

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

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2014

ITEM: **4**

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 BOARD MEETING**

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**September 10, 2014 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present

Newsha Ajami
William Kissinger
Margaret Abe-Koga (arrived at
9:17)
Vice-Chair James McGrath

Board Members Absent

Chair Terry Young
John Muller

Status

QUORUM (beginning at
9:17)

Board Senior Scientist Bill Johnson introduced Environmental Scientist James Parrish and Water Resources Control Engineer Jessica Watkins. Senior Geologist Brian Thompson introduced Engineering Geologist Jack Gregg. Assistant Executive Officer Dyan Whyte introduced Office Technician Therisa Brechtel. Toxics Division Chief Stephen Hill introduced Engineering Geologist Ron Goloubow.

Item 2 - Public Forum

No parties requested to speak.

Item 3 - Minutes of the August 13, 2014 Board Meeting

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 3.

Board Member Abe-Koga moved for adoption of Minutes; Board Member Kissinger seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ajami, Kissinger, Abe-Koga, McGrath

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

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

Board Member Abe-Koga reported on last night's Mountain View City Council Meeting. Vice Chair McGrath discussed his recent meeting with Chair Young and Save the Bay. He also

reported on Monday's Water Board Chairs' call and the upcoming WQCC meeting.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report. He discussed legislation moving forward from this year's legislative session related to water quality and groundwater management. He also updated the Board on the permitting of the San Francisquito Creek Flood Control Project and the implementation of the Leona Heights Sulfur Mine Remediation Project. The Board members further discussed the Section 401 water quality certification process and ways to better communicate the Board's role.

Consideration of Uncontested Items

Item 5A –General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge or Reuse of Extracted and Treated Groundwater resulting from the Cleanup of Groundwater Polluted by Volatile Organic Compounds – Rescission of NPDES General Permit

Item 5B – City of San Jose - Martin Park Landfill, San Jose, Santa Clara County – Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements and Rescission of Resolution No. 70-22

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the uncontested items with a minor modification to Item 5A's CEQA finding that Mr. Wolfe read into the record.

Board Member Kissinger moved for adoption of items 5A and 5B as supplemented; Board Member Abe-Koga seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ajami, Kissinger, Abe-Koga, McGrath

Nos: none

ITEMS ADOPTED

NPDES Permits

Item 6 – City of San José, City of Santa Clara, and San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, a Joint Powers Authority, for the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, Cities of San José and Santa Clara Wastewater Collection Systems, San José and Santa Clara, Santa Clara County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Item 7 – City of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Board Staff Marcia Liao made a joint presentation for items 6 and 7. She gave an overview of both wastewater treatment plants and their discharges' receiving waters.

James Ervin, representing the City of San Jose, gave a presentation to the Board. He noted that the City was not contesting Item 6. He described historical changes in the plant, its effluent, and ecological benefits to the receiving water in the vicinity of the plant's discharge. Kerry Romanow, Director of Environmental Services with the City, addressed Board Member questions regarding net environmental benefit associated with wastewater discharges in the South Bay.

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 6. Vice-Chair McGrath summarized key components of the permit that he found noteworthy. Board Member Ajami noted her support for the City's direct potable reuse project.

Board Member Abe-Koga moved for adoption of Item 6; Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ajami, Kissinger, Abe-Koga, McGrath

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

Melody Tovar, representing the City of Sunnyvale, expressed support for Item 7 and thanked staff for their work on the permit.

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of Item 7.

Board Member Kissinger moved for adoption of Item 7; Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ajami, Kissinger, Abe-Koga, McGrath

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 12 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. until the next Board Meeting.