clarify the Basis to Establish Dilution Credit for Non-Priority Pollutants, and to Allow Establishment of Alternative Cyanide Dilution Credits and Mercury Concentration Triggers for Wastewater Treatment Operations

Executive Officer White introduced the item and Tong Yin, Water Resource Control Engineer in the Planning Division, gave the presentation explaining the proposed amendment.

Executive Officer White recommended that the Board adopt the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan with the editorial change to delete “Chapters 3, 4 and 7” from the second column in Table 1 on Page 2 of the Revised Staff Report followed by a roll call vote.

Motion: Vice Chair Hacker moved to adopt the Basin Plan amendment with the editorial change to delete “Chapters 3, 4 and 7” from the second column in Table 1 on Page 2 of the Revised Staff Report as recommended by the Executive Officer.

Second: Board Member Belin

Aye: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Young, Board Member Gunther, Vice Chair Hacker, Chair Battey,

Nay: none

The proposed Basin Plan amendment was approved.

Item 6 – Informational Item

California Department of Transportation, Update on Compliance with Cease and Desist Order No. R2-2019-0007, Implementing Trash Discharge Reduction Requirements

Executive Officer White introduced the item and turned it over to Derek Beauduy, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer in the Watershed Division, who gave the staff presentation. The Water Board presentation was followed by presentations from David

Ambuehl, Chief Deputy District Director Caltrans District 4, Ken Johansson, Caltrans Statewide Stormwater Manager, and Josh Quigley, Environmental Policy Manager for Save the Bay. In addition, the following public speakers provided comments:

- Terri Fashing, Acting Manager Watershed and Stormwater Management Division, City of Oakland
- Jason Day, Storm Capital Improvement Team, City of San Jose
- Damian Breen, Managing Partner, Environmental Communication Strategies
- Tracy Rideout, Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District provided commentary via email

Item 8 – Closed Session – Personnel

The Board did not meet in closed session for Personnel in this meeting

Item 9 – Closed Session – Litigation

The Board did not meet in closed session for Litigation in this meeting

Item 10 – Closed Session – Deliberation

The Board did not meet in closed session to deliberate in this meeting

Item 11 – Adjournment 11:50