

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

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2020

**ITEM:**               **3**

**SUBJECT:**           **Minutes for the July 8, 2020 Board Meeting**

**July 8, 2020 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 12:32 p.m. via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform.

**Board Members Present**

Chair James McGrath

Vice-Chair Jayne Battey

William Kissinger

Newsha Ajami

Alexis Strauss Hacker

Andrew Gunther

**Board Members Absent**

**Status**

QUORUM

**Item 2 – Public Forum**

No public speakers

**Item 3 – Minutes of the June 10, 2020, Board Meeting**

Board Member Kissinger stated a correction for Item 5B, because he had recused himself but still was shown as voting Aye.

Board Member Kissinger made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Ajami seconded the motion.

Ayes: McGrath, Battey, Kissinger, Ajami, Hacker, Gunther

Nos: none

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

Board Member Ajami – Not moving to Los Angeles this year. Appreciated the workshop and spoke about related efforts she is working on.

Vice Chair Battey – Appreciated the Workshop. Has been working on virtual communication training and wants to share with Board members.

Board Member Gunther – Appreciated the Workshop and big picture discussions. Teaching a course at San Francisco State, referenced climate change story in the latest Estuary Magazine.

Board Member Hacker – Thanked Mike and Larry for organizing Workshop.

Board Member Kissinger – Enjoyed the workshop.

Chair McGrath – Spoke favorably regarding key aspects of the Workshop.

Board Member Ajami brought up thoughts on funding mechanisms like WIFIA. Executive Officer, Michael Montgomery further expanded on Board Member Ajami’s points on funding mechanism challenges.

Chair McGrath continued about his work with local communities regarding homelessness, COVID and Caltrans. He mentioned that he had discussion with a potential Board Member.

Michael Montgomery summarized the implicit bias and diversity training planned for managers. He told Board members that staff are developing actions to improve racial equity and diversity and inclusion and he will report on them soon. He provided a brief update on the cleanup case at 411 High St. Last, he thanked the Board for their comments on the Workshop.

Chair McGrath shared a story of green infrastructure being worked on in Pinole.

Vice Chair Battey added that it is important that the discussion of funding continues to be broad to include a wider set of the community.

Chair McGrath dictated the Oath.

#### **Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items**

##### **A. Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Sewage Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, San Rafael, Marin County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

Michael Montgomery brought up Board Member Gunther’s previous comments regarding sea level rise analysis for water treatment facilities.

Board Member Hacker wanted comment from the discharger on beneficial reuse of biosolids at the disposal site near the shoreline.

Ray Goebel, representing Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, mentioned that there are studies looking at the issue at this time.

Board Member Hacker made a motion to approve the items. Board Member Andrew Gunther seconded the motion.

Ayes: McGrath, Battey, Kissinger, Ajami, Hacker, Gunther

Nos: none

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### **Waste Discharge Requirements**

#### **Item 6 - Amendments to Waste Discharge Requirements for Disposal and Onsite Use of Non-Designated / Non-Hazardous Contaminated Soils and Related Wastes at Active Municipal Solid Waste Landfills – Adoption of Amendments to Waste Discharge Requirements**

Supervisor Keith Roberson made a presentation on the order.

Vice Chair Battey commented that soil disposal is a challenging issue.

Board Member Hacker asked questions about the waste type classification that covers the waste generated from fires across California, in particular disposal of topsoil.

Keith Roberson responded that in December of 2017 (or 2019) the Water Board issued a waiver for requirements of disaster-related waste. He said that if there was to be a classification for disaster-related soils it would likely fall under Class 2, unless they prove to be hazardous, in which case they would go to a Class 1 facility.

Chair McGrath praised the clarity of the report and acknowledged Keith Roberson.

Vice Chair Battey made a motion to approve the item. Board Member Kissinger seconded the motion.

Ayes: McGrath, Battey, Kissinger, Ajami, Hacker, Gunther

Nos: none

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### **Item 7 - Correspondence**

#### **Item 8 – Closed Session – Personnel**

The Board did not meet in closed session for Personnel in this meeting

**Item 9 – Closed Session – Litigation**

The Board did not meet in closed session for Litigation in this meeting

**Item 10 – Closed Session – Deliberation**

The Board did not meet in closed session to deliberate in this meeting.

**Item 11 – Adjournment**

Board Member Kissinger motioned and Board Member Ajami seconded  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm