

## Members

Diane Dillon  
Mark Luce  
Michael Novak\*  
Steven Rosa  
Mark Van Gorder  
Gary Kraus\*  
Leon Garcia  
Jim King  
Jeff Reichel  
Phill Blake  
Don Gasser  
Kate Dargan  
Jeffrey Redding  
Robert Steinhauer  
Charles Slutzkin  
Marc Pandone  
Richard Camera  
*\*pending confirmation*

## Alternate

Harold Moskowite

## - MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, January 25, 2007  
4:00 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**  
Planner III,  
Conservation Div., CDPD

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

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

*Members Present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, Steven Rosa, Mark Van Gorder, Jim King, Don Gasser, Kate Dargan, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone, Richard Camera*

*Members Absent Excused: Phill Blake, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer*

*Members Absent: Leon Garcia, Jeff Reichel*

*Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp*

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

None at this time (Chairman)

*Outcome: No action requested.*

#### 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. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- a. **Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair** for year 2007 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Election. The Board elected Don Gasser as Chair and Steven Rosa as Vice Chair.*

- b. Discussion and **final adoption of 2007 Meeting Calendar** (per Bylaws§ III.A.) [continued from November 16, 2006 Special Meeting] (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Adoption. The Board adopted the calendar as presented.*

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

- a. **“Reflections on the Napa River,” 2007 Calendar**, supporting watershed awareness and education, provided by the Resource Conservation District (RCD), Friends of the Napa River and the County’s Watershed Education Program (Staff/RCD)

*Outcome:* Informational. Leigh Sharp, from the RCD presented the Board with the 2007 Calendar and provided background on the calendar’s focus and distribution. Ms. Sharp also announced her new role as District Manager for the Napa County RCD.

- b. **Watershed Assessment and Adaptive Management Workshop**, Saturday, January 27, 2007, hosted in Lake County by Lake County RCDs and California Watershed Assessment Manual Team (Staff)

*Outcome:* Informational. Staff provided an overview of the workshop flier provided in the Board’s agenda packet, noted the broad range of agencies sponsoring the workshop and encouraged anyone interested to attend.

- c. **WICC Board appointments scheduled** for Board of Supervisors February 6, 2007. Two city nominations, Gary Kraus (City of Calistoga) and Michael Novak (City of St. Helena), and Public at Large member will be considered (Staff)

*Outcome:* Informational. Staff announced the two City nominations pending appointment and also mentioned that two applications have been filed for the one Public at Large vacancy.

- d. Others (Board/Staff)

*Outcome:* Informational. Staff announced presentation of the WICC Website at the Association of Environmental Professionals Conference on April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shell Beach, CA; and WICC involvement in a poster session at the National American Planning Association Conference in Philadelphia, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Outcome:* Informational. Marc Pandone announced the Bay Area Flyway Festival happening on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on Mare Island. It was suggested that the WICC participate in the festival next year.

*Outcome:* Informational. Staff provided the Board some recent membership and usage statistics from the WICC website.

6. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

- a. Update on the County **General Plan Update** process, **Steering Committee activities** and timeline of draft plan and EIR availability for public comment (Planning Director/Staff)

*Outcome:* Informational. Hillary Gitelman provided the Board with an update and presentation on the County’s General Plan Update process, development of the Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report, and upcoming public comment period beginning in mid-February.

- b. **WICC program and activities update presented to the Napa County Planning Commission** on January 17, 2007 (Staff)

*Outcome:* Informational. Staff provided an update on the presentation given to the Planning Commission. Jim King (WICC Commission Representative) noted that the Commission was impressed with the presentation and the WICC Website/WebCenter.

- c. Update and report on CalFed Watershed Program **grant opportunity to support WICC Watershed Monitoring Program** (Staff)

*Outcome:* Informational. Staff reported on the grant opportunity and that the County (on behalf of the WICC) will likely apply to support the WICC’s Watershed Monitoring Program.

d. Update on **WICC Strategic Planning Retreat** (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. Staff noted that this year's retreat will include a review and update of the Board's Strategic Plan, and will focus on the WICC's organizational structure; likely retreat dates are the Board's regular meeting days in March or April. An update will be provided at the Board's February meeting.*

e. Others (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Informational. Richard Camera reported on his attendance to the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center's "Basins of Relations – Watershed Group Training Workshop." He said the workshop was very informative and recommends that anyone interested on starting and/or maintaining a watershed stewardship group attend next year's workshop.*

7. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (RWQCB) TMDL PLANNING PROCESS AND STATE WATER BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENTS:**

Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding RWQCB TMDL/Basin Planning processes, the Regional Board's response to comments on Board's proposed sediment TMDL, outcome of the sediment TMDL adoption hearing by the RWQCB on January 23, 2007; and other State Water Resources Control Board policy developments (Staff)

*Outcome: No Direction Provided. Staff provided an update to the Board on the recent Sediment TMDL hearing and distributed a letter addressed to the SF Bay RWCQB Chair, John Muller, signed by the County Planning and Public Works Directors. The Sediment TMDL was adopted by the RWQCB on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and included some clarifications and comments (under a "supplemental" document) at the request of various stakeholders and interest groups (Napa County included). The letter was not "accepted" during the hearing, but its intent was read into the record by County staff. The Sediment TMDL is now headed to the State Board and State Office of Administrative Law in the next 4-5 months. During the adoption hearing on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, RWQCB staff noted that resources are being committed to TMDL planning and development, but at this point, limited resources have been identified for TMDL/program implementation and oversight.*

*WICC staff also announced an upcoming workshop on the RWQCB's pending Stream and Wetland Protection Policy on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Staff is planning on attending the workshop and will keep the Board apprised.*

8. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RECENT UNDERWATER VIDEO DOCUMENTING THE FALL 2006 CHINOOK SALMON RUN IN THE NAPA RIVER:**

Presentation and discussion of recent underwater video documenting the Fall 2006 Chinook salmon run in the Napa River mainstem, presented by Jonathan Kohler, Fisheries Biologist for the Napa County Resource Conservation District, showing first-time footage made possible via equipment purchased with a grant from the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission. (Staff/RCD)

*Outcome: Informational. Jonathan Koehler, RCD Fisheries Biologist, provided narration for a short underwater video showing salmon spawning in the Napa River below Zinfandel Bridge. Mr. Koehler also displayed the video camera used to capture the footage. The camera was purchase with funding awarded by the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission. This, and other footage of the County's fisheries resources, will be use as valued research and education tool. Similar footage will soon be made available on the WICC WebCenter. The Board also asked questions about the Zinfandel Bridge fish passage barrier and plans for its repair/restoration.*

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

*Outcome:*

- *Draft General Plan/EIR Update*
- *TMDL Update*
- *Strategic Planning Retreat Update*

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

**Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2007 – 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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