

Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

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Marc Pandone
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Harold Moskowite

AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, February 28, 2008
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, Gary Kraus, Leon Garcia, Jim King, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Don Gasser, Kate Dargan, Robert Steinhauer, Marc Pandone.

Members absent excused: Jeffrey Redding, Charles Slutzkin, Chris Sauer.

Members absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp, Melissa von Loesch.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting of November 15, 2007 (Chairman)

Outcome: No action. The minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

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:**

- a. Preparation underway for **May 2008 Watershed Awareness Month** and **Watershed Symposium** (Resource Conservation District/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Frances Knapczyk (RCD) announced preparations and initial planning efforts to host a local Watershed Symposium in Napa County in late May. Jeff Sharp announced work underway in support of Watershed Awareness Month 2008.

b. Others (Board/Staff/Public)

Outcome: Informational. Jeff Sharp announced a Rising Sea Levels in the Bay Area Workshop on April 16th, 2008.

Jeff Sharp announced the State's efforts to update the California Water Plan in 2009 and a related upcoming meeting on the matter in San Francisco on March 24, 2008.

Kate Dargan handed in her letter of resignation to the Board. The Board expressed great appreciation for Kate's service and dedication.

5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

a. Update and discussion on the Napa County **General Plan Update** and public hearing schedule (Planning Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Patrick Lowe updated the Board on the progress of the General Plan and upcoming public hearings.

b. Report on **Dry Creek Dam Removal** (Resource Conservation Dist.)

Outcome: Informational. Phill Blake (NRCS) and RCD Staff presented a report on the barrier removal; which included a chronology of before and after photos to illustrate the success of the removal and restoration efforts.

c. Update on **12th Annual Flyway Festival**, Mare Island (Marc Pandone/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Marc Pandone gave a report on the Festival's events and attendance. Marc also noted that the Festival will be looking for a new home in 2009 and that the WICC should plan on participating next year.

d. Update on **Bay Area watershed organization efforts** – summary from a regional watershed coordination meeting on January 25, 2008 (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Leigh Sharp (RCD) gave an update on the January meeting and efforts underway to coordinate and organize watershed groups in the Bay Area (headed up by the Coastal Conservancy).

e. Update on efforts in support of reintroduction of the **steelhead hatchery program** in Napa River (Wildlife Conservation Commission/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Steve Orndorf (Chair of the Wildlife Conservation Commission) gave an update on local efforts to resurrect a Steel Head Hatchery Program in the Napa River.

f. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Patrick Lowe provided the Board with an update on the Rutherford Dust Project and the recent receipt of needed landowner agreements to move the project into its next phase of implementation.

Outcome: Informational. Phill Blake provided the Board with an update on a Coordinated Permit & Process for Napa County and an upcoming meeting in March.

6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- a. Update and discussion on **State Water Resources Control Board** and **Regional Water Quality Control Board's** policy development and basin planning activities (Staff)

Outcome: Update and Discussion. Jeff Sharp gave an update on current activities and distributed a spreadsheet used to track various state and regional water related policies and activities.

- b. Update and discussion on **State Water Resources Control Board's Draft Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams**, and possible direction to staff on formation of an **ad-hoc subcommittee to assist in development of a draft comment letter** for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (Staff)

Outcome: Discussion and Direction. Patrick Lowe gave an update on the State Board's development of an Instream Flow Policy and upcoming comment opportunity, and asked for ad-hoc subcommittee volunteers. Phill Blake and Gary Kraus elected to participate in the sub-committee.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding **WICC support for Watershed/Creek Signage** to foster watershed awareness, education and stewardship (Staff)

Note: Item 8a and 8b were taken before Item 7 to facilitate the presenter's time constraints.

Outcome: Due to time constraints, this item was not considered and was moved to the Board's March 27, 2008 Regular Meeting agenda.

8. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:**

- a. Presentation and discussion on a **new statewide watershed program** to be administered through the Department of Conservation (DOC). The purpose of the program is to advance sustainable watershed-based management of California's natural resources through community-based strategies. (Dennis Bowker, DOC)

Outcome: Presentation and Discussion. Dennis Bowker (DOC representative) gave the Board a presentation and overview of the state's efforts to develop a new statewide watershed program.

- b. Presentation and discussion on the **Milliken Creek Study** (Tyler York, Milliken Creek Watershed Coordinator)

Outcome: Presentation and Discussion. Tyler York gave the Board a presentation on the Milliken Creek Study and his work with Milliken Creek residents.

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

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular Board Meeting: March 27, 2008 – 4:00 PM

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

Outcome: Adjournment. Motion and approval to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

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