



-- ACTION MINUTES --

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, South Campus, Building A
First Floor, Willow Conference Room, Napa CA 94558

--- Note Meeting Location/Map ---

NOTE: A quorum of the Council was not obtained until 3:18pm.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Chair) (2 min)

Members Present: Barry Christian, Liz Colby, Tosha Comendant, Ryan Gregory, Marita Dorenbecher, Geoff Ellsworth, David Graves, Kenneth Leary, Bill Pramuk, Kimberly Richard

Members excused: Susan Boswell, Anne Cottrell, Diane Dillon, Jason Lauritsen, Scott Sedgley, Pamela Smithers, Donald Williams

Members absent: Alfredo Pedroza,

Staff present: Jeff Sharp

1. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES – July 25, 2019 (Chair) (2 min)

Approved as presented

Table with 17 columns (SB, BC, LC, TC, AC, DD, MD, GE, DG, JL, KL, RG, BP, KR, SS, PS, DW) and 2 rows (E, A, E, A, E, E, A, E, E, A, E, A, E, E, E).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – In this time period, 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)

Roland Dumas commented that he has concerns with the data the County is using to develop a groundwater model. Chris Malan asked if the WICC could get an update on the new 303d listings of the Napa River.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

a) Harmful Algal Blooms: the Good, the Bad, the Algae - an overview of freshwater harmful algal blooms (HABs), their impacts on water quality, public health concerns, and resources available from the State Waterboards Freshwater HABs program (Keith Bouma-Gregson, Ph.D., State Waterboards) (20 min)

Item 3a was not heard due to lack of quorum.

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Board of Directors

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Jeffrey Durham
Doris Gentry
Ryan Gregory
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- b) Overview of new projects the Solano County Water Agency is doing to protect the Putah Creek watershed, including water quality sampling and education to manage sedimentation and aquatic invasive species (Sabrina Colias, Associate Water Resources Specialist, Solano County Water Agency) (20 min)

*Ms. Colias provided a presentation to the Council. She discussed water quality monitoring and invasive species prevention plans and programs, as well as future monitoring and prevention planned by the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA). Water quality monitoring was focused to assess fire related impacts within the watershed. Invasive species of concern are Zebra Mussels, Quagga Mussels, Golden Mussels, New Zealand Mud Snail and Chinese Mystery Snail. SCWA is implementing a "Solano Project Prevention Plan and Lake Berryessa," which includes monitoring and vessel inspections. Inspected vessels are provided a seal and receipt of watercraft inspection. A decontamination facility is provided if needed. Ms. Colias noted that no aquatic invasive species prevention plan for Lake Hennessy is on file with CDFW. Lake Hennessy is operated by the City of Napa. Future Lake Berryessa program plans include continuation of the Prevention Plan and locating a permanent decontamination facility along a major roadway within the watershed.*

#### 4. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- a) Report on local Coastal Cleanup Day results, ongoing Waterway Keeper efforts to remove litter and how to participate in creek and river stewardship (Ashley Kvittek, Napa County Resource Conservation District) (15 min)

*Ms. Kvittek provided the Council with a presentation. Ms. Kvittek offered statistics on the number of volunteers that participated in cleanups and the amount of trash they collected. She also went through a list of the most unusual items collected. Between the Waterway Keeper and Coastal Cleanup efforts, roughly 2 tons of trash were removed from the river. Look to the NCRCD website for future cleanup events.*

- b) Update on Napa County's Groundwater Sustainability Program, including response to the Department of Water Resources assessment of the County's Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan, next steps in groundwater model development, deployment of new well monitoring equipment, work underway to identify groundwater dependent ecosystems, and outreach plan development (20 min)

*Phil Miller provided an update on Napa County's response to DWR. A response has not yet been submitted yet. DWR staff has been unavailable to discuss questions regarding the submittal with the County. The September submittal deadline has been extended. Jeff Sharp provided an overview of the handout in the agenda packet "Napa Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model Overview." Mr. Sharp pointed out links in the document for additional information on the modeling effort and the timeline for the project. Mr. Sharp noted that community workshops will be held to collect input to guide the model's development. Questions were asked about how folks can participate in developing the model and the reason why the County was developing a new groundwater model. Concerns were raised about the availability of groundwater and municipal water into the future due to climate change. Steve Lederer added that there is a drought contingency plan underway that includes all of the municipalities (City of Napa is the lead on the 2yr project, which is grant funded). It was suggested to involve people early on in the groundwater model development process to achieve collaboration and trust. Mr. Sharp provided a handout "Communication and Engagement Plan - Overview of C&E Plan Guidance from DWR." Mr. Sharp reviewed the handout with the Council. It was noted that discussions of water availability should also include disaster preparedness planning. LAFCO's joint water/wastewater municipal service report (MSR) was also mentioned as an important document to reference. The importance of stakeholder outreach, early and often, was reiterated to achieve good results.*

5. **INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

*Tosha Comendant will talk on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Napa Wild Lecture Series, discussing the benefits of landscape connectivity, On September 19<sup>th</sup> Air Resources Control Board passed tropical forest deforestation standard – to guide CA carbon emission trading standards (it was mentioned that CA should focus on lowering its carbon emissions and not trade them), EECNC’s environmental film “Wasted,” a film about food waste, will be shown at Copia Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.*

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discussion of possible items for future agendas (Staff/Council) (5 min)

- Presentation on Valley Oak viability under climate change - utilizing Napa and Sonoma depth to groundwater data to assess restoration nodes, by San Francisco Estuary Institute
- Other items

*Napa River 303d listings, Drought contingent planning project update, LAFCO’s joint water/wastewater municipal service report, Climate Action Committee update,*

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Next scheduled meeting: **November 21, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.**  
 2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, South Campus, Building A  
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*Note – This meeting is a week earlier due to Thanksgiving holiday*

8. **ADJOURNMENT (Chair)**

*Motion and approval to adjourn.*

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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: SB = Susan Boswell; BC=Barry Christian; LC = Liz Colby; TC = Tosha Comendant; AC=Anne Cottrell; 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, ILO = Irais Lopez-Ortega, BR=Brent Randol.*

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