

# Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

## Members

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## Alternates

Harold Moskowitz

## - MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

Napa Sanitation District, Suscol Water Recycling Facility  
Conference Room, 1515 Soscol Ferry Road, Napa, California

## Staff Representatives

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

Jeff Sharp,  
**Watershed Coordinator**  
Planner III,  
Conservation Div., CDPD

Laura Anderson,  
**Counsel**  
Attorney IV,  
County Counsel's Office

A Public Tour of the Napa Sanitation District's facilities, including the wastewater recycling plant was proved by District Staff prior to the WICC Board meeting (4:00pm – 4:45pm). Many members of the Board joined the tour. Upon the tour's conclusion the Special Meeting of the Board was called to order.

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (Chairman/Staff)

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, David Graves, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Don Gasser, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone, Richard Camera

Members Absent Excused: Eric Sklar, Steven Rosa, Mark Van Gorder, Kate Dargan, Jeffrey Redding

Members Absent: Lori Luporini, Karen Slusser

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

#### 2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

None at this time (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)

Outcome: None presented.

#### 4. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON NAPA SANITATION DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR RECYCLED WATER USE:**

Presentation and discussion on **Napa Sanitation District's Strategic Plan for Recycled Water Use**, including strategic planning update and purpose, water use predictions and the value of recycled water, estimated project costs and strategy next steps (Staff/NSD General Manager)

Outcome: Informational. Michael Abramson, NSD General Manager, presented the Board with a summary of NSD's Strategic Plan for Recycled Water Use. Mr. Abramson's presentation and handouts covered the project's

*purpose, NSD's water discharge obligations, the benefits of recycled water and outlined the various distribution options being considered by NSD's Board of Directors. Next steps in the project include revision of the presented options based upon public comments received, recommendation of an option for NDS approval and preparation of a financing plan based upon final design.*

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Board/Staff)

- a. Councilman **Eric Sklar** from the City of St. Helena, **appointed to the WICC** February 7, 2006 (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. Staff announced Eric Sklar's appointment to the Board and informed the Board that a nomination from the City of American Canyon is expected soon and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.*

- b. WICC supported **"Water for Fish and Farms," concept proposal invited to submit full grant proposal** to CalFed Watershed Program (Staff/RCD)

*Outcome: Informational. Full proposals are due March 15, 2006.*

- c. Others (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: None.*

6. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

- a. Update on current County **General Plan Update process and General Plan Steering Committee activities** (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. Jeff Reichel presented the Board with a summary of the Steering Committee's recent activities, including the Committee's review and comment on the County's Conservation Element, discussions about various conservation topics (water, watershed protection, forestry practice and land conversion to vineyards) and draft conservation goals. As a part of the planning process, a series of public workshops, taking place at Napa Community College, Angwin, and Yountville, are being offered to collect additional public comments on the General Plan Update process and assist in developing policies to address specific community planning issues.*

- b. Update on the **Rutherford Dust Restoration Team's (RDRT) efforts and activities** along the Rutherford Reach of the Napa River to enhance riparian and aquatic habitat, river functioning and property protection (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. Staff informed the Board of RDRT's progress, preliminary funding and design work. Recent activities included meetings with property owners, agency officials to review of overall project goals and objectives with interested stakeholders in the project. There is a growing interest in expanding the project, or something similar, beyond the Rutherford reach to areas up and down the Napa River (particularly from Oak Knoll Avenue south to Oakville Cross Road)*

- c. Update and report on the **Regional Water Quality Control Board's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation process and implementation plan** for the Napa River (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. RWQCB staff was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update in person. RWQCB staff has received peer review comments on the draft TMDL. A revised version of the TMDL, including a Basin Plan Amendment, is presently under development and is expected to be publicly released in the coming month(s).*

- d. Update and report on **steps to develop a Countywide Watershed Monitoring Program** (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. Staff presented the Board with an educational brochure/fact-sheet, outlining the approved monitoring strategy and provided an update on next steps in developing a full monitoring program. Rainer Hoenicke (from SFEI), the Board's consultant working on the project, explained the development steps taken thus far in formulating the foundation (i.e., strategy) upon which the monitoring program will be based, and how the WICC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and other partners in the community will help determine how best to fund and implement the program over the long-term.*

- e. Others (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: None.*

7. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR WICC BOARD REVIEW AND COMMENT ON "CARING FOR CREEKS" PUBLICATION:**

Presentation, discussion and **request for WICC Board Member review and comment on "Caring for Creeks in Napa County: Management Tips for Streamside Property Owners,"** a watershed education and outreach publication developed by the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD), due by March 9, 2006 (Staff/RCD)

*Outcome: Request. Staff introduced the draft Guide and provided some background on its origin, development and possible audience. Staff requested that the Board review the draft presented and provide any comments they may have. The Board was encouraged to share the document with others to broaden the range of feedback received and to improve the usefulness and effectiveness of the final Guide. Many Board members expressed the need to explicitly inform the reader that some of the actions suggested in the Guide may require a permit from a local, state and/or federal agency.*

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE UPDATED BYLAWS FOR THE WICC BOARD:**

Discussion and possible action to **request that the Board of Supervisors approve updated bylaws governing the WICC Board** to reflect changes to the Board's membership, meeting schedule and formal name, as supported by approved resolutions (Staff)

*Outcome: Recommendation. Staff provided the Board with an updated version of the Board's Bylaws and explained that the changes shown reflect revisions to the Board's charge and membership as directed by the Board of Supervisors. The WICC Board approved of the changes as presented and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the modified bylaws.*

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

- a. Presentation by the Institute for Conservation Advocacy, Research and Education (ICARE) and request for support
- b. Others (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Update on Pathogen TMDL and hearing process underway by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)*

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

**Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2006 – 4:00 PM**

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

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