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ACTION MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

The White Barn 2727 Sulphur Springs Ave., St. Helena, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chair)

Welcome to The White Barn (Garden Family; WICC Staff)

Members Present: Peter White; Gary Kraus; Belia Bennett; Marita Dorenbecher; Mike Basayne;

Jeff Reichel; Susan Boswell; Jim Lincoln; Jason Lauritsen; Keith Caldwell Members excused: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce; Rita Steiner; Warren Flint

Members absent: James Krider; Jeffrey Redding; Marc Pandone; Mitchell Klug

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vise Chair, Jeff Reichel volunteered to chair the meeting with the agreement of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of March 22, 2012 and Special Joint Meeting of July 26, 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. Discussion and direction on DRAFT 2013 Meeting Calendar (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

The November meeting date was corrected to November 21st by staff. The Board concurred with the amended draft and directed staff to bring the final calendar back for adoption in January.

b. Discussion and **adoption of revised Bylaws** (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

Staff outlined the recommended changes to the bylaws. The Board motioned and approved adoption of the bylaws as presented and requested Board of Supervisor approval.

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5. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Update on the Napa County **Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC)** work plan/schedule and upcoming meeting topics (WICC Staff) (5 min)

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

5. **UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION** (Cont.)

b. Update on **Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP)** in the Bay Area (Napa River Basin) and Sacramento River (Putah and Suisun Basin) funding areas, planning and plan update processes, grant timeline and list of projects (WICC staff, Fld. Dist. staff) (10 min)

Staff briefly outlined the State's IRWMP program and current Prop 84 funding opportunities. Staff provided an overviewed the recent 'call for projects' by both the Bay Area and Sacramento River funding areas. Stakeholder processes are underway in both regions to refine and select projects for competitive funding being offered by the State under Round 2 if IRWMP Implementation Grant program. Staff will continue to update the Board as projects are selected and grant funding requests are submitted.

c. Update and discussion on status of the **Napa River Sediment TMDL and Vineyard Waiver** development (Brian Bordona, Supervising Planner, Napa Co. Planning, Building and Environmental Services / member of waiver Stakeholder Advisory Group) (15 min)

Brian Bordona provided the Board with presentation and overview of the proposed waiver and announced release of the draft waiver and related CEQA documents for public review and comment.

d. Report on publication and distribution of the **2013 Watershed Awareness Calendar**, "Preserving and Restoring the Oaks of Napa County" (Stephanie Turnipseed, Education Coordinator, Napa Co. RCD) (*5 min*)

Stephanie Turnipseed presented the Board with copies of the 2013 calendar and talked about this year's education topic – Oaks in Napa County

e. Report and discussion on the **2013 Watershed Symposium** and possible theme/topics for the event (WICC Staff) (10 min)

Staff announced that the 2013 Symposium is being planned for May 23rd. The Board provided input of possible topics to include in the event including: local climate change issues, re-oaking the valley, sudden oak death, fisheries monitoring and populations, coordinated restoration permitting, and an update on river restoration efforts,

f. Other reports and updates (WICC Staff, Board, Public)

Staff reported that the new general municipal stormwater NPDES permit is due out for public review and comment November 16, 2013. Staff will email the notice to the Board upon its publication.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

a. Presentation on **2012 Stream Maintenance and Operations Projects** (Shuan Horne, Watershed and Flood Control Resource Specialist, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation Dist.) (25 min)

Shuan Horne provided a presentation to the Board on the District's 2012 projects.

b. Presentation and discussion on **Low Impact Roads – Reducing Road Related Sediment Inputs into our Stream Systems** (Bill Birmingham, Conservation Project Manager, Napa County RCD) (35 min)

Bill Birmingham provided a presentation to the Board on designing Low Impact Roads.

7. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of informational announcements / events (WICC staff, Board, Public)

None presented.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of possible **items for future agendas**: Napa Tree Forum, Heritage Tree Protection, Coordinated Permitting, others (Board, WICC Staff)

Patrick Lowe mentioned that a Tree Forum may be held in February or March in the City of Napa.

9. **NEXT MEETING** (Chair)

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting: January 24, 2012 – 4:00 PM

Staff noted that the Board will elect a new chair and vise chair at their January meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chair)

Motion and approval to adjourn.

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