

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

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2016

ITEM: **3**

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 BOARD MEETING**



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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

**September 14, 2016 Board Meeting  
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

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**Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Status</u>
Cecilia Ogbu		QUORUM
Steve Lefkovits		
Newsha Ajami (arrived 9:05)		
William Kissinger (left at 2:03)		
John Muller (left at 10:10)		
Vice-Chair James McGrath		
Chair Terry Young		

**Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions**

Senior Geologist Brian Thompson introduced new Water Resource Control Engineer Margaret Monahan. Division Chief Naomi Feger introduced new Senior Environmental Scientist Christina Toms. Senior Engineer Mary Boyd introduced new Scientific Aid Maya McInerney.

State Board Member Steve Moore updated the Board about the State budget, recent legislation, and upcoming State Board activities. He also discussed the State Board’s urban water conservation regulations and its draft dredge and fill policy.

**Item 2 – Public Forum**

No parties requested to speak.

**Item 3 – Annual Awards Presentation**

Environmental Scientist James Parrish made a presentation to the Board on the Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award. This year’s award was presented to the City of San Jose for leadership in pollution prevention. Mr. Parrish described the award evaluation criteria and Dr. Wu’s contributions to the field of pollution prevention. He highlighted many of the City of San Jose’s successful pollution prevention efforts. Mr. Napp Fakuda, on behalf of the City of San

Jose, thanked the Board for recognizing the City's efforts and thanked their many partners. Board Member Muller acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Wu and challenged young staff to continue to look for solutions to emerging water quality challenges. Board Member Muller presented the award to City of San Jose staff.

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe announced the award of the State's 2016 Sustained Superior Achievement Awards to Division Chief/Administrative Officer Anna Torres and Engineering Geologist Ralph Lambert. Assistant Executive Officer Dyan Whyte made a presentation to the Board recognizing Ms. Torres' hard work and accomplishments. Division Chief Stephen Hill made a presentation to the Board recognizing the accomplishments of Mr. Lambert.

#### **Item 4 - Minutes of the August 10, 2016 Board Meetings**

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the Minutes from August 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

Vice Chair McGrath moved for adoption of the Minutes; Board Member Kissinger seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ogbu, Lefkovits, Ajami, Kissinger, McGrath, Young

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

#### **Item 5 - Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports**

Vice Chair McGrath gave an update on local ballot measures aimed at funding infrastructure addressing homeless issues. He also discussed the need to address derelict boats. Board Member Ajami discussed water quality outreach and communication. She discussed the importance of collecting, storing, managing, and analyzing high quality water quality data.

Chair Young discussed the agenda for the next Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting and updated Board members on issues discussed on the monthly Chairs' call.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report. He noted the release of the draft report on the feasibility of direct potable reuse of treated wastewater. He reminded Board members about the Regional Monitoring Program annual meeting on October 7. He also summarized the status of investigation and cleanup at the Prosperity Cleaners site in Marin County.

#### **Consideration of Uncontested Items**

**Item 6A – Port of San Francisco, Port Maintenance Program for Routine Maintenance Activities** – Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements

**Item 6B – Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Upland Dredged Material Rehandling, Napa County** – Update of Waste Discharge Requirements and Rescission of Order No. 97-087

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of items 6A and 6B.

Board Member Ajami moved for adoption; Vice Chair McGrath seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ogbu, Lefkovits, Ajami, Kissinger, McGrath, Young

Nos: none

ITEMS ADOPTED

*BREAK at 10:40 a.m.; RECONVENED at 10:56 a.m.*

### **Other Business**

#### **Item 7 – Overview of Regional Water Board Proposed Priorities – Workshop on the Board’s Programs and Their Proposed Priorities for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year**

Chair Young, Vice Chair McGrath, and Mr. Wolfe introduced the item. Board Member Lefkovits suggested that next year it may be useful to highlight newer items.

Division Chief Naomi Feger described the TMDL and Basin Planning Division’s programs, priorities, and activities. Board Member Kissinger asked about setting priorities for TMDLs. Board Member Lefkovits noted he would like to better understanding the areas in which we need additional resources. Board Member Ajami asked about metrics that could be used to illustrate resource needs and the cutoff point for the water quality data solicitation related to the 303(d) listing process. Chair Young noted strong support for establishing a wetland monitoring program. She suggested that we creatively look at designing implementation programs that require less staff resources. She requested a description of why certain waters are chosen for TMDL development and information on projected dates for achieving wasteload allocations.

Toxics Cleanup Division Chief Stephen Hill gave an overview of the programs managed in his division. He summarized the SB445 program. He described the Division’s goals and priorities and case prioritization approach. Chair Young and Vice Chair McGrath noted appreciation for how the Division’s write-up was put together. Chair Young noted strong support for the case prioritization tool. She asked about exposure pathways and prioritization. Board members asked a number of questions about how staff identify pollutant sources and responsible parties. Board Member Kissinger asked about success metrics and suggested an additional breakdown of numbers. Board Member Lefkovits asked about the role of local government participation and whether there are options for local agencies to participate more in site evaluations and source identification.

Groundwater Protection Division Chief Terry Seward described the programs overseen by his Division. He reviewed the Division’s priorities and challenges and highlighted the need to balance cleanup versus risk management. Board Member Kissinger asked about the work involved with the transfer of former military sites. He suggested that the written summary could be enhanced by some of the additional information presented orally. Chair Young asked that the summary include a description of why certain priorities rose to the top. She noted that redevelopment on landfills is a large public policy issue that the Board should be involved in.

*BREAK at 12:58 p.m.; RECONVENED at 1:13 p.m.*

NPDES and Enforcement Division Chief Bill Johnson introduced staff in his Division and described the NPDES, pretreatment, and sanitary sewer collection system programs. He described the work done by the Division's enforcement section, which includes spill response. He presented the Division's priorities. Board Member Ogbu asked about how we find out about illicit discharges. Vice Chair McGrath noted the improvement in oversight of collection systems. Board Member Ajami noted the importance of quantifying things such as the amount of water recycled and amount of wastewater treated. Chair Young requested that the Division work on targets for sanitary sewer overflows. She also requested a briefing on the State Board's toxicity plan. Chair Young also commented on ways the data may be evaluated as part of the nutrient optimization study.

Senior Scientist Christine Boschen, standing in for Division Chief Keith Lichten, gave an overview of the Watershed Management Division's major program areas. Acting Section Leader Xavier Fernandez described the Division's creek and wetland dredge and fill program. Board Member Ogbu asked about challenges. Vice Chair Young asked about the regulation of Caltrans. Chair Young noted support for the stream maintenance permits and the 401 certification program tracking efforts. Vice Chair McGrath asked about how Integrated Regional Water Management Plan projects fit into priorities.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes and no action was taken.

**Item 12 - Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. until the next Board Meeting – October 12, 2016