

Minutes of Meeting

9:00 A.M., Thurs., April 4, 2024,
Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skyland Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Thursday, April 4, 2024

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i. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bedolla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ii. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

Board members present:

Hector Bedolla, Greg Giusti, Alex Hart,
Ryan Sundberg, Jake Mackenzie

Regional Water Board staff present:

Valerie Quinto, Nathan Jacobsen,
Bayley Toft-Dupuy, Claudia Villacorta
(via Zoom), Josh Curtis, Deidre
Wilkerson, Jonathan Warmerdam,
Ryan Bey, Justin Fitt, Charles Reed,
Matt St. John, Jim Burke, Heaven
Moore, Matt Herman, Sabrina
Cegielski, Kelsey Cody, Gil Falcone,
Forest Fortescue, Devon Rabellino,
Carley Dunleavy, Lynette Shipsey

iii. **Board member Reports and Ex Parte Communication Disclosure:** Vice Chair Giusti and Board Member Hart reported that members of the public have asked

about the progression of the vineyard order, with Vice Chair Giusti also sharing that he attended a vineyard tour on March 21, 2024.

- iv. **State Board Liaison’s and Executive Officer’s Reports:** State Board Liaison and Vice Chair Dorene D’Adamo gave a comprehensive report that included updates on the revised water use efficiency regulation, upcoming workshops on the Tulare Lake Subbasin and Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan, Potter Valley project, Klamath Dam Removal, and Scott and Shasta emergency regulation implementation.

Board members thanked Ms. D’Adamo for her report and asked questions. Board Member Hart asked for the dates of Bay Delta Water Quality Control plan workshop (April 24-26, 2024), and Vice Chair Giusti asked that any updates on the Potter Valley project are shared with the Board.

Executive Officer Valerie Quinto reported that Regional Water Board staff have formally withdrawn the Russian River Pathogen TMDL Action Plan from the State Water Board’s consideration to make targeted changes, specifically to the section regarding onsite wastewater treatment systems. Staff anticipate bringing the updated action plan to the Board for approval in about one year.

- v. **Board Chair’s Report:** Chair Bedolla thanked staff for their hard work, especially those that work behind the scenes for programs that aren’t as well known to the public.
- vi. **Public Forum:** Comments were received from the following members of the public:
 - Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Council
 - Jorge Rebagliati, self
 - Redgie Collins, CalTrout

Specific comments can be reviewed on [Cal-Span’s Prior Board Meeting Video recordings](http://cal-span.org/) (<http://cal-span.org/>).

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2024

Motion: Board Member Hart moved to adopt April 4, 2024, Board meeting minutes; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Matsubu absent
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

Uncontested Items

2. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0014 to consider the rescission of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0023051, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0101 and Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2012-0102 as modified by Order No. R1-2018-0007 for the Occidental County Sanitation District and Sonoma County Water Agency, Occidental Wastewater Treatment Facility, WDID No. 1A83001OSON (Matt Herman)

Motion: Board Member Sundberg moved to adopt Item 2 – Order No. R1-2024-0014; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Matsubu absent
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0006 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Keysight Technologies (Lynette Shipsey)

Motion: Board Member Sundberg moved to adopt Item 3 – Order No. R1-2024-006; Board Member Hart seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Matsubu absent
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

4. Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0004 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Permit for Forestville Water District Wastewater Treatment, Recycling, and Disposal Facility (Sabrina Cegielski)

Motion: Board Member Sundberg moved to adopt Agenda Item 4 – Order No. R1-2024-0004; Board Member Mackenzie seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Matsubu absent
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

Action Item

5. Public Hearing to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2024-0002, General Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for Rural Road Construction and Reconstruction in the North Coast Region, and associated Mitigated Negative Declaration (Jim Burke)

Jim Burke, Senior Engineering Geologist with the Southern Timber Unit at the Regional Water Board, gave a presentation that included overviews of the following: road related sediment, the proposed order, public outreach efforts, and public comments and responses.

After the presentation, Mr. Burke and other Regional Board staff answered clarifying questions from the Board.

Motion: Board Member Mackenzie moved to adopt Agenda Item 5 – Order No. R1-2024-0002; Board Member Sundberg seconded the motion; Chair Bedolla initiated a roll-call vote:

- Bedolla aye
- Giusti aye
- Matsubu absent
- Hart aye
- Sundberg aye
- Mackenzie aye

Motion passed unanimously

Information Item

6. Update on Climate Resilience Initiatives for the North Coast Region (Matt St. John)

Matt St. John, Environmental Program Manager for the Regional Water Board, gave a presentation that included an update on known and projected climate impacts on water resources of the North Coast, an update on the Regional Board's ongoing or planned initiatives to mitigate and/or adapt to the impacts, and concluded with seeking input on how the Regional Board can be most effective in advancing actions that promote resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Board members thanked Mr. St. John for his presentation, shared feedback, and asked questions about related climate issues.

Workshop

7. Board Workshop on Draft General Waste Discharge Requirements for Federal Lands in the North Coast Region and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Devon Rabellino, Carley Dunleavy, Forest Fortescue, and Jonathan Warmerdam)

After an introduction from Jonathan Warmerdam, Environmental Program Manager and Supervisor of the Nonpoint Source and Surface Water Protection Division at the Regional Water Board, Devon Rabellino, Engineering Geologist, and Forest Fortescue, Senior Engineering Geologist in the Northern Nonpoint Source and Forestry Unit, began the workshop with a presentation. The presentation included an overview of the Forest Activities on Federal Lands program, the draft Federal Lands Permit components, and the public review period details. After the presentation, staff welcomed comments from the public and Board members.

Comments were received from the following members of the public:

- Amber Jamieson, Environmental Protection Information Center

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Regional Board staff then answered questions from Board members, with Bill Wall, North Zone Natural Resource Technical Advisor for the US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Regional Office, providing additional information to help answer questions. Board members expressed interest in receiving an update on how many public comments are received. Executive Officer Valerie Quinto suggested that this

information be shared with the Chair and Vice Chair, who can then work with staff to determine any changes to the adoption process.

Information Items

7. **Executive Officer's Report:** Executive Officer Valerie Quinto highlighted the written Executive Officer's Report, specifically the article on the Executive Officer's Award for the Office of Enforcement attorneys, and provided some background information on OE's support for the Regional Water Board.
8. **Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items and Other Items of Interest:** Chair Bedolla requested updates on the following: tribal beneficial uses program, nutrient regulation topics, Lake Pillsbury, Eel River diversion, sediment and turbidity issue at Lake Mendocino, Racial Equity Resolution, and climate resiliency. Vice Chair Giusti asked if it would be possible to get an update on Russian River water conditions and pathogens. Executive Officer Valerie Quinto noted that she will look into this and discuss it further with staff.
9. **Closed Session:** The Board did not meet in closed session.
10. **Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2024, and
9:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2024
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A
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Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.