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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**April 8, 2015 Board Meeting
Draft Minutes for Board Consideration**

ADOPTED May 13, 2015

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 8:58 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Status</u>
Steve Lefkovits		QUORUM
Newsha Ajami (arrived 9:06)		
William Kissinger		
Margaret Abe-Koga		
John Muller		
Vice-Chair James McGrath		
Chair Terry Young		

Division Chief Naomi Feger introduced Senior Environmental Scientist Kevin Lunde as the new section leader in the Planning Division. Senior Water Resources Control Engineer Dale Bowyer introduced Environmental Scientist Derek Beauduy as the new staff in the Watershed Division, who will be working on Caltrans-related permits.

Item 2 - Public Forum

No parties requested to speak.

Item 3 - Minutes of the March 11, 2015 Board Meeting

Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe recommended adoption of the Minutes from the March 11, 2015, Board Meeting.

Vice Chair McGrath moved for adoption of the Minutes; Board Member Abe-Koga seconded the motion.

Ayes: Lefkovits, Ajami, Kissinger, Abe-Koga, Muller, McGrath, Young

Nos: none

ITEM ADOPTED

Item 4 - Chairman's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports

Chair Young noted that at the next Chairs' meeting she will be reporting on the Water Board's efforts to address water quality issues associated with homeless encampments. She also reported that she recently attended a meeting at the Public Policy Institute of California. Vice Chair McGrath reported on items discussed at the last Bay Conservation and Development Commission meeting. He highlighted some of the issues raised regarding the project to remove the old Bay Bridge abutments. He also reported on the Adapting to Rising Tides project and the need to protect communities such as Hunter's Point.

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of this month's Executive Officer's Report. He responded to Chair Young's question regarding the State Water Board's workshops on fees associated with dairy permits.

Other Business

Item 5 – Case Prioritization and Management in the Cleanup Programs – Status Report

Division Chief Stephen Hill gave the presentation to the Board.

Board Member McGrath asked about the allocation of the new funds. Mr. Wolfe discussed the various funding mechanisms and staffing constraints. Board Member Lefkovits asked about other sites that we may not be aware of. Board Member Kissinger asked about the steps associated with cleanup. He also asked about DOD transfer projects. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Water Board and the Department of Toxics Substances Control provide final recommendations to CAL EPA and the Governor's office prior to finalizing approval of any transfer of military property over to civilian use. Board Member Kissinger asked about prioritization and whether there is anything the Board members could be doing to bring attention to the problem and the lack of resources. Chair Young noted that she was interested in looking at the process we use for prioritizing cases. She asked to be walked through the process staff consider in prioritizing cases and asked whether staff can develop a searchable database that includes priorities. Section Leader Cheryl Prowell discussed some of the fields in geotracker and the status of case data entry. Board Member Ajami asked about sites other than dry cleaners. Vice Chair McGrath discussed some of the challenges with orphan sites. He noted the importance of continuing to raise this issue of funding.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes and no action was taken.

Item 6 – Leona Heights Sulfur Mine Cleanup and Creek Restoration – Status Update

Staff Engineering Geologist Lindsay Whalin and Assistant Executive Officer Dyan Whyte gave the presentation to the Board. Board Member Kissinger asked about groundwater. Board Member Lefkovits asked about the regulatory history. Alan Berman, property owner adjacent to the mine site, thanked Alcoa and Ocean for funding the project and Water Board staff for all their work. He noted appreciation for the consultants and contractors for their consideration in the field.

This item was for informational/discussion purposes and no action was taken.

Item 7 –The San Francisco Estuary Institute: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Headed?

– Update by Warner Chabot, Executive Director of the Institute

SFEI’s Executive Director Warner Chabot gave the presentation to the Board. Board Member Ajami noted the importance of having good data to support decision making. Board Member Muller asked about population growth. Board Member Kissinger asked about funding sources for SFEI. Vice Chair McGrath commented on the evolution of SFEI and expressed support of its work. Chair Young discussed the history of SFEI and her early involvement. She highlighted the need for SFEI to assist the Board in doing its “bread and butter” work. She expressed interest in participating in a brain storming session to develop a vision for protecting water quality in the future. Board Member Abe-Koga talked about her experience building public-private partnerships.

This item was for information and discussion purposes and no action was taken.

Item 12 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until the next Board Meeting – May 13, 2015