

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
January 15, 2008

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tam Doduc called the meeting to order on January 15, 2008 at 10:08 a.m. in the Byron Sher Auditorium at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tam Doduc, Chair; Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D., Vice Chair; Member; Frances Spivy-Weber, Member

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dorothy Rice, Executive Director  
Deborah Bourgeois, Executive Office  
Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director  
Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel  
Sheila Vassey, Office of Chief Counsel  
James Herink, Office of Chief Counsel  
Steve Blum, Office of Chief Counsel  
Alex Mayer, Office of Chief Counsel  
Betsy Jennings, Office of Chief Counsel  
Les Grober, Division of Water Rights  
Vicky Whitney, Division of Water Rights  
Gita Kapahi, Office of Public Participation  
Thomas Mumley, Deputy Director, SF Regional Board

Tom Howard, Chief Deputy Director  
Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board  
Jim Maughan, Division of Financial Assistance  
Barbara Evoy, Division of Financial Assistance  
Leslie Laudon, Division of Financial Assistance  
Sonia Frazier, Division of Financial Assistance  
Kathie Smith, Office of Public Affairs  
Liz Kanter, Office of Public Affairs  
Bill Rukeyser, Office of Public Affairs  
Darrin Polhemus, Division of Water Quality  
Nirmal Sandhar, Division of Water Quality  
Liz Haven, Division of Water Quality  
Rik Rasmussen, Division of Water Quality

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

- *Evacuation information in case the fire alarm goes off during the meeting*
- *The Board meeting is being webcasted and recorded.*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**BOARD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will consider adoption of the December 4, 2007 board meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Vice Chair Wolff moved to adopt the December 4, 2007 board meeting minutes.

**Seconded by:** Member Hoppin

**MOTION CARRIED** ([12/04/07](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Vice Chair Wolff  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Absent:** Member Baggett

2. Board Member Report

- ❖ *Member Spivy-Weber will be serving with Mark Cowin with the Department of Water Resources as co-chairs on the Water Climate Action Team. This team is helping prepare the scoping document for the Air Resources Board on how the State will implement AB32.*
- ❖ *Vice-Chair Wolff said thank-you to the staff for all their hard work during his first term on the State Water Board.*
- ❖ *Chair Doduc met with Mr. John Kirlin, Executive Director of Delta Vision. During the meeting he asked for the opportunity to collaborate and coordinate with our staff on the Bay-Delta Strategic Workplan. He requested a designated liaison from the State Water Board to attend meetings and participate in the Bay-Delta Strategic Workplan. Chief Deputy Director Tom Howard informed Chair Doduc that the State Water Board had already notified Mr. Kierlan that Mr. Jim Kassel will be the State Water Board's liaison attending the meetings.*

**UNCONTESTED ITEMS (Items 3-4)\***

- \*3. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board request for funding in the amount of \$287,000 from the Cleanup and Abatement Account for the [Lake Tahoe Runoff Treatment and Monitoring Project](#).

**Motion:** Member Spivy-Weber moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

**Seconded by:** Chair Doduc

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution 2008-0001](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Vice Chair Wolff  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Absent:** Member Baggett

- \*4. Consideration of a Resolution adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations regarding the [Integrated Regional Water Management Program's Fillmore Water Recycling Plant Project](#).

**Motion:** Member Spivy-Weber moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

**Seconded by:** Chair Doduc

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution 2008-0002](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Vice Chair Wolff  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Absent:** Member Baggett

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

5. Consideration of a Resolution approving a \$500,000 [Proposition 50](#) Santa Monica Bay Restoration grant for purchase of property in Corral Canyon.

**Motion:** Vice Chair Wolff moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

**Seconded by:** Member Spivy-Weber

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution 2008-0003](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Vice Chair Wolff  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Absent:** Member Baggett

## WATER QUALITY

6. Consideration of a Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan to incorporate [site-specific ammonia objectives](#) and site-specific implementation provisions for protection of early life stages of fish for select inland surface waters in the Santa Clara River, Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Watersheds. (Written comments were due on December 20, 2007 by 12 p.m.) ([Staff Presentation](#))

**Motion:** Member Spivy-Weber moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Wolff

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution 2008-0004](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Vice Chair Wolff  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Absent:** Member Baggett

### Commenters

Ann Heil, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Gus Dembegiotes, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

7. Consideration of a Resolution approving an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan to establish [site-specific copper water quality objectives \(SSOs\)](#) and implementation plan for San Francisco Bay. (Written comments were due on December 7, 2007 by 12 p.m.) ([Staff Presentation](#))

**Motion:** Vice Chair Wolff moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

**Seconded by:** Member Spivy-Weber

**MOTION CARRIED** ([Resolution 2008-0005](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Vice Chair Wolff  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Absent:** Member Baggett

### Commenters

Doug Eberhardt, U.S. EPA

Larry Bahr, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

- ~~8. Consideration of a Resolution to adopt a Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries -- Part 1 Sediment Quality. (Written comments were due on November 30, 2007, by 12 p.m.)~~

9. In the Matter of Own Motion Review of City of Arcata Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2006-0054 Issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. ([SWRCB/OCC File A-1754](#)). (The State Water Resources Control Board will consider whether to adopt an order revising the administrative civil liability order). (Written comments are due on January 3, 2008 by 12 p.m.). ([City of Arcata Presentation](#))

**Motion:** Member Spivy-Weber moved to adopt the draft order with staff recommendations.

**Seconded by:** Chair Doduc

**MOTION CARRIED** ([WQ 2008-0001](#))

**Aye:** Board Chair Doduc  
Member Spivy-Weber  
Member Hoppin

**Abstain:** Vice Chair Wolff

**Absent:** Member Baggett

**Commenters**

Kim Niemeyer, North Coast Regional Board  
Luis Rivera, North Coast Regional Board  
Mark Wheatley, City of Arcata  
Melissa Thorne, City of Arcata  
Tom Dunbar, North Coast Regional Board

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

10. **Executive Director's Report.**

- ❖ **Vice Chair Wolff requested that the List of Elements that are to be included in the Strategic Workplan for the Bay Delta (noted on page 13), items that were not approved at the December 4, 2007 Board Meeting, but which were listed as possible future actions of the board, be provided to the Board Members with greater specificity than existed in the December 4' 2007 Resolution, and that the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the current list.**
- ❖ **Vice Chair Wolff requested a briefing on the schedules for the other State-supported Delta efforts.**

To be held in Conference Room 230

11. Consideration of State Water Board priorities and member assignments for upcoming year.  
(No Action will be taken on this item)

- ❖ **The Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director Tom Howard, and Chief Counsel Michael Lauffer discussed with the board members priorities for 2008, including perceptions of the water board system and how priorities could be aligned to address those perceptions.**
- ❖ **The Chief Counsel identified past and recent legislative efforts to restructure the water board system, and discussed how adjusting priorities could address such concerns.**

**ADJOURNED**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.