

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

**MEETING DATE: September 11, 2024**

**ITEM: 4**

**SUBJECT: Minutes for the July 10, 2024 Board Meeting**

**July 10, 2024 Board Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

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**Item 1 – Roll Call and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Elihu H. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>	<b>Status</b>
Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker	Jayne Battey	QUORUM
Vice-Chair Donald Young		
William Kissinger (Remote)		
Dr. Andrew Gunther		
Donald Young		
Letty Belin		
Mark Ransom		

**Item 2 – Public Forum**

The following speakers provided commentary during the public forum:

- Kieran Farr, Sierra Club Elected Leader / SF Group Executive Committee
- Josh Quigley, Save the Bay

**Item 3 – Minutes of the of June 12, 2024, Board Meeting**

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024, Board meeting.

Board Member Ransom made the motion to approve the minutes.

Board Member Belin made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Gunther, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker

Nos: none

Abstain: none

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

Chair Hacker asked for reports from each of the Board Members and then asked Executive Officer White for updates.

### **Item 5 – Informational Item, Underground Storage Tank Program Update**

Executive Officer White introduced the item and Laurent Meillier, Senior Engineering Geologist in the Toxics Cleanup Division, gave the staff presentation.

The following speakers provided commentary on this item:

- Karen Roy, East Bay Open Water Swimmers

Chair Hacker administered the oath for today's hearing.

### **Item 6 – Nutrients from Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities' Discharges to San Francisco Bay; the Facilities are Located in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara — Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

Board Member Kissinger recused himself from items 6 and 7 at today's hearing and logged off the Zoom meeting.

Executive Officer White introduced the item and Robert Schlipf, Senior Engineer in the NPDES Division, and Richard Looker, Senior Engineer in the Planning Division, gave the staff presentation.

Speakers (shown below in appendix A) provided testimony on the permit. The Board took a lunch break in between hearing testimony.

Board staff responded to new comments.

Board members made comments and Chair Hacker asked for a motion to approve reissuance of the NPDES Permit.

Board Member Gunther made the motion to approve the reissuance of the NPDES Permit.

Board Member Belin made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Gunther, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker

Nos: none

Abstain: none

### **Item 7 – Resolution to Identify and Consider Regulatory Mechanisms to Extend Compliance Schedules for Nutrient Effluent Limitations — Adoption of Resolution**

Executive Officer White introduced the item and Bill Johnson, Environmental Program Manager and NPDES Division Manager gave the staff presentation.

The following speakers provided commentary on this item:

- Melissa Thorme, Downey Brand
- Lorien Fono, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
- Jon Rosenfield, San Francisco Baykeeper
- David Richardson, Woodard & Curran

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the resolution with the following corrections outlined by Bill Johnson, NPDES Division Manager.

- item number three of the resolution, add the word “cumulatively” after the number one, "cumulatively contribute 880,000”
- section four, add the word “cumulatively” after the number one so it should read “cumulatively contribute \$2.2 million per year”
- remediate the typos in item 12 and modify “compliances” to “compliance”
- add on 12d, to read “Issuing cease and desist orders or time schedule orders as necessary”
- item 13, remediate the two San Francisco typos
- in response to BACWA's suggestions, add the language at the end of item five in the “therefore be it resolved... adding the words, ...and report to the Board on its progress”.

Vice Chair Young made the motion to adopt the resolution with the modifications noted above.

Board Member Belin made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, Board Member Belin, Board Member Gunther, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker

Nos: none

Abstain: none

**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 3:58 pm**

**Appendix A – Public Speakers for Item 6** Nutrients from Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities’ Discharges to San Francisco Bay; the Facilities are Located in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara — Reissuance of NPDES Permit

- Lorien Fono, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA)
- Mary Cousins, BACWA
- Karin North, BACWA, Palo Alto
- Melody Tovar, BACWA, Sunnyvale
- Teresa Herrera, BACWA, SVCW
- Dan Gill, BACWA
- Jackie Zipkin, BACWA, EBDA
- David Donovan, BACWA, Hayward
- Hayes Morehouse, BACWA, San Leandro
- Ric Pipkin, BACWA, USD
- Jan Lee, BACWA, DSRSD
- Eric Dunlavey, BACWA, San Jose
- Amy Chastain, BACWA, SFPUC
- Amanda Roa, BACWA, Delta Diablo
- Charles Hardy, BACWA, Millbrae
- Monte Hamamoto, BACWA, SVCW
- Peter Kistenmacher, BACWA, CMSA
- Davin Widgerow, BACWA, Central San
- Melody LaBella, BACWA, Central San
- Jared Voskhul, BACWA, CASA
- Jim Cervantes, TNDC/CalHFA
- Stuart Weinstein
- Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging
- Kenneth Main, Retired Civil Engineer
- Justin Ezell, City of Concord
- Steve Woehleke, Vice Mayor, Town of Moraga
- Katia Katunaric
- Carolyn Phinney, AgLantis
- Chris Shutes, California Sportfishing Alliance
- Angela Prandini
- Kristen Lazzara, Mankind
- Kimberly Burr, Green Valley Creek Restoration
- Susan Noack, City of Pleasant Hill
- Miguel Mauricio, East Bay Leadership Council
- Jimmie Smith, Customer Central San
- Mike Moran on behalf of Niroop Srivatsa, City of Lafayette

- Charlotte Smith, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences
- Jim Smith, Customer of Central San
- Kerry Parker, City of San Ramon
- Zachary Medinas, Gatecrasher Fishing
- Virginia Salvador, Unforgettable Fishing Adventures
- Betty Hsu, A Citizen who agrees with Central San
- Ibrahim Shaheed, Central San
- Edi Birsan
- Loella Haskew
- James Pezzaglia
- Karen Roy, East Bay Open Water Swimmers
- Siva Natarajan, Orinda
- Iamit Metsuddi, East Bay M.U.D.
- Jon Rosenfield, San Francisco Baykeeper
- Kieran Farr, Sierra Club
- Josh Quigley, Save the Bay
- Nitin Goel, Central San
- Peter Kozelka, US EPA Region 9