

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

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2019

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SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2019 BOARD MEETING

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**October 9, 2019 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

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Note: **Bold text** in paragraphs for each item represent topics Board members focused on and were discussed more extensively than others.

Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m. at Olema House Point Reyes, Park Conference Room.

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Status
Chair James McGrath Cecilia Ogbu William Kissinger Jayne Battey Newsha Ajami		QUORUM

Chair McGrath stated that if the Board loses its quorum during the day, he will create a subcommittee of the Board to continue the field investigations.

Item 2 – Public Forum – No persons asked to speak during Public Forum.

Item 3 – Minutes of the September 11, 2019 Board Meeting

Attorney Marnie Ajello identified a change needed to the draft minutes. She pointed out that Bill Kissinger abstained from voting on Item 7 but the draft minutes showed he voted. Chair McGrath asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Board Member Ajami recommended adoption of the minutes from the September 11, 2019, Board Meeting with the change. Board Member Kissinger seconded the recommendation.

Chair James McGrath asked if all were in favor of adoption of the minutes – all Ayes. Chair McGrath then asked if anyone was opposed - none opposed.
ITEM ADOPTED

Item 4 – Chair’s, Board Members’, and Executive Officer’s Reports

Chair McGrath said he wanted to highlight dealing with homeless water quality issues, particularly in Berkeley, as priority in the next year or two.

Board Member Ajami said she visited Hetch Hetchy. She also said she reviewed the letter to the Governor from US EPA director Andrew Wheeler and realized that it created an opportunity to reinforce and educate about what the SF Bay Water Board is doing about water quality issues.

Executive Officer Michael Montgomery said, relative to the Executive Officer’s Report, he will attend a site visit to Mare Island with the Navy, developer and Department of Toxic Substances Control. He said the visit was requested by the local State Senator. He also said the purpose was to keep cleanup on track and facilitate transfer of the property so the site can be developed as planned. Mr. Montgomery told the Board that the Executive Assistant has accepted a new position and that other administrative staff will help until a new Executive Assistant is hired. He said the position will be upgraded to increase the salary and expand the duties.

Board Members and Mr. Montgomery discussed plans for state-wide efforts for the Water Boards to better address homeless water quality issues. Mr. Montgomery said he expected the Governor’s letter of response to US EPA Director Andrew Wheeler to inform the basis for a state-wide strategy.

[Items 5 and 6 were pulled off the agenda prior to the meeting]

Item 7 – Tomales Bay Grazing Waiver Program – Overview of the Tomales Bay grazing program and discussion of the collaboration between the Marin Resource Conservation District and the Board on non-point source grants for grazing.

Renee Leclerc introduced the presentation. Nancy Scolari from the Marin Resource Conservation District made the presentation. She described progress made since the Grazing Waiver was adopted.

Board Member Ajami asked questions about engaging ranchers who are not involved in the program. Ms. Scolari said they usually work with willing parties who volunteer to be in the program. Staff Engineer, Leslie Ferguson, indicated that staff is reviewing current program performance and water quality data to consider engaging the ranchers who have not been involved. She said this makes sense now that the program has been implemented for ten years and all the ranchers who volunteered have already gotten the program benefits. Board members and staff also discussed other sources of pathogens in the watershed such as dairies and ranchettes.

Chair McGrath complemented the program, its collaboration and science.

Offsite Educational Tour

Item 8A – Marshall Community Wastewater Treatment System Site Visit – 19010 Shoreline Highway, Marshall, CA 94940

Item 8B - Lagunitas Creek Floodplain Restoration and Riparian Restoration Project Site Visit – 9255 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Olema, CA 94950

Item 9 – Correspondence – There were no correspondence items.

Item 10 – Closed Session – Personnel

The Board did not meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.
[Authority: Government Code section 11126(a)]

Item 11 – Closed Session – Litigation

The Board did not meet in closed session to discuss litigation.

Item 12 – Closed Session – Deliberation

The Board did not meet in closed session to deliberate.

Item 13 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until the next Board Meeting – November 13, 2019.