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of Napa County

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ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 24, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building, 1125 Third Street, Napa CA

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chair)

Welcome to **Scott Sedgley**, newly appointed City of Napa Council representative and **Matt Pope** Napa County Planning Commission representative, followed by roundtable of introductions

<u>Members Present</u>: Marita Dorenbecher, Warren Flint, Mitchell Klug, Jason Lauritsen, Jim Lincoln, Mark Luce, Marc Pandone, Matt Pope, Scott Sedgley, Rita Steiner, Peter White, Keith Caldwell <u>Members excused</u>: Belia Bennett, Susan Boswell, Diane Dillon, Gary Kraus, Jeffrey Redding, Jeff Reichel <u>Members absent</u>: None Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of November 15, 2012 (Chair) (5 min)

Approved as presented

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

In this time period, anyone may comment to the Board regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction, or request consideration to place an item on a future Agenda. No comments will be allowed involving any subject matter that is scheduled for discussion as part of this Agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken by the Board as a result of any item presented at this time. (Chair)

None presented

(Cont.)

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2013 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

Mitchell Klug was elected Chair and Rita Steiner was elected Vice-Chair

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b. Discussion and adoption of 2013 Meeting Calendar (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

Approved as presented

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5. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Report on Board of Supervisor's approval to amend WICC Board bylaws on January 29, 2013 (WICC Staff) (5 *min*)

Staff reported that the Board of Supervisors will consider amending the WICC Board's bylaws on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. The proposed amendments were approved by the WICC Board at their November 15, 2012 meeting.

b. Update on Napa County **Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee** (GRAC) (Patrick Lowe, Natural Resources Conservation Manager, Public Works) (5 min)

Staff provided an update on recent GRAC activities, work plan milestones and future meeting dates.

c. Update on **Integrated Regional Water Management Planning** (IRWMP) in the Bay Area and Sacramento River funding areas, planning and plan update processes, grant deadlines and list of projects (WICC staff, Flood District staff) (*5 min*)

Staff briefly outlined the State's IRWMP program and current Prop 84 funding opportunities. Staff then provided an update on recent Plan development efforts and past/upcoming coordinating committee and stakeholder meetings, and projects proposed within Napa County.

d. Update on status of the Napa River Sediment TMDL and Vineyard Waiver and extended public comment period (WICC staff) (5 min)

Staff updated the Board on status of the Vineyard Waiver and the Water Board's extension of the public comment period to February 1, 2013. The tentative hearing date for the Waiver is March 13, 2013.

e. Other reports and updates (WICC staff, Board, Public)

Staff (Deborah Elliott) reported on an upcoming Vineyard Water Conservation Workshop scheduled for March 21, 2013 in the Copia Theater, and new grant funding availability for rain gardens and rain barrels in the Napa River watershed. Staff updated the Board on planning efforts underway to hold a Tree Forum in March, and highlighted the upcoming 2013 Napa County Watershed Symposium planned for May 23, 2013.

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

Presentation and discussion on the Napa River Watershed Profile: A watershed-based framework for addressing agricultural management challenges related to improving the health of the Napa River ecosystem (Meredith Williams, Deputy Director, San Francisco Estuary Institute) (30 min)

Staff introduced Meredith Williams who provided a presentation highlighting the work by SFEI and local project partners. The Board asked questions of Ms. Williams and discussed the project/work as it relates to predicting the response of the river/channels from past/future management activities in the watershed.

6. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of informational announcements and events (WICC staff, Board, and Public) (5-10 min)

Staff announced the news article in the Napa Valley Register that highlighted the 2013 Watershed Education Calendar, an announced upcoming opportunities to see presentations on our local fish and to visit the rotary screw trap (fisheries monitoring equipment) in use on the Napa River.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion of possible items for future agendas (Board, WICC Staff) (5 min)

- a. Presentation by Sustainable Conservation (<u>www.suscon.org</u>) on their "Partners in Restoration" approach to coordinated permitting for restoration projects
- b. Other potential items (WICC staff, Board)

Marc Pandone requested a presentation by CalFire on the Firewise program and wildfire risk. Marc also requested a presentation by Brian Bordona (Napa County Planning Supervisor) on vineyard development projects.

Warren Flint requested further discussion (possible workshop) by the Board on the importance of the watershed health/condition indicators proposed in the 2010 Watershed Assessment Framework/Report Card, and if the WICC would support further review of those indicators, updating them, or adding new ones if needed.

8. **NEXT MEETING** (Chair)

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting: March 28, 2013 – 4:00 PM (*Save the date*)

9. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chair)

Motion and approval to adjourn.

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