

# Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

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## AGENDA

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, November 15, 2007  
4:00 -6:00 p.m.**

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

## Staff Representatives

Patrick Lowe,  
**Secretary**  
Deputy Director,  
Conservation Div., CDPD

Jeff Sharp,  
**Watershed Coordinator**  
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**Counsel**  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (Chairman)
2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**  
Meeting of August 23, 2007 (Chairman)
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. (Chairman)
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - a. **Watershed Education Calendar 2008** (Staff/Resource Conservation Dist. Staff)
  - b. New Countywide Stormwater Program **construction site run-off control requirements** and **Post-Construction BMP Workshop** (Staff/County Public Works Staff)
  - c. Others (Board/Staff)
5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**
  - a. Update on **pending grant contract** between Department of Water Resources and Napa County **for watershed health indicator project** (i.e., Watershed Assessment Framework (WAF) Grant) (Staff)
  - b. Report on the **3rd Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium** (Staff)

- c. Update and report on **Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP)** including background and local efforts (Flood District Staff)
- d. Update and status report on the **Rutherford Dust Restoration Project** (County Public Works Staff)
- e. Others (Board/Staff)

6. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:**

- a. Update on the County **General Plan Update** process and timeline, and **Steering Committee** (Staff)
- b. Update and discussion on **State Water Board** approval of Napa River sediment **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)**, the **Regional Water Quality Control Board's Basin Planning and implementation process**, as well as other State and Regional water quality policy developments (Staff)

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- a. Discussion and recommendation to staff on **Draft 2008 WICC Board Meeting Calendar** (Staff)
- b. Discussion and recommendation to staff on **WICC outreach efforts for 2008**, and possible formation of an **ad-hoc subcommittee to assist staff in outreach implementation** (Staff)

8. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER OF NAPA COUNTY:**

A presentation and discussion on the **Wildlife Rescue Center of Napa County**, on their organization and Strategic Plan (Staff/Richard Hall, WRCNC)

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (Board/Staff)

- a. Update on **Newell Preserve** activities and enhancements (Parks and Open Space Staff)
- b. Update on **Zinfandel Bridge** fish passage barrier study and next steps (Resource Conservation District Staff)
- c. Use of watershed and/or **creek identification signs** as watershed awareness and education tools (Staff)

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

**Regular Board Meeting: January 24, 2008 – 4:00 PM**

Hall of Justice Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room, 1125 Third Street, Napa

11. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

**Note: If requested, the agenda and documents in the agenda packet shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability. Please contact Jeff Sharp at 707-259-5936, 1195 Third St., Suite 210, Napa CA 94559) to request alternative formats.**



# An Introduction to the Draft Post-Construction Runoff Management Requirements (for the unincorporated areas of Napa County)

*November 15, 2007*

*3-5PM and 6-8PM*

*Napa County-City Library  
580 Coombs Street, Napa*

Come to this free workshop to learn about Post-Construction Best Management Practices and the **draft** Post-Construction Runoff Management Requirements for the **unincorporated** areas of Napa County. The Department of Public Works is seeking comments on the draft requirements before introduction and adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

## **Background**



As required by the Phase II Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the County of Napa is required to develop, implement, and enforce a program to prevent or minimize the discharge of pollutants from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb one acre or more. On December 12, 2006 the Board of Supervisors adopted Construction Site Runoff Control Requirements to prevent or minimize the discharge of pollutants during the construction phase of development projects. The draft Post-Construction Runoff Management Requirements are intended to address the discharge of pollutants after construction has ceased and the development project is occupied by residential, commercial, and/or other uses. You can download a copy of the draft requirements at [www.napastormwater.org](http://www.napastormwater.org) or you may request a hard copy by contacting Todd Adams from this office at (707) 253-4823 or [tadams@co.napa.ca.us](mailto:tadams@co.napa.ca.us).

Please contact Todd Adams from this Department if you would like to attend the workshop or if you have any questions regarding the proposed requirements. **Please send your written comments to the following address by December 31, 2007.**

County of Napa  
Department of Public Works  
Attn: Todd Adams  
1195 Third Street, Suite 201  
Napa, CA 94559



# 3rd Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium

<b>What</b>	Symposium CCWF Meeting
<b>When</b>	November 15, 2007 08:30 November 15, 2007 16:30 November 15, 2007 from 08:30 to 16:30
<b>Where</b>	Shadelands Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA
<b>Contact Name</b>	Kae Ono
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The 3rd Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium, Contra Costa County Watersheds: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, will be held on November 15, 2007 in Walnut Creek. The purpose of the event is to provide a venue where interested individuals representing a wide variety of organizations and perspectives can assemble and learn about timely and significant issues regarding the health of creeks and watersheds. Noteworthy aspects of the event include an emphasis on understanding past conditions and events, a comprehensive overview of current activities and who is behind them, inspirational initiatives from inside and outside the region, trends, challenges and opportunities over the long term, and a discussion on the crisis in the Delta and renewed calls for construction of a peripheral canal. You are cordially invited to attend.

***REGISTER for the Symposium online or by mail. Follow this link to [download the event brochure](#) to mail in your registration. [Online registration](#) is now available!***

## *Agenda*

**8:30 Registration Begins. Poster Session.**

**9:00 Convene 2007 Symposium** - Don Freitas, Master of Ceremonies and Manager, Contra Costa

Clean Water Program

**9:10 Welcoming remarks** - Honorable Sue Rainey, Mayor, City of Walnut Creek  
**Welcoming remarks** - Honorable Susan Bonilla, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, District IV

**Introductory remarks** - Honorable George Miller, U.S. House of Representatives, 7th District (invited)

*Lessons From the Past*

**9:30 Why the Past Matters: Understanding our Watersheds through Historical Analysis**

Mitch Avalon, Deputy Chief Engineer, Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**9:40 Historical Ecological Assessment of Contra Costa Watersheds: An Introduction**

Robin Grossinger, Historical Ecology Program Manager, San Francisco Estuary Institute

**10:05 Cultural and Human History of Contra Costa Watersheds: How Native Peoples Shaped the Environment**

Mark Hylkema, Archaeologist, California State Parks

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 The 30th Anniversary of the Mount Diablo Fire of 1977: A First Hand Account of an Event that**

**Continues to Influence How We Manage Our Watersheds**

Bob Doyle, Assistant General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District

*What is Happening Today in Contra Costa*

**11:10 Contra Costa Watershed Forum Overview**

Kae Ono and Abby Fateman, Contra Costa County Community Development Department

**11:15 Who Is Doing What Where? A Whirlwind Tour of What Is Being Done Now By A Wide Array**

of Organizations To Improve the Health of Creeks and Watersheds in the County

**11:45 Remembering a Forefather of Clean Water Policies: Dr. Teng-Chung Wu**

David Contreras, General Manager, Mountain View Sanitary District

**11:50 Presentation of the 2007 Contra Costa Watershed Forum Awards**

**12:05 Lunch** (Courtesy of Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee Chefs)

*Major decisions for the delta*

**1:00 Overview Presentation: Worsening Crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**

Robert Twiss, Professor Emeritus, University of California at Berkeley,  
Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning

**1:15 Panel Discussion: 25 Years After Rejecting the Peripheral Canal Should Contra Costa Residents Give This Issue a Fresh Look?**

*Moderator:* Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO of California  
Emerging Technology Fund and Member of the Governor's Delta  
Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

*Panelists:* Byron Buck, Principal, Byron Buck and Associates  
Greg Gartrell, Assistant General Manager, Contra Costa Water  
District  
Tom Graff, Senior Attorney, Environmental Defense  
Jerry Meral, former Executive Director, Planning and  
Conservation League  
Dante Nomellini, General Manager and Co-Counsel  
Central Delta  
Water Agency

*What the Future May Hold*

**2:10 Learning From Pioneers: The City of San Luis Obispo's Efforts to Incorporate the Health of Creeks and Watersheds in Their Visions for the City**

Dr. Neil Havlik, Natural Resources Manager, City of San Luis Obispo

**2:45 Break**

**3:00 Pinole Creek Watershed Restoration: From Vision to Reality**

Drew Goetting, Restoration Design Group

**3:25 General Comments From the Audience**

**3:40 The World Shrinks, the World Expands: Watersheds and Relocalization**

Rob Thayer, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture, University of  
California at Davis and Visiting

Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and  
Environmental Planning, University  
of California at Berkeley

**4:10 Concluding Remarks - Don Freitas**

**4:15 Adjourn**

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## **Welcome to the Contra Costa Watershed Forum**

The Forum is an open committee of some fifty organizations, including state and local agencies, local non-profit environmental and education organizations, community volunteer groups, and private citizens. The work of CCWF participants is premised on the notion that actions in a watershed are inter-related and, therefore, that broad participation and cooperation is needed to affect change. Members of the CCWF work together to find common approaches to making our water resources healthy, functional, attractive and safe community assets.

The Forum impacts the community, environment and decision makers in Contra Costa County (CCC). Concerned with and urban, suburban and rural county in the San Francisco Bay Delta area, the Contra Costa Watershed Forum facilitates local agency and citizen collaboration; fosters innovative strategies for stewardship and protection of watershed resources; and encourages regional capacity building in CCC and neighboring areas.

There are many ways you can contribute to protecting creeks and watersheds. The Watershed Forum coordinates a variety of programs including Volunteer Creek Monitoring, Creek Signage, and Regional Symposia. You are invited to participate in the Contra Costa Watershed Forum.





Agenda Date: 11/6/2007

Agenda Placement: 8A

## NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Julie Lucido for Robert Peterson - District Engineer  
Napa County Flood Control District

**REPORT BY:** Richard Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, (707)259-8657

**SUBJECT:** Flood Control District Participation in Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

District Engineer requests discussion and direction from the Board for staff to continue participation in the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) meetings and activities and to authorize the following expenditures:

1. Contribute to Contra Costa County, as the contracting agency, a \$3,500 share of a total of \$100,000 towards updating the Bay Area IRWMP website and updating the plan with additional projects and entities in preparation for State Proposition 84 grant cycle.
2. Reimburse Alameda County Zone 7 Water Agency approximately \$1,900 for Napa County's share of the costs for the Bay Area IRWMP's submittal of the step 1 grant application for Proposition 50 Round 2 funding.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Proposition 50 included \$500 million for integrated regional water management projects. According to Proposition 50 grant program requirements, grant proposals were to be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan (IRWMP). In 2005, when Round 1 grant opportunities for Proposition 50 became reality, Napa County did not have an adopted IRWMP. Regional planning within the nine-county San Francisco Bay region had started, in which Napa County was included and invited to participate. However, the planning efforts at that time were predominantly under the leadership of large water supply agencies, and Napa County did not believe its local interests would be equitably represented among the largely urban interests of the greater Bay Area. Napa County decided instead to form the Napa County Regional Water Management Group, a working group of local water agencies with the Flood Control District, as the lead agency. The group worked together to draft the *Napa County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Functional Equivalent*, dated June 2005. This functional equivalent was used to identify local

projects under the Proposition 50 Round 1 grant cycle.

With the passage of Proposition 84, which includes \$138 million specifically earmarked for projects in the Bay Area, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has been increasing its outreach to communities to improve their regional planning strategies. The Bay Area IRWMP governance has matured to a point that it makes sense for Napa County to reconsider partnering with the Bay Area IRWMP for the Napa River watershed portion of the County. A much broader representation of watershed interests is now participating within the Bay Area, and there is greater equity among the functional areas. There are plans in place to begin updating the Bay Area IRWMP in preparation for Proposition 84 grant cycles. In addition, a grant strategy for Proposition 50 Round 2 has been adopted by the Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee (CC) that provides for both regional and subregional funding possibilities.

Staff recommends that the District participate in Bay Area planning efforts for Proposition 50 Round 2 and also the plans to update the Bay Area IRWMP and work to elevate Napa County projects into the plan for upcoming Proposition 84 grant cycles. Once the Bay Area IRWMP adequately includes Napa County projects, the Board may consider adopting the plan formally. It is staff's conclusion that our participation in the greater Bay Area planning efforts will result in Napa County having a better chance at funding in upcoming grant opportunities than if we were to try to continue to use our local IRWMP functional equivalent and submit as our own region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Watershed Management or NPDES Local - Fund 6000
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The watershed management program Fund 6000 includes budget to allow the District to apply or participate in State and federal grant funding opportunities.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County would not be represented in upcoming Proposition 50 Round 2 or Proposition 84 funding through the Bay Area IRWMP.

Additional Information:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, included \$500 million for integrated regional water management projects. The intent of the Integrated Regional Water

Management (IRWM) grant program was to encourage integrated regional planning strategies for water resources and to provide funding, through competitive grant opportunities, for projects that protect communities from drought, improve water quality and provide water supply security. The IRWM grant program is administered jointly by the DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

According to Proposition 50 grant program requirements, grant proposals were to be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan (IRWMP). In 2005, when Round 1 grant opportunities for Proposition 50 became reality, Napa County did not have an adopted IRWMP. Regional planning within the nine-county San Francisco Bay region had started, in which Napa County was included and invited to participate. However, the planning efforts at that time were predominantly under the leadership of large water supply agencies, and Napa County did not believe its local interests would be equitably represented among the largely urban interests of the greater Bay Area. The City of Napa did decide to join the Bay Area IRWMP and signed a letter of mutual understanding and adopted the Bay Area IRWMP. Napa County decided instead to form the Napa County Regional Water Management Group, a working group of local water agencies with the Flood Control District, as the lead agency. The group worked together to draft the *Napa County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Functional Equivalent*, dated June 2005. This functional equivalent was used to identify local projects under the Proposition 50 Round 1 grant cycle.

Neither the Bay Area nor Napa County fared very well during the Proposition 50 Round 1 grant cycle. The DWR cited criticism with the Bay Area IRWMP governance structure as being too heavily organized around individual functional areas and lacking sufficient integration. Napa County's plan lacked sufficient regional focus. Napa County projects did not receive any funding, and the Bay Area received only \$12.5 million.

With the passage of Proposition 84, which includes \$138 million specifically earmarked for projects in the Bay Area, the DWR has been increasing its outreach to communities to improve their regional planning strategies. The Bay Area IRWMP governance has matured to a point that it makes sense for Napa County to reconsider partnering with the Bay Area IRWMP for the Napa River watershed portion of the County. A much broader representation of watershed interests is now participating within the Bay Area IRWMP, and there is greater equity among the functional areas. Over the past year, District staff has been attending Bay Area IRWMP CC meetings, along with City of Napa staff. It is clear that regional equity is being considered in the discussions and other counties and entities share similar concerns with Napa. Staff has also had several discussions with DWR staff and a conference call with both the DWR and the Bay Area IRWMP CC to discuss Napa County's participation in the Bay Area IRWMP. The Bay Area IRWMP CC has made it clear that Napa County is welcome and encouraged to join the Bay Area IRWMP as a full participant. It is clear that participation is the key to ensure local interests get addressed within the Bay Area IRWMP discussions, and non-participation virtually ensures that our interests will not be served.

There are plans in place to begin updating the Bay Area IRWMP in preparation for Proposition 84 grant cycles. In addition, a grant strategy for Proposition 50 Round 2 has been adopted by the Bay Area IRWMP CC that provides for both regional and subregional funding possibilities. Because the Round 1 grant focused on water supply projects, the Round 2 grant proposal will focus on watershed and flood control projects. Under the approach adopted by the Bay Area IRWMP CC for Proposition 50 Round 2, Napa County would stand to receive approximately \$740,000 in funding for a local (subregional) project in Napa County. This allocation, based in part on watershed size draining to the Bay and in part on population, provides Napa County a reasonable share that is virtually equal to counties such as Marin, Sonoma and Solano.

Discussions with the DWR have made it clear that there are not likely to be planning grant funds available soon for which Napa County might consider applying for local subregional planning efforts to convert our functional equivalent to a full subregional IRWMP. Furthermore, the DWR has generally discouraged subregional planning focused on political boundaries in favor of larger planning areas. Although the DWR has not directly suggested such, they appear to be more favorable toward Napa County participating in the Bay Area IRWMP and also Sacramento Valley efforts for the Putah Creek watershed. The IRWMP planning efforts require a large amount of

staff time and also require sufficient stakeholder participation to be effective. The grant requirements imposed by the State are becoming increasingly complex; and, as such, it would be difficult for Napa County to continue to "go it alone" for upcoming grant cycles. The IRWMP efforts throughout the State are also being tied into other Statewide efforts, such as the California Water Plan update and State flood protection planning.

The Board recently became a charter member of the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association (BAFPAA). Among other roles, BAFPAA serves as the functional representation within the Bay Area for flood protection agencies' interests.

Staff recommends that the District continue its participation in Bay Area planning efforts for Proposition 50 Round 2 and also the plans to update the Bay Area IRWMP and work to elevate Napa County projects into the plan for upcoming Proposition 84 grant cycles. Once the Bay Area IRWMP adequately includes Napa County projects, the Board may consider adopting the plan formally. It is staff's conclusion that our participation in the greater Bay Area planning efforts will result in Napa having a better chance at funding in upcoming grant opportunities than if we were to try to continue to use our local IRWMP functional equivalent and submit as our own region.

Our participation will include staff time to attend Bay Area IRWMP CC meetings to represent Napa County interests, as well as some contribution towards the IRWMP Plan update and grant proposal preparation. At this time, staff recommends two funding contributions:

1. Contribute a \$3,500 share of a total of \$100,000 towards updating the Bay Area IRWMP website and updating the plan with additional projects and entities in preparation for State Proposition 84 funding cycle.
2. Reimburse Alameda County Zone 7 Water Agency approximately \$1,900 for Napa County's share of the costs for the Bay Area IRWMP's submittal of the step 1 grant application for Proposition 50 Round 2 funding.

These somewhat nominal levels of funding can be considered our costs to ensure a seat at the table for Napa County to receive a portion of upcoming grant opportunities. The funds for these two contributions are available within the District's watershed program budget, which includes funds for the District to apply or contribute collaboratively with other agencies towards grant opportunities. For the Proposition 50 grant opportunity, staff has begun outreach to project sponsors for those projects included in the Bay Area IRWMP to determine which local projects might best be elevated for the upcoming grant opportunity.

The local projects for inclusion into the regional plans under Proposition 84 grant funding remain to be determined through a local process that needs to be developed. Staff recommends we regather our local Napa County Regional Water Management Group to refresh our local planning interests and begin discussions regarding the process for elevation of our project interests towards both the Bay Area and also Sacramento Valley for the Putah Creek watershed. These discussions should also include the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC), based on the recent revision of its Strategic Plan and also the direction received from this Board to evaluate MOU opportunities with the WICC geared toward the WICC serving as a local focal point for all watershed interests. Our local efforts will also serve to keep our options open for other grant opportunities where our participation outside of the Bay Area or Sacramento Valley may be warranted.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

District Engineer Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Daisy Lee

# Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

- Update from District Staff
- Background
- Discussion of Path Forward
- Propositions 50 and 84 Funding

November 6, 2007  
Agenda Item 8A

# Background

- Proposition 50 - \$500 Million towards IRWM
- 2005 Regional and Local Efforts:
  - Bay Area, including Napa River Watershed
  - Napa County Regional Water Management Group
    - Flood Control District lead, Cities, County, RCD NSD, and others
    - Created “Functional Equivalent” to IRWMP
  - Neither Bay Area or Napa County fared well in Round 1 funding

# Prior Issues with Bay Area

- Governance issues, large and cumbersome organization
- Separate functional areas (not truly integrated)
- Strong control by large water suppliers
- Concern for equitable representation

# What's Changed?

- State is pushing for true regional planning
  - Discouraging efforts along political boundaries
  - Favors watershed boundaries, larger regions
  - Update of California Water Plan, and flood needs assessment
- Prop 84 and Prop 1E opportunities looming
  - \$138 million earmarked for the Bay Area from Prop 84
  - Planning grant funds not immediately available
- Bay Area governance is “maturing”
  - More equitable participation especially for those who participate in planning meetings
  - Formation of BAFPAA provide good forum for NCFCWCD



# Staff Recommendations

- Continue to participate/attend Bay Area CC meetings
- Contribute towards IRWMP Plan Update to include Napa County Projects in advance of Prop 84 Opportunities
- Consider adopting the IRWMP when our projects are included

# Napa County Local Priorities

- Re-gather the Napa County Working Group to discuss process for organizing ourselves and our projects for Prop 84
- Involve the WICC as our focal point for these discussions (MOU).
- Seek participation in Sacramento River efforts for Putah Creek watershed
- Ensure our local process allows us the flexibility to “go it alone” when appropriate

# Request for Direction from Board

- Contribution of \$3,500 (share) towards a total of \$100,000 to be used by the Bay Area Coordinating Committee to update the IRWMP and website.
- Contribution of \$1,900 (share) towards reimbursing Alameda County Zone 7, the cost incurred to prepare a Round 2 initial application under Prop 50.
- Continued staff time spent towards participation in the Bay Area efforts.



# Rutherford Dust Society

October 4, 2007

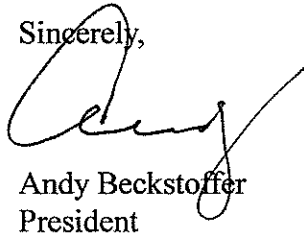
Dear Rutherford Dust Restoration Team:

The Rutherford Dust Society, established in 1994, and representing a significant majority of the growers and vintners of Rutherford, has had community service as well as the representation of the Rutherford American Viticultural Area (AVA) as one of its principal purposes from the beginning. The annual Chili Ball and Walks in the Dust for local families, as well as our major effort, the Rutherford Dust Restoration Team (RDRT) have been ongoing activities. RDRT has been the Dust Society's primary community effort and is perhaps the most significant environmental restoration and preservation effort undertaken in the Napa Valley in recent years. RDRT has been able to organize owners of diverse interests into a cohesive group furthering the preservation of Rutherford and its environment. RDRT is leading the way for all of Napa to act responsibly in all aspects of farming and winegrowing. This project combines the needs of farmers to be economically viable, the importance of maintaining and restoring the environment, and responding to the public to improve the community in which we live.

The culmination of Phase 1 of the RDRT project, restoring 4.5 miles of river through the Rutherford area, is only the beginning of what we hope will be a county-wide river restoration project. RDS has paved the way for a coordinated project with private owners, County funds and project management, regulators' needs and support and political direction in an unprecedented way to improve the environment in which we live.

Agricultural Preservation in Napa County is the ultimate goal for all of us and RDRT is an important step in that effort.

Sincerely,



Andy Beckstoffer  
President



**Meeting Details**

**Time:**

4:00 to 6:00 PM

**Location:**

Second Floor  
Conference Room,  
Hall of Justice Building,  
1125 Third St., Napa CA

*These are public meetings  
and all are welcome to attend.*

*Time and location may  
change as directed by the  
Board.*

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**WICC Board of Directors**  
**Draft 2008 Meeting Calendar**

*"To educate and support community efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watershed lands"*

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 - Regular Meeting Date





# **WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER OF NAPA COUNTY**

**P.O. BOX 2571, NAPA, CA 94558**

## **Mission Statement**

To support the presence of wildlife through rehabilitation and healthy release and to promote public awareness and appreciation of wildlife through community outreach.

## **History**

- Founded in 1991
- 501 (c) (3)
- Licensed by Department of Fish and Game
- All Volunteer Organization
- No centralized location – satellite rehabilitation

## **Objectives**

- Responsible and successful rehabilitation and release of wildlife
- Community Outreach, Education, and Networking



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BY KATHLEEN DRESSEN

## Saving Songbirds

**From May through August** the Wildlife Rescue Center of Napa County opens its songbird clinic for injured, ill and orphaned songbirds.

“We get about 400 birds each year,” says Jan Gates, volunteer coordinator and board member of the organization. “We need a minimum of 56 volunteers to care for the birds. Volunteers work one three-hour shift a week. We’re open seven days a week, 12 hours a day.”

Volunteers must be over 14 years of age and responsible. Training is mandatory. The clinic is housed in Napa.

“Most of our volunteers are adults, although we’ve had teenagers,” says Gates, who is in her fourth season working for the Wildlife Rescue Center. “Last year we had a group of volunteers from Napa High School who were very good. I hope they come back this year.”

Very young birds are contained in a room with heating pads and incubators. When they’re ready, they’re transferred to outdoor cages. Here, they learn to perch, hop between branches, drink water and eat. When they’re completely feathered, they move to a larger enclosure to practice flying. Once they’ve mastered that, they are set free. The songbird clinic handles common perching backyard birds. Crows, ravens, raptors and owls are helped at another facility.

“This is the second most rewarding thing I’ve ever done,” says Gates about the songbird clinic. “The first was rescuing dogs after Katrina. I wanted to work with animals and this has taught me so much. There’s a whole field of knowledge and it’s also hands-on. It can be heartbreaking, but it totally changed my life.”

Gates says a lot of birds that come to the clinic were mistaken for abandoned birds.

They take a drop at a time and they are tiny birds. It's painstaking work. Volunteers feed the birds and clean cages. There's also some housekeeping and tidying up the area at the end of a shift."

For more information about volunteering, contact Jan Gates at 252-7523. For questions or to make a donation, call 224-HAWK. Cash donations are

appreciated. Memberships fund the organization and are available for \$15 for seniors and students, \$25 for individuals and \$50 for businesses. To join, send name and address to WRCNC, PO Box 2571, Napa CA 94558.

**This time of year is especially difficult on songbirds.** Often, the birds are in the nests and just learning to use their wings. They may fall out, to the ground or lower branches. Usually the parents are watching. You may not see them, but they're watching. The bird should be left alone and observed. Keep pets away from the area or put the bird out of the reach of family pets. The bird will generally be strong enough to hop up onto branches or even begin to fly.

**However, the Wildlife Rescue Center advises that rescue is appropriate in any of the following conditions:**

- There is visible sign of injury
- The animal has been in the mouth of a dog or cat
- The use of limb(s) is impaired/fractured
- There is head trauma, head tilts, disorientation, convulsions
- Feels cold to the touch
- Infected with ants or parasites
- Fishing hook injury - **DON'T CUT THE LINE or ATTEMPT TO REMOVE ANYTHING**
- Orphan bird: Observe 1-2 hours for presence of feeding parents
- Orphan mammal: Observe for 2-4 hours to check for presence of feeding or returning parent

Understand that most wildlife can die from the stress of being handled by humans. Work quickly and quietly, handling the animal as little as possible. Do not attempt to feed. Never keep the animal and try to save it yourself. **IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO DO SO.** Silverado Veterinary Hospital is at the corner of Trancas and Silverado Trail in Napa and they accept injured and orphaned wildlife during business hours. Drop off the animal there; do not call first.

**What is the right way to handle an animal? Follow these guidelines from the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association:**

- Call a wildlife rehabilitator for help, (707) 224-HAWK
- Wear gloves when capturing or handling any animal
- Move other people away from the area
- Approach the animal slowly and quietly
- Cover the animal with a light towel or blanket to capture
- Transport in a closed box with air holes
- Keep pets, children and noise away from the animal
- Do NOT provide food or water to the animal
- Keep the animal warm and quiet after capture
- Transport to a wildlife rehabilitator immediately - Silverado Veterinary Hospital

**Wildlife Rescue Center of Napa County has found that it is impossible to treat wildlife without also addressing environmental issues. What you can do:**

- Develop a greater sensitivity to nature.
- Say no to pesticides. Remember, you are not just getting rid of a pest; you're poisoning somebody's food source.
- Maintain bird feeders with seeds that are favored by both resident and migratory birds.
- Don't litter. Broken glass, plastic and metal can be lethal to wildlife. Pick up litter when you find it.
- Reject overly packaged products; choose recycled products.
- Be a responsible pet guardian. Leash dogs and bell your cats, or better yet, keep cats indoors, at least during the baby season.
- Think globally and act locally. Join WRCNC and help preserve and protect Napa Valley wildlife.

