

Minutes of Meeting

8:30 A.M., Thursday, February 2, 2017
David C. Joseph Meeting Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Gant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions**

Board Members present: John Corbett, Kelli Gant, Gregory Giusti, Geoffrey Hales, Valerie Minton, and David Noren

Board Members absent: Hector Bedolla

Regional Water Board staff present: Shawn Agarwal, Keith Baldanza, Stephen Bargsten, Jo Benz, Lisa Bernard, Elizabeth Beryt, Fred Blatt, Jim Burke, Clayton Creager, Josh Curtis, Gil Falcone, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Cathy Goodwin, Kason Grady, Craig Hunt, Nathan Jacobsen, Devon Jorgenson, Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan, David Kuszmar, Beth Lamb, Shin-Roei Lee, Bryan McFadin, Justin McSmith, Gina Morrison, Rachel Prat, Jeremiah Puget, Charles Reed, Jake Shannon, Matt St. John, Chuck Striplen, Brendan Thompson, Claudia Villacorta, Jonathan Warmerdam, and Ben Zabinsky

iii. **Election of Officers**

Motion: Board member Giusti moved to elect David Noren as Board Chair, Board member Hales seconded motion.

Motion: Board member Greg Giusti moved to elect Valerie Minton as Vice Chair, Board member Gant seconded motion

Motion: Chairman Corbett initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye
Hales aye

Noren aye
 Corbett aye
 Gant aye
 Giusti aye

Motions passed unanimously.

iv. **Board Member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:**

- Board member Corbett attended a roundtable workshop at the California University Irvine Law School regarding enhancing coordination and integrating water quality protection in California's Marine Protected Areas.
- Chairman Noren attended a stakeholder meeting at the Water Board regarding the Russian River Pathogen TMDL.

v. **State Board Liaison Report.**

The State Board Liaison, Steven Moore updated the Board on:

- Budget issues
- Recent and upcoming activities at the State Water Board
- Drought issues
- Legislation passed or pending.

Matt St. John, Executive Officer (EO), announced that Kason Grady, Water Resources Control Engineer, had recently been promoted to Senior (Supervisor) of the new Cannabis Regulatory Unit, and introduced and welcomed Eli Scott, Environmental Scientist, Adaptive Watershed Management Unit to the North Coast Water Board.

vi. **Public Forum:**

Comments were taken from:

- Tom Romesberg, City of Crescent City

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 20, November 30, and December 15, 2016**

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt, Board member Minton seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye
 Hales aye
 Noren aye
 Corbett aye
 Gant aye
 Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously

2. **Presentation of Executive Officer's 2016 Water Quality Stewardship Awards.**
The 2016 Water Quality Stewardship Award is awarded to individuals and teams for doing work that goes above and beyond their water quality protection requirements and supports the North Coast Water Board's efforts in water quality protection and support of beneficial uses. Matt St. John presented the 2016 Award to:
 - **Mailliard Ranch** for their critical conservation and land stewardship actions on their land since 1925; and to
 - **Russian River Watershed Cleanup Committee** for their outstanding leadership in organization Russian River cleanups since 1987; and to
 - **Russian Riverkeeper** for their outstanding leadership in organizing Russian River cleanups; and to
 - **Clean River Alliance** for their outstanding leadership in removing trash and debris from the Russian River.

Uncontested Items

3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0003, to consider rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements and Cease and Desist Order for:
 - Talmage Readymix, Order No. 83-076, WDID No. 1B83076OMEN
 - Baxman Gravel Co. Inc., Order No. 82-001, WDID No. 1B82001OMEN
 - Canevari Timber Co., Inc., Order No. 92-064, WDID No. 1B92006RHUM
 - Eagle Rock, Inc, Order No. 80-169, WDID No. 1A80169OTRI
 - Fisher Vineyards, Order No. 79-130, WDID No. 1B79130OSON
 - California Department of Forestry, Parlin Fork Conservation Camp, Order No. 97-52, WDID No. 1B771080MEN
 - Hi-Ridge Lumber Co., Yreka, Order No. 90-31, WDID No. 1A83014OSIS
(*Rachel Prat*)
4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0001 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Closure and Post-Closure of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District and Louisiana Pacific Corporation, Samoa Class III Solid Waste Disposal Site, WDID No. 1B73061OHUM (*Gina Morrison*)
5. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0002 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements for City of Crescent City Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A84006ODN, NPDES No. CA0022756 (*Cathleen Goodwin*)
6. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0004 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for the Covelo Community Services District

Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1B83009OMEN, NPDES No. CA0023574 (*Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan*)

Motion: Board member Corbett moved to adopt Items 3, 4, 5 & 6, Board member Minton seconded the motion; Chairman Noren initiated a roll-call vote:

Minton aye
Hales aye
Noren aye
Corbett aye
Gant aye
Giusti aye

Motion passed unanimously

Action Items

No Action Items scheduled

Workshops

No Workshops scheduled

Information Items

7. **Presentation on the Russian River Independent Science Review Panel's *Conceptual Model of Watershed Hydrology, Surface Water and Groundwater Interactions and Stream Ecology for the Russian River Watershed.*** Dr. Matt Kondolf, UC Berkeley, gave an overview of the Russian River Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP) and its history. The ISRP was formed in 2012 to provide a process-based understanding of stream flow in the Russian River and its tributaries. Geomorphic and hydrologic features as well as current and historic human actions all affect stream flow and the availability of habitats for salmonids in the Russian River watershed. The ISRP provides a conceptual model of stream flow processes and their relationship to salmonid habitats and a set of recommendations to advance both scientific study and habitat restoration actions. This conceptual model describes the physical features of the stream system including geologic and topographic features as well as climate and how these features interact to produce stream flow. Laurel Marcus, California Land Stewardship Institute, gave an overview of the Conceptual Model Stream Flow Processes and the eight channel types found in the fish-bearing creeks in eight subareas of the Russian River basin.

Comments were taken from:

- Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

- Kimberly Burr, Green Valley Creek resident
8. **Executive Officer's Report.** Matt St. John, EO, gave an update to the Board on:
1) Elizabeth Beryt, Staff Counsel, State Water Board, will be transferring to Lahontan's Region 6, but will continue working on the Russian River TMDL; 2) Updated the Board on the current Cannabis enrollment numbers for the North Coast Region; 3) Interviews are being held to staff the new Cannabis Regulatory Unit; 4) Looking into establishing a satellite office further North to help facilitate inspections, etc. in our region; 5) he will be on the speaker panel for Cal Forests annual meeting on March 2, 2017 in the Napa area to address marijuana legalization, regulations and impacts; 6) The State Board is developing a statewide General Cannabis Order; 7) Sonoma County Water Agency has a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Fish Habitat Flows and Water Rights Project now out for comments and Region 1 staff are reviewing it closely and will be sending a joint comment letter between Region 1 and State Board Division of Water Rights before the mid-March deadline; 8) The Upper Elk TMDL is scheduled for a hearing at the State Water Board at their meeting on February 22, 2017 and Region 1 staff are currently addressing the comments received.
 9. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items.** Board member Gant requests a future update on the Elk River Stewardship Program. Chairman Noren requested an update on the Industrial General Permit.
 10. **Other Items of Interest.** Matt St. John, EO will give a presentation at the March 8, 2017 Board meeting on 2017 priorities.
 11. **Closed session:** The Board did not meet in closed session.
 12. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Fortuna City Council Chambers
621 11th Street
Fortuna, CA 95540

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Chairperson _____

Date _____