

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

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2026

ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Minutes for the December 10, 2025 Board Meeting

December 10, 2025 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration

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Item 1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. at Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Status
Chair Alexis Strauss-Hacker		QUORUM
Vice-Chair Donald Young		
William Kissinger		
Dr. Andrew Gunther		
Jayne Battey, arrival 9:13 am		
Mark Ransom		

Item 2 – Public Forum

No public commenters spoke at this meeting.

Item 3 – Minutes of the of October 8, 2025, Board Meeting

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Board Meeting.

Board Member Gunther made the motion to adopt the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Board Meeting.

Board Member Kissinger made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Ransom, 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 any reports from each of the Board Members.

Executive Officer White highlighted several Executive Officer Report Items.

Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

- A. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, San Francisco Bay Federal Channel Maintenance Dredging, 2026 through 2029 – Reissuance of Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Certification of EIR**
- B. Old Pleasanton Landfill, Pleasanton – Waste Discharge Requirements**
- C. Delta Diablo, Delta Diablo Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Antioch, Contra Costa County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**
- D. 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**
- E. Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Fairfield-Suisun Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Fairfield, Solano County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

Executive Officer White introduced the items noting that item 5C was pulled from the December board meeting agenda.

There were no public speakers for any of these board items and Executive Officer White made the recommendation to adopt items 5A, 5B, 5D and 5E.

Chair Hacker asked motion to approve items 5A, 5B, 5D and 5E.

Board Member Battey made the motion to approve the items.

Board Member Gunther made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 6 – General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater – Consolidation and reissuance of (1) General NPDES Permit for Volatile Organic Compounds and Fuel, and (2) General NPDES Permit for Groundwater

Board Member Ransom recused himself from this item.

Executive Officer White introduced the item, and Marcos de la Cruz, Water Resource Control Engineer, gave the staff presentation. No public comments were received and Executive Officer White then recommended that the board adopt item 6.

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the General Watse Discharge Requirements for the above noted Discharges of Groundwater.

Board Member Kissinger made the motion to adopt the General Watse Discharge Requirements for the above noted Discharges of Groundwater.

Board Member Battey made the second.

Ayes: Board Member Gunther, Board Member Battey, Board Member Kissinger, Vice Chair Young, Chair Hacker

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 7 – Enforcement Hearing

Executive Officer White then introduced the Enforcement Hearing for Items 7A through 7E for the Board to consider adoption of Cease-and-Desist Orders for the following dischargers:

- County of Alameda
- City of San Leandro, Alameda County
- City of Richmond, Contra Costa County
- City of Daly City, San Mateo County
- City of Vallejo and the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, Solano County

Executive Officer White noted that the proposed Cease and Desist Orders, if adopted, would find the dischargers are discharging or threatening to discharge waste in violation of trash control requirements in the Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit (MRP) and impose requirements for the dischargers to return to compliance with those MRP requirements by a certain deadline. She also introduced the separation of staff functions, prosecution and advisory, for the hearing. The advisory team for the Board consisted of Maggie Monahan, Bill Johnson, Yuri Won and Executive Officer White. The prosecution team included Keith Lichten, Rebecca Nordenholt, and Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan.

Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan gave the overarching presentation on behalf of the prosecution team that applied to all Cease and Desist Orders followed by each of the dischargers.

The following dischargers spoke on behalf of their municipalities:

- Sharon Gosselin, Stormwater Program Manager, Alameda County Public Works Agency
- Kerry Parker, Environmental Services Manager, City of San Leandro
- Daniel Chavarria, Director of Public Works, City of Richmond

- Jennifer Harrington, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District
- Richard Chiu, Jr., Director of Public Works, Daly City

On behalf of the Prosecution Team, Ali then made presentations specific to each Cease and Desist Order followed by the respective representative listed above.

The board then took each item in succession for a vote with a noted correction by Executive Officer White for all the Cease and Desist Orders as follows:

Specifically, in the first requirement after "IT IS HEREBY ORDERED...," the "b" in the section reference must be deleted (see below):

1. Trash Reduction Implementation Actions. The permittee shall implement trash load reduction control actions within all significant trash generating areas within their jurisdiction and prohibit trash discharge in a timely manner sufficient to reach 100 percent trash load reduction relative to the 2009 baseline condition by...as specified in Permit Provision C.10a.i..

Officer White recommended the Board adopt item 7A, the Cease and Desist Order for the County of Alameda, with the noted correction. She also noted that four affirmative votes would be required to adopt the Cease and Desist Orders.

Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7A, the County of Alameda, with the correction noted by Executive Officer White.

Board Member Battey made the motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7A, the County of Alameda with the correction.

Board Member Kissinger made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Chair Hacker asked Executive Officer White for a recommendation for item 7B. Executive Officer White recommended the Board adopt item 7B, the Cease and Desist Order for the City of San Leandro, with revisions reflected in the supplemental and correction of the same typo as in item 7A. Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7B, the City of San Leandro, Alameda County, with the noted revisions.

Board Member Gunther made the motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7B, the City of San Leandro, Alameda County, with the noted revisions.

Board Member Ransom made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Chair Hacker asked Executive Officer White for a recommendation for item 7C. Executive Officer White recommended the Board adopt item 7C, the Cease and Desist Order for the City of Richmond, with the correction of the same typo as in Item 7A. Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7C, the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County with the typo correction.

Vice Chair Young made the motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7C, the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, with the typo correction.

Board Member Gunther made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Chair Hacker asked Executive Officer White for a recommendation for item 7D. Executive Officer White recommended the Board adopt item 7D, the Cease and Desist Order for the City of Daly City, with the correction of the same typo as Item 7A and in section C.2, page 3, the second to last sentence of the paragraph delete “the Watershed Management Division of” and insert Executive Officer after Water Board. Similarly in Section C.3.b on page 4 insert “Executive Officer” after the word received and before Water Board. Executive Officer White noted that these last two corrections are necessary to remove any ambiguity about who approves alternative actions and are consistent with the Board’s practice of the Executive Officer approving plans required in Board orders. Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7D, the City of Daly City, San Mateo County with the corrections identified by the Executive Officer.

Board Member Battey made the motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7D, the City of Daly City, San Mateo County, with the corrections identified by the Executive Officer.

Board Member Kissinger made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Chair Hacker asked Executive Officer White for a recommendation for item 7E, the Cease and Desist Order for the City of Vallejo and Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, with the correction of the same typo as Item 7A and one other correction. There

is a missing “to” in Finding 13 between the numbers “10” and “12”. Chair Hacker asked for a motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7E, City of Vallejo and the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, Solano County, with the corrections noted by Executive Officer White.

Vice Chair Young made the motion to adopt the Cease and Desist Order for item 7E, City of Vallejo and the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, Solano County, with the corrections noted by Executive Officer White.

Board Member Ransom made the second.

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

Nos: none

Abstain: none

Item 8 – Informational Item – Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit – Trash Load Reduction Update

Executive Officer White introduced the item and turned it over to Keith Lichten, Manager of the Watershed Division, and Imtiaz-Ali Kaylan, Water Resource Control Engineer, who gave the staff presentation followed by Chris Sommers, Program Manager for the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, who provided comments on behalf of the Bay Area Municipal Stormwater Collaborative, followed by Joshua Quigley, Policy Manager for Save the Bay.

Item 9 – Informational Item – California Department of Transportation – Update on Compliance with Cease and Desist Order No. R2-2019-0007, Implementing Trash Discharge Reduction Requirements

Executive Officer White introduced the item and turned it over to Qi Yan, Water Resource Control Engineer, who gave the staff presentation followed by Ken Johansson, Caltrans Statewide Stormwater Program Manager, and Joshua Quigley, Policy Manager for Save the Bay provided additional comments.

Item 10 – Closed Session – Personnel

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

Item 11 – Closed Session – Litigation

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

Item 12 – Closed Session – Deliberation

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

Item 13 – Adjournment 2:55 pm the next meeting will be held February 11, 2026, at Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.