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- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 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)

Welcome Jim King, newly appointed Planning Commission representative!

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, Steven Rosa, Jim King, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Don Gasser, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone, Richard Camera

Members Absent/Excused: None

Members Absent: Eric Sklar, Mark Van Gorder, Karen Slusser, Leon Garcia, Kate Dargan

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Regular meeting of July 27, 2006 & August 24, 2006 (Chairman)

Outcome: Approved as presented.

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. California Chapter of the American Planning Association awards Napa County Baseline Data Report "2006 Innovative Use of Technology Award"(Staff)

Outcome: Informational. The award was received in Los Angeles. Staff mentioned the Awards Jury gave high praise for the work in Napa County; not only on the BDR, but also for its efforts in support of the WICC and other programs.

b. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff announced Occidental Arts and Ecology Center's Basin's in Relations workshop and training opportunity and encouraged Board member attendance. The program is an extended training opportunity focused on establishing and maintaining watershed stewardship groups.

Staff also announced upcoming release of the 2007 watershed calendar themed "Reflections on the Napa River." 3500 calendars will be printed and distributed in the community as an outreach tool. Copies should be available next meeting.

5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

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

Outcome: Informational. Two recent workshops on the Plan have been conducted (Spanish Flat, Pope Valley Farm Center). A final draft of the Plan will be presented to the Steering Committee in January. Diane Dillon felt the recent meetings went well, but attendance was low. Planning staff was well received and praised for their work and meeting organization.

b. **Board of Supervisors' appointments to WICC Board:** re-appointment of **Don Gasser** as RCD representative and appointment of **Jim King** as County Planning Commission representative (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Don Gasser was re-appointed as RCD representative and Jim King was appointed as County Planning Commission representative.

c. Update on WICC recommendation to Board of Supervisors regarding support for **Napa River** and **Milliken Creek** flood reduction/restoration projects and **allocation of Measure A revenue** (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff presented the WICC letters of recommendation sent to the Board of Supervisors in support of the two projects. The Board of Supervisors awarded funding for both projects as recommended.

d. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff informed the Board that the WICC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on November 9, 2006 and discussed elements of the WICC's Watershed Monitoring Program.

The California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) (met earlier today and) considered funding for Napa-Sonoma Marsh Area, Napa Plant Site Restoration (\$99,000), as well as funding for restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat in the Knoxville Wildlife Area (\$133,458). The results of the WCB's consideration were not known at the time of the meeting.

A WICC Board Strategic Planning Retreat is in the early planning stages and may take place in late February or early March.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING WICC BOARD 2007 DRAFT MEETING CALENDAR:**

Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding DRAFT 2007 Regular Board Meeting Calendar (Staff)

Outcome: Direction. Staff presented the Board with a draft 2007 meeting calendar for discussion. The calendar will be brought back at the Board's January meeting for adoption.

7. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING REGIONAL WATER QUALITY TMDL PLANNING PROCESSES AND STATE WATER BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENTS:

Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding Regional Water Quality Control Board TMDL/Basin Planning processes and other State Water Resources Control Board policy developments (Staff)

Outcome: Direction. Staff informed the Board that the Pathogen TMDL was re-noticed and heard by the RWQCB on the 13th on November. RWQCB staff is still addressing public comments and revising documents relating to the Sediment TMDL and expect a January or February hearing date. The RWQCB's Stream and Wetland Protection Policy (a joint effort by both Region 1 & 2) have hosted a tour to help demonstrate/explain the draft policy in October (handout). The scope of the policy was presented to the Board. It was suggested that RWQCB staff be invited to an upcoming WICC meeting to present the draft policy and answer questions. The Board expressed concern regarding the relationship (and coordination) between the RWQCB's Stream and Wetland Protection Policy and Instream Flow Policy (also under development).

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING WICC PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, FUNDING OPTIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND:

a. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding WICC program organizational structure and funding options to support Strategic Plan goals (Staff/SFEI)

Outcome: Direction. Staff presented the Board with a report/handout, "Exploring Organizational Structure and Funding Options for WICC Program Implementation and Support of a Coordinated Watershed Information and Monitoring Program," and provided some background on why it is important to consider the WICC's long-term structure and funding alongside the Board's desire to establish a comprehensive watershed monitoring program. Staff also provided the Board with a short PowerPoint presentation on the topic and outlined a range of possible organizational options. More detail on a suggested organizational structure will be presented at the Board's Strategic Planning Retreat. Watershed related needs and programs of various local agencies and districts are also being considered, as well as stewardship/land-owner needs, to effectively and efficiently frame an organizational structure that meets the multiple needs of the community, thereby ensuring the WICC's long-term success (e.g., drawing on multiple resources).

b. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the establishment of a Community Foundation fund to facilitate receipt of funds in support of the WICC's mission (Staff)

Outcome: Direction. Staff has been speaking with Community Foundation directors and staff on possible creation of a fund in support the WICC. Directed funds from County regulatory fines (or via District Attorney) may also be a source for additional funding that can be directed through a Community Foundation fund. Staff will bring back more detail on establishing a fund and the options available. This item will also be discussed at the Board's Strategic Planning Retreat.

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE HISTORY AND OPERATION OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS IN THE NAPA RIVER WATERSHED:

Presentation and discussion on the history and operation of municipal water supply reservoirs in the Napa River watershed by Phil Brun, General Manger of City of Napa Water Division; Lake Hennessey and other reservoirs will be discussed (Staff/City of Napa Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff introduced Phil Brun, who provided the Board with a very informative presentation on various water facilities under City of Napa's control, as well as an overview of other facilities serving the cities of Calistoga, St. Helena, American Canyon, the Town of Yountville and the Veteran's Home.

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

Outcome: Continue discussion on WICC structure and funding options

11. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2007 – 4:00 PM

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

Note: *No meeting in December, see you all in the New Year!*

12. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

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