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- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building,
1125 Third Street, Napa CA

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

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, Steven Rosa, Mark Van Gorder, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Don Gasser, Kate Dargan, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Richard Camera

Members Absent Excused: Eric Sklar, Karen Slusser, David Graves, Marc Pandone

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES (Chairman)

Outcome: None presented at this time.

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. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Board/Staff)

- a. Councilman **Leon Garcia from the City of American Canyon has been, nominated to the WICC Board**, pending formal appointment by the County Board of Supervisors in early April (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff informed the Board that a nomination by the City of American Canyon has been made and the Board of Supervisors will consider the nominee's appointment in early April.

- b. **County Board of Supervisors signs letter of support and authorizes WICC collaboration in "Water for Fish and Farms," grant proposal** submitted by the Napa County Resource Conservation District's to CalFed Watershed Program (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. The letter of support was signed for the proposal by Board of Supervisors. Notice of possible funding is expected sometime in May.

c. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Robert Steinhauer summarized a public notice from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Region 1) sediment TMDL process and ask if each RWQCB has "independence in what they do." Neither staff nor (Region 2) RWQCB staff present was aware of the details proposed in the North Coast TMDL, but would follow the process and provide the Board with an update.

Staff announced the upcoming "Water and Regionalism Conference" Friday April 7th at Copia, sponsored by the North Bay Water Association.

Staff also announced that the BDR will receive an award from the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

Also announced was the "Fifth National Monitoring Conference" in San Jose, May 7-11.

5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

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

Outcome: Informational. Jeff Reichel reported that the GPSC will meet next Wednesday, March 29th. Staff updated the Board on three public workshops conducted; 1) Napa Valley College, 2) Pacific Union College, and 3) Yountville.

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

Outcome: Informational. A meeting on the project with property owners and others was held at Frog's Leap Wine Cellars on March 14th to continue activities on the project and detail elements of the design and ensure landowner buy-in on the project. The RDRT holds monthly project meetings. Landowners assessed themselves \$.50/foot of river frontage to initiate the project. There was WICC Board interest in understanding the process undertaken by RDRT.

c. Update and report on **WICC Board Member's terms of office** (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff reported on Member terms of office and dates of expiration. Staff will follow-up with those members whose terms are up in August. Members questioned if Form 700 "conflict of interest" was required for those serving on the WICC Board. Staff will follow-up to see that is a requirement for WICC Members.

d. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: None presented.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP OF MAY 2006 AS "CELEBRATE YOUR WATERSHED" MONTH:**

An announcement, discussion and possible direction by the Board regarding WICC support and sponsorship of May 2006 as "Celebrate Your Watershed" month, supporting a range of activities and events modeled after "Watershed Awareness Month" in May 2005 (RCD/Staff)

Outcome: Direction. Staff reported on the success of the May 2005 event and asked if the Board would like support growing state and local efforts to celebrate and host a May 2006 watershed awareness event. Staff suggested the WICC Board devote their May meeting towards the effort, by inviting various watershed groups to present themselves and their projects, in an effort to celebrate and bring more awareness to their accomplishments and struggles. The Board encouraged and directed staff to work with groups and individuals involved in the effort and suggested that the WICC host a "celebration," but in a different location that offered a more social atmosphere (possibly the library).

7. **UPDATE AND REPORT ON THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD'S TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) SCHEDULE AND PROCESS TO MANAGE SEDIMENTS IN THE NAPA RIVER WATERSHED:**

An update and report on the San Francisco Bay **Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) schedule and process for addressing sediment** pollution in the Napa River watershed and its tributaries (RWQCB/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Mike Napolitano from the RWQCB gave the Board a brief update on the Sediment TMDL and public notice expected in May/June. Mr. Napolitano also provided a brief presentation on the status and schedule of the sediment TMDL. Mr. Napolitano discussed the required elements of a TMDL and outlined the basin planning process underway by the RWQCB to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the region.

8. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE WICC BOARD RECOMMENDING THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SIGN A COMMENT LETTER TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD REGARDING PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD ALLOCATION AND A BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ADDRESSING PATHOGENS IN THE NAPA RIVER WATERSHED:**

A presentation, discussion and possible **action by the WICC Board recommending that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors sign a comment letter to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)** regarding proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocations and a Basin Plan Amendment **addressing pathogen pollution in the Napa River Basin** (RWQCB/Staff)

Outcome: Action. Staff updated the Board on the comment deadline, action taken by the Board of Supervisors and the draft County comment letter under preparation by the Acting Director of Environmental Management. Staff asked for any additional comments by the WICC Board and the WICC's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the draft letter. Peter Krottje, staff from the RWQCB, provided the WICC Board with a presentation on the pathogen TMDL process, Staff Report and proposed Basin Plan Amendment(s). The Board recommended that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to the RWQCB that outlines items detailed in a March 13, 2006 memorandum included in the Board's agenda packet and asked to updated on the Pathogen TMDL hearing at their next meeting.

9. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE WICC BOARD ON REQUEST BY THE INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION, ADVOCACY, RESEACH AND EDUCATION (ICARE) FOR A LETTER TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF THEIR FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

A presentation, discussion and possible action by the WICC Board on **request by The Institute for Conservation, Advocacy, Research and Education (ICARE) for letter of support to be used for their future grant applications** for biological monitoring and surveys in the Napa River watershed; prior work by ICARE includes fish and aquatic insect surveys, as well as oak savannah mapping (ICARE/Staff)

Outcome: Action. Kent Rupert, representing ICARE, provided the Board with an information packet outlining ICARE's mission, website and "Healthy Watershed Program." The Board voiced concerns regarding offering a blanket endorsement (generic letter) for ICARE and rejected the request, yet recommended ICARE place future requests for specific grant proposals or projects on the WICC's agenda. The Board directed staff to share the materials presented with other Board members not present.

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

Outcome: Report back on Pathogen TMDL hearing; Education of onsite waste disposal systems; Need for a WICC Board Member "Watershed 101" class/overview.

11. NEXT MEETING:

Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2006 – 4:00 PM

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

12. ADJOURNMENT (Chairman)

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