

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD - SAN FRANCISCO BAY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2011

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order on January 12, 2011 at 9:03 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland.

Board members present: John Muller, Chair; Terry Young, Vice-Chair; Shalom Eliahu; James McGrath; Steven Moore; William Peacock; Rameshwar Singh.

Board members absent: None.

At the request of Mr. Muller, Board members, members of the audience, and staff observed a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives in a recent tragedy.

Tam M. Doduc, Member, State Water Resources Control Board, and liaison to Region 2, addressed the Board.

Item 2 – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Dr. Young served as Chair during the election of Year 2011 Board Chair. She requested nominations. Mr. Eliahu said he appreciated Mr. Muller's work and nominated Mr. Muller. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Moore. Dr. Singh made a motion to close nominations. There were no further nominations. Dr. Young requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Aye/Yes: Mr. Eliahu; Mr. McGrath; Mr. Moore; Mr. Peacock; Dr. Singh;

Dr. Young; Mr. Muller

No: None

Mr. Muller began serving as Year 2011 Chair. He thanked staff for its work and dedication and for doing more with less. He said it is a privilege to work with the Board members and thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve as Chair.

Mr. Muller requested nominations for Year 2011 Vice-Chair. Mr. Eliahu nominated Dr. Young and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Peacock. There were no further nominations. Mr. Muller requested a motion to close nominations. Mr. Peacock made the motion and Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Mr. Muller requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Eliahu; Mr. McGrath; Mr. Moore; Mr. Peacock; Dr. Singh; Dr. Young; Mr. Muller

No: None

Dr. Young expressed appreciation for the level of professionalism and scientific expertise that staff puts into its work. She expressed appreciation for the involvement in Regional Board issues by permittees and the community at large in the environmental community. She said she learns a great deal from their comments. She thanked Board members. She said she learns a great deal from them. She thanked Tam M. Doduc, Member, State Water Resources Control Board, and liaison to Region 2, for helping the Regional Board deal with issues in the Bay Area.

Item 3 - Public Forum

Stephen Knight, Political Director, Save The Bay, thanked the Board for its leadership in reducing trash in San Francisco Bay. He spoke favorably about a single-use carryout bag ordinance adopted by a local municipality. He said Save The Bay is working with Bay Area cities and counties to pass source reduction bills.

Item 4 – Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Board Meeting (Continued from the November Board Meeting)

Motion: It was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Dr. Young, and it was voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Board Meeting.

Motion carried.

Item 5 – Chairman's, Board Members' and Executive Officer's Reports

Mr. Moore said he would like to reiterate the Board's appreciation for efforts staff takes in preparing the written Executive Officer's Report each month.

Mr. Wolfe said he was willing to go to city council meetings to speak in favor of bans on single-use carryout bags. He said bans allow the public to be actively involved in controlling trash.

Item 6 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

Mr. Wolfe recommended continuance of Item 6A. He said Item 6B was a status report and no Board action was required.

Item 7 – City of Petaluma, Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility and Its Collection System, Petaluma, Marin County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Mr. Wolfe made introductory comments. Vince Christian gave the staff presentation. Pamela Tuft, Interim Director, Department of Water Resources and Conservation, City of Petaluma, thanked Mr. Christian, Bill Johnson, and Lila Tang for their work on the Revised Tentative Order and spoke in favor of its adoption by the Board.

Mr. Moore, Dr. Young, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Muller complimented the City on the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility. Ms. Tuft and Monica Oakley, Consultant, speaking on behalf of the City of Petaluma, replied to Board members' questions.

Mr. Wolfe said specific sections that were referred to within the Revised Tentative Order should be corrected. He said staff would make the necessary corrections. He recommended adoption of the Revised Tentative Order with the corrections.

Motion: It was moved by Dr. Singh, seconded by Dr. Young, and it was voted to adopt the Revised Tentative Order with corrections as recommended by the Executive Officer.

Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Eliahu; Mr. McGrath; Mr. Moore; Mr. Peacock; Dr. Singh; Dr. Young;

Mr. Muller

No: None

The Board took a break at 10:59 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Item 8 – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvements Project, Unincorporated San Mateo County – Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification

Xavier Fernandez gave the staff presentation. Dr. Singh, Dr. Young, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Eliahu, and Mr. Muller asked questions. Mr. Fernandez, Debbie Craven-Green, Permitting Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and Mr. Wolfe replied. Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the Revised Tentative Order.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Peacock, seconded by Mr. Eliahu, and it was voted to adopt the Revised Tentative Order as recommended by the Executive Officer.

Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Eliahu; Mr. McGrath; Mr. Moore; Mr. Peacock; Dr. Singh; Dr. Young;
Mr. Muller
No: None

Item 11 – Closed Session – Litigation

Mr. Wolfe recommended continuing to the February Board meeting the closed session to discuss pending litigation, *East Bay Municipal Utility District, West County Agency of Contra Costa County, Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District, South Bayside System Authority v. State Water Resources Control Board, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board* (Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG 10512151).

Item 14 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m.