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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

#### Via Zoom Meeting Conference

*1195 Third St., Suite 103, First Floor, HR Conference Room, Napa, CA 94559*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 AND PARTICIPATION IN THE WATERSHED INFORMATION & CONSERVATION COUNCIL MEETING.** Watershed Information & Conservation Council meetings will be conducted via teleconference using the Zoom conferencing platform in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in accordance with the State of Emergency proclaimed by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, Executive Order N-29-29 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and the Shelter in Place Order issued by the Napa County Health Advisory Committee. Instructions for public participation are below:

The Watershed Information & Conservation Council realizes that not all County residents have the same ways to stay engaged, so several alternatives are offered. Please watch or listen to the Watershed Information & Conservation Council meetings in one of the following ways:

1. Listen on your phone – via Zoom at **1-669-900-6833** Enter Meeting ID (**858 9812 7545**) once you have joined the meeting.
2. Watch via the Internet – view the Live Stream via Zoom by <https://www.zoom.us/join>, then enter Meeting ID (**858 9812 7545**).

You may submit public comment for any item that appears on the agenda or general public comment for any item or issue that does not appear on the agenda, as follows:

*Please provide your name and the agenda item on which you are commenting*

1. **Via Email** – send your comment to the following email address: [wicc@countyofnapa.org](mailto:wicc@countyofnapa.org). Emails received will **not** be read aloud but will still become part of the public record.
2. **Online**
  1. Use the Zoom attendee link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/85898127545>. Make sure the browser is up-to-date.
  2. Enter an email address and your name. Your name will be visible online while you are speaking.
  3. When the Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click **“raise hand”**. Mute all other audio before speaking to avoid feedback.

When called, please limit your remarks to three minutes. After the comment, your microphone will be muted.

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3. **By Phone**

1. Call the Zoom phone number and enter the webinar ID: **1-669-900-6833** Enter Meeting ID: **858 9812 7545**
2. When the Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, **press \*9 to raise a hand**.  
\*\*Please note that phone numbers in their entirety will be visible online while speakers are speaking\*\*
3. Please limit your remarks to three minutes. After the comment has been given, your phone will be muted.

All comments will be heard in the order received.

*The above-identified measures exceed all legal requirements for participation and public comment, including those imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act and Executive Order N-29-20. If you have any questions, contact us via telephone at (707) 253-4417 or send an email to [PBES@Countyofnapa.org](mailto:PBES@Countyofnapa.org).*

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Chair) (2 min)**

Welcome Pierre Washington from American Canyon City Council, Bernie Narvaes from Napa City Council, and Beth Painter, Napa City Council alternate.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES – October 22, 2020 (Chair) (2 min)**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – At this time, anyone may address the Council regarding any subject over which the Council has jurisdiction but which is not on today's posted agenda. In order to provide all interested parties an opportunity to speak, time limitations shall be at the discretion of the Chair. As required by Government Code, no action or discussion will be undertaken on any item raised during this Public Comment period (Chair)**

4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Council) (5 min)
- b) Discussion and adoption of 2021 Meeting Calendar (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Council) (5 min)

5. **UPDATE ON NAPA VALLEY DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Update and presentation on the Napa Valley Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), including progress on mitigation/response actions and administrative/organizational framework tasks (Patrick Costello, City of Napa, DCP Task Force) (15 min)

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6. **UPDATE ON POST-FIRE WATERSHED RECOVERY**

Update on Post-Fire Watershed Recovery efforts (Patrick Ryan and Jamison Crosby, Napa County Watershed and Water Quality Protection Unit) (15 min)

7. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION: FISH PASSAGE AND BARRIER REMOVAL – THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF EXPANDING FISHERIES HABITAT THROUGH THE REMOVAL OF FISH PASSAGE BARRIERS**

Salmon, steelhead trout, lamprey and other species migrate to their native habitats to reproduce. Some species swim thousands of miles through oceans and rivers to reach their destination. When human-engineered barriers, such as dams and culverts, block species migration, they cannot reach their native habitat to reproduce and maintain their populations. (60 min)

<b>Fish Passage Barrier Removal – A Regional Priority Restoration Action</b>	Matt Erickson	Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
<b>York Creek Dam Removal</b>	Jenn Hyman	Project Manager, EKI Environment & Water Inc.
<b>Napa River &amp; Greenwood Ave. Fish Passage Barrier Removals</b>	Derek Rayner	Public Works Director, City of Calistoga

8. **INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Exchange of informational announcements and events (Staff/Council/Public) (5-10 min)

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discussion of future agenda items (Staff/Council) (5 min)

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

Next scheduled meeting: **April 22, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom Meeting Conference**  
1195 Third St. Suite 103, Conference Room  
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11. **ADJOURNMENT (Chair)**

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## ACTION MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Chair) (2 min)**

Welcome Michelle Benvenuto – Appointed September 15, 2020

*Directors Present: Michelle Benvenuto, Barry Christian, Tosha Comendant, Anne Cottrell, Evelyn Denzin, Diane Dillon, Marita Dorenbecher, Geoff Ellsworth, David Graves, Jason Lauritsen, Alfredo Pedroza, Bill Pramuk, Kimberly Richard, Pamela Smithers, Donald Williams.*

*Directors excused: Kenneth Leary, Scott Sedgley. Directors absent: Kimberly Richard.*

*Staff present: David Morrison, Jeff Sharp, Alexandria Quackenbush.*

**2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES – November 21, 2019 (Chair) (2 min)**

*Minutes for the November 21, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.*

<i>MB</i>	<i>MD</i>	<i>BC</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>AC</i>	<i>ED</i>	<i>DD</i>	<i>GE</i>	<i>DG</i>	<i>JL</i>	<i>KL</i>	<i>AP</i>	<i>BP</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>DW</i>
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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Justin Hamilton Hole thanked the Committee for allowing him to attend the meeting.*

**4. UPDATE ON WICC MEMBERSHIP, BYLAWS AND MEETING CALENDAR**

Update on WICC membership appointment and reappointments, adopted bylaws and new meeting calendar for 2021 (Staff) (5 min)

*Jeff Sharp provided an update to the Directors with discussion, no action taken.*

**5. UPDATE ON NAPA VALLEY DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Update and presentation on the Napa Valley Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), including current tasks involving drought mitigation and response actions and DCP administrative and organizational framework (Patrick Costello, City of Napa, DCP Task Force) (20 min)

*Patrick Costello gave presentation with discussion, no action taken.*

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**6. UPDATE ON NAPA VALLEY SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Update and presentation on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Napa Valley Subbasin. This presentation will provide an overview of GSP development efforts underway, including the GSP Advisory Committee’s activities and input, stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan update, GSP technical work, and upcoming activities, including coordination with other programs, additional dedicated monitoring well installation, and planning for future water resources sustainability. (Vicki Kretsinger Grabert, Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers) (15 min)

*Vicki Kretsinger Grabert gave presentation with discussion, no action taken.*

**7. PANEL DISCUSSION: AFTER THE FIRES - TAKING STOCK OF LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX AND GLASS FIRES**

Napa County has experienced another difficult fire season in 2020. A variety of experts will discuss what happened on-the-ground, how the County and a collaboration of agencies and NGOs are working together to assist the community recover and protect water quality, and discuss new programs for improving local resiliency to wild fires moving forward. (60 min)

<b>Moderator</b>	Lucas Patzek	Executive Director, Napa County RCD
<b>What Happened? Cal Fire WERT Reports</b>	John Ramaley	Forest Practice Manager, Cal Fire
	Kevin Doherty	Geologist, CA Geological Survey
<b>Response from Local Task Force</b>	Patrick Ryan	Engineering Manager, Napa County PBES
<b>Impacts to Lake Berryessa</b>	Alex Rabidoux	Water Resources Engineer, Solano County Water Agency
<b>NRCS Support of Recover on Public &amp; Private Lands</b>	Liz Colby	Engineer, Nat. Resource Conservation Service
<b>Building Resilience for the Next Time</b>	Amanda Benton	Forestry Program Manager, Napa County RCD

*The Board received the presentation with discussion, no action taken.*

**8. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Exchange of informational announcements and events (Staff/Council/Public) (5-10 min)  
*None.*

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discussion of future agenda items (Staff/Council) (5 min)  
*None.*

*Cont.*

**10. NEXT MEETING:**

Next scheduled meeting: **January 28, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.**  
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**11. ADJOURNMENT (Chair)**

*Motion and approval to adjourn as presented.*

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**Voting Key**

If not unanimous, votes will be tallied (*N* = No; *A* = Abstained, *E* = Excused) using the following Board Member abbreviations: *MB* = Michelle Benvenuto; *BC* = Barry Christian; *TC* = Tosha Comendant; *AC* = Anne Cottrell; *ED* = Evelyn Denzin; *DD* = Diane Dillon; *MD* = Marita Dorenbecher; *GE* = Geoff Ellsworth; *DG* = David Graves; *JL* = Jason Lauritsen; *KL* = Kenneth Leary; *AP* = Alfredo Pedroza; *BP* = Bill Pramuk; *KR* = Kimberly Richard; *SS* = Scott Sedgley; *PS* = Pamela Smithers; *DW* = Donald Williams; Alternates: *MA* = Mariam Aboundamous, *JD* = Jeffrey Durham, *DG2* = Doris Gentry, *RG* = Ryan Gregory, *MK* = Mary Koberstein; *ILO* = Irais Lopez- Ortega; *BR* = Brent Randol.

**Example Key:**

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**Item #4 - DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

- a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board) (5 min)
- b) Discussion and adoption of 2021 Meeting Calendar (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Board) (5 min)

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**EXCERPT FROM THE WICC BYLAWS**

Excerpt regarding election of officers:

- II. **OFFICERS.** The officers of the WICC Board shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, chosen as follows:
  - A. **Time of Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair.**  
At the first organizational meeting and thereafter at the WICC's annual organizational meeting, the membership of the WICC shall elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from among themselves.

Excerpt regarding adoption of yearly calendar:

- III. **MEETINGS**
  - A. **Date of Regular Meetings.**  
... the WICC shall adopt at the first meeting of the WICC, of each calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any regularly scheduled meeting of the WICC may be canceled by majority vote or, if there is not a quorum, be adjourned by the Chair or Secretary in the manner set forth in Section III(G) of these by-laws.



*Watershed Information & Conservation Council*

**WICC**



**2021**

**Meeting Calendar**

A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

**Members:**

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Supervising Planner, PBES

— Meeting Details —

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

*[See Agenda for Log-in Details]*

These are public meetings  
All are welcome to attend

Time and location may change  
as directed by the Council

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- Regular Meeting Dates

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