

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

June 9, 2010

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Item 1 - Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order on June 9, 2010, at approximately 9:05 a.m. in the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland.

Board members present: Terry Young, Vice-Chair; Shalom Eliahu; James McGrath; Steven Moore; Robert Schroder; Rameshwar Singh.

Board members absent: John Muller; William Peacock.

Dr. Young served as Chair of the meeting.

Tam M. Doduc, Member, State Water Resources Control Board, and liaison to Region 2, discussed recent State Water Board activities.

Item 2 – Public Forum

There were no public comments.

Item 3 – Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Board Meeting

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Singh, and it was voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Moore said the theme of a recent seminar he attended was how to look at wastewater as a resource.

Dr. Singh said in May he joined staff for a day of field training to the Guadalupe River watershed.

Dr. Young reported participating in a number of meetings. She said she attended an Executive Board Meeting of the Association of Bay Area Governments where she serves as an advisory member and represents the Water Board. She said she attended a community outreach meeting conducted by representatives of East Bay Municipal Utility District where water supply and stormwater issues were discussed. She said she met with Charles R. Hoppin, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board.

Dr. Young said she met with Craig Johns, Program Manager, Partnership for Sound Science and Environmental Policy, and they discussed the importance of the use of sound science by the Board and staff. She said they also discussed efficiencies and inefficiencies of regulatory systems, and the use of economic incentives. She said she met with Kevin Buchan, Senior Coordinator, Bay Area and State Water Issues, Western States Petroleum Association, and they had a discussion about the challenge of informing Board members on technical and complex issues. She said they tried to identify available avenues of information for Board members that might be in addition to the Board packet and staff presentation and that would be fair to all interest groups and comply with ethical requirements. She reported participating in two other meetings.

Bruce H. Wolfe said John Kaiser, who has worked at the Water Board for 22 years, will be retiring this month. He said staff will miss Mr. Kaiser's expertise on cleanup programs.

Item 5 – Consideration of Uncontested Items

Meredith Manning, Senior Planner, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, said she would like to recognize Shin-Roei Lee, Dale Bowyer, Keith Lichten, Habte Kifle, Matt Graul, Brian Wines, and Sandi Potter for their work on Item 5C. She said the District appreciates their efforts.

Mr. Moore complimented the District and staff for their work on Item 5C. He said the regulatory effort involves a collaborative process. He complimented Derek Whitworth for his work on Item 5B.

Mr. McGrath spoke favorably about item 5B. He complimented the District and staff for Item 5C and said he appreciated efforts to minimize regulatory burdens.

Dr. Singh concurred with comments made by Mr. Moore and Mr. McGrath. He spoke in favor of Items 5B and 5C.

Dr. Young applauded the District and staff for work on Item 5C.

Ms. Manning said the District's and the Water Board's goals are the same.

Mr. Wolfe recommended adoption of the Uncontested Items Calendar.

The Uncontested Items Calendar was adopted by the Board.

Item 6 – Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, Golden Eagle Refinery, Martinez, Contra Costa County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Mr. Wolfe made introductory comments.

The following people testified: Robert Schlipf, Staff Engineer, Water Board; Claire L. Spencer, Environmental Health & Safety Manager, Golden Eagle Refinery, Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company; Ian Wren, Staff Scientist, San Francisco Baykeeper; Kevin Buchan, Senior Coordinator, Bay Area and State Water Issues, Western States Petroleum Association; Craig Johns, Program Manager, Partnership for Sound Science and Environmental Policy.

There was discussion by Board members and staff. Staff replied to questions from Board members.

Mr. Wolfe said there was a Supplemental to Attachment F (Fact Sheet) of the Revised Tentative Order. He recommended adoption of the Revised Tentative Order as supplemented.

The Revised Tentative Order as supplemented was adopted by the Board.

Item 7 – San Francisco Estuary Partnership – What It Is and Where It's Headed – Update by Judy Kelly, Director of the Partnership

Judy A. Kelly, Director, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, said SFEP's work and mission are detailed in its Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. She said the Plan recommends over 200 actions to protect and restore the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. She discussed SFEP's Strategic Plan for 2010-2012 that was prepared to guide efforts on actions.

Item 8 – Correspondence

There was one correspondence item.

Item 12 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.