

North Bay Watershed Association

Summary of the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Friday, September 7th, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Ave., Novato CA

Directors or Representatives Present Included:

Board Member	Agency/Organization	Board Member	Agency/Organization
Noemi Camargo	Bell Marin Keys SD	Leon Garcia	Napa Co. Flood Control & Water Cons. Dist.
Michael Boorstein	Central Marin Sanitation Agency		
Pam Drew	City of Novato	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Mike Thompson	Sonoma County Water Agency	Sandeep Karkal	Novato Sanitary District
Judy Schriebman & Chris DeGabriele	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Rick Fraites & Jack Baker	North Marin Water District
Pamela Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District	Ryan Gregory	Napa Sanitation District
Paul Jensen	City of San Rafael	Rob Carson	MCSTOPP
Miriam Aboudamous	City of American Canyon	Chris Choo	Marin Co.

Directors present represented 15 of the 18 agencies signatory to the Association MOU.

Board Actions:

1. Call to Order – Jack Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. Public Comment - *No public comment.*
3. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved with abstentions from those members who were not present in July.
5. Treasurer’s Report – The NBWA budget is in excellent shape.
6. Director’s Report – Judy Kelly reported that NBWA is undergoing a website revision with the help of the San Francisco Estuary Institute and that the revised site would launch before our next meeting. She also noted that NBWA currently does not have staff support and that she is in the process of working on options to obtain help with administrative matters.
7. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Board Overview and Current Focus
 Bruce Wolfe, Executive Officer of the Regional Board, in his last appearance before the NBWA before his retirement at the end of the year, presented his perspective on some of the Board’s most pressing issues and work. He began by providing an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Water Board and the division of responsibilities between the State and the 9 Regional Boards by noting that only the State Board deals with water rights and allocation issues, the Regional Boards focus on implementing the water quality laws and regulations that govern water use in the state.

He covered several Regional Board work areas in his presentation, including work underway to review the Board’s fill policies for the Bay; a re-look at the current dissolved oxygen requirements for Bay waters; a review of ways to better use wastewater to restore and enhance wetlands; the

work underway in setting numeric nutrient endpoints [He noted that prior to decades past, nutrients are beginning to be of concern in the bay as the once-turbid waters are clearer now due to the cessation of sediment coming through the Sacramento/San Joaquin river delta from gold mining effects], and noted that there is a review underway of the recreational use [water contact] targets.

Mr. Wolfe also reminded the Board that the much of the mercury standard is related to historic runoff in the gold mining era and he stated that the Board has already applied a risk management approach to mercury in fish consumption from the Bay and that they have very little more it can do with that issue except to wait for the pulse to finally move entirely out of the system. He concluded by noting that the Regional Board is engaged in the ongoing discussions around One Water Bay Area Network and the reminded the Board that the evolution of multi-benefit projects is the end goal now for future water development and treatment efforts.

See details of the Board's work at the RB website the full presentation here:

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/>

And for details about the Waste Discharge Requirement waivers being implemented for vineyards and grazing in the North Bay, see the presentation RB Staff James Ponton gave on that subject here http://nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation_2018-06-09.pdf

8. Lori Lewis, the facilitator the NBWA strategic planning effort to commence next month introduced herself and gave an brief outline of what the process she will employ over the next two meetings. She asked the Board for questions that come to mind as we embark on this effort and collected the questions, noting she will use them as guidance and not necessarily answer each one.

Next Meeting Information: October 5th, 2018, Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell St, Petaluma CA

- Note that this will be a 3 hour meeting with strategic planning as the single agenda item

SUBMITTED BY:
Judy Kelly
Executive Director
NBWA