

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting June 8, 2022  
Notes by Gayle Tupper

1. Roll Call and Introductions. Hacker, Gunther, Kissinger, Young, Chair McGrath present. Vice Chair Battey absent. Also Interim Executive Officer (EO) Tom Mumley and other staff.

2. Public Forum. A speaker talked about CalTrans' requirement to control trash, the study should have been submitted to review and comment by the deadline, not yet received, and noted that SF Bay has much trash. A speaker updated the rejection of the National Parks submittal about Pt Reyes National Seashore, said the raw sewage discharges are starting to be remedied, though Drakes Beach tested positive for contamination just before the Memorial Day holiday. Chair McGrath noted that board members cannot comment on these items. About CalTrans, staff is preparing to present an update, probably this fall. They are looking into issues about Pt Reyes Seashore, will update as soon as possible.

3. Minutes of May 11, 2022 Board Meeting  
Unanimous approval

4. Chair's, Board Members', and Executive Officer's Reports.

Sean Maguire, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) liaison, highlighted drought actions, including adoption of regulations asking all urban water systems for 20% for water contingency plans, ban irrigation of non-used turf in commercial areas. SFBay is efficient in general, outdoor water use less than other areas. Instead of a decrease, April 2022 statewide increased use 17% over 2020.

Chair McGrath and member Gunther mentioned the Alameda Creek Fish ladder opening—it is the biggest trash removal system ever seen. The fish ladder has been a project since at least 1999. It is one of most sophisticated in country. The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) decided this is part of their identity.

Mumley, EO Report. Staff briefed EPA Region 9 and others about recycled water. Staff appreciates that board member Hacker was able to attend staff training at Alameda Point. Impressive green infrastructure is now being integrated into building projects, which is a benefit of the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) SW Permits. Green infrastructure has multiple benefits, is esthetic, an amenity, moderates heat effect.

Chair McGrath swears in speakers.

5. Uncontested Item

A. City of American Canyon, American Canyon Water Reclamation Facility, American Canyon, Napa County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

B. Contra Costa County Sanitary District, Central Contra Costa County Sanitary District (Central San) Wastewater Treatment Plant, Martinez, Contra Costa County NPDES Permit

C. Republic Services Vasco Road, LLC, Vasco Road Landfill, Livermore, Alameda County – Updated Waste Discharge Requirements

Board members spoke positively of these permits, including the note that the NPDES permit for one of largest WWTPs (Central San) is uncontested. They noted the professional relationship between board staff and WWTP agencies, the level of pride of the agencies, and the investment by dischargers in their systems. Note that wastewater reclamation is increasing. Observer lost the connection at this point and did not hear the vote on these items. Since all comments were positive, I assume that these items were all approved.

#### Site Clean-Up Requirements

6. Marinwood Plaza, LLC and Hoytt Enterprises, Inc. for the property located at 187 Marinwood Avenue, Marinwood, Marin County – Amendment of Final Site Cleanup Requirements Order R2-2020-0025

Speakers have brought this site to the board several times during public comment periods. There was a dry cleaning facility at the site, and there is groundwater contamination. There have been cleanup requirements for many years. The item was put on the agenda for a staff update, more public comments, comments by the property owner, and board member statements. There are deadlines in July 2022, and staff have seen progress in last couple of weeks including building demolition. Staff expects them to meet the July deadlines. The existing order does not include enforcement and there are no penalties accruing now. The board noted many entries in this file and the required remedial actions are not yet completed. The credibility of this discharger is relevant in this case. All board members are dissatisfied with this discharger.

There were several public comments, including by Damon Connaly, Marin County supervisor, who has been working on this location for 8 years and appreciates the clarified deadlines and requirements. Another speaker was concerned that this approach focuses on the plume, not the source of contamination, which is on CalTrans land. Speakers request that the board take an aggressive stance because the owner has not been cooperative to this point, and they do not have faith the owner will make the current deadline since they have not made any deadlines to date.

A geologist for the property owner's consulting firm was brought in to facilitate the project. They have a workplan that will be followed to exceed cleanup standards. He will facilitate meeting these very tight deadlines, will make sure client and consulting team meets those. Board members noted that the delays are frustrating and want an update in September, shortly after the report is due.

The board moved and seconded the staff recommendation with a motion for a deadline. The order includes additional requirements and deadline dates. Unanimous approval.

No further business. Adjourn 11:04 a.m.