

Members

Diane Dillon
Mark Luce
Michael Novak*
Steven Rosa
Peter Mott*
Gary Kraus
Leon Garcia
Jim King
Jeff Reichel
Phill Blake
Don Gasser
Jeffrey Redding
Robert Steinhauer
Charles Slutzkin
Marc Pandone
Chris Sauer
**pending confirmation*

Alternate

Harold Moskowitz

Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 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

Members present: Diane Dillon, Gary Kraus, Leon Garcia, Jim King, Jeff Reichel, Phil Blake, Don Gasser, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone, Chris Sauer.

Members absent excused: Marc Luce, Steven Rosa, Jeffrey Redding

Members absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Outcome: Action. November 15, 2007 minutes approved as presented with Diane Dillon abstaining. January 24, 2008 Minutes approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Outcome: None presented.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **Earth Day Celebration**, Napa Valley College, Saturday, April 19th

Outcome: Informational. Jeff Sharp announced the event, mentioned that the WICC will be an exhibitor and encouraged members of the Board to attend.

- b. **WICC Board Public at Large Representative opening**, applications due Monday, March 31st

Outcome: Informational. Jeff Sharp announced that three applications for the vacant Public at Large position have been received and that the deadline for submission is Monday March 31st at 5:00PM.

- c. **California Statewide Watershed Program Public Forum**, Monday, April 7th in Oakland

Outcome: Informational. Jeff sharp presented the Board with the information and related it to Dennis Bowker's presentation to the WICC Board on February 28, 2008.

- d. Other (Board/Staff/Public)

Outcome: Informational. Jeff Reichel announced the UC Extension Master Gardeners' Series event "Get Growing: Gardening for Everyone," March 29, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Napa Valley College. Currently there are 350 pre-registrations.

Patrick Lowe announced the 33rd Annual California Preservation conference to be held in Napa, April 22-26, 2008.

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

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

Outcome: Update. Patrick Lowe provided the update and mentioned the next General Plan meeting will be before the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2008.

- b. **May 2008 Watershed Awareness Month** and **Watershed Symposium**, Thursday, May 22, 2008 (Resource Conservation District/Staff)

Outcome: Update and Report. Frances Knapczyk (RCD) and Patrick Lowe gave a report on the status of a planned Napa County Watershed Symposium, to be held at COPIA on May 22nd. Jeff Sharp reported on a proclamation by the County Board of Supervisors on May 6th in celebration of Watershed Awareness Month 2008.

- c. Update on **Conservation Information Group** meeting and **Coordinated Permitting Program** (Natural Resource Conservation Service/Staff)

Outcome: Update. Phil Blake (NRCS) gave the update on the status of the group and their efforts to further coordinated permitting efforts in Napa County.

- d. Report on **program to support Citizen Creek Clean-ups** within the Upper Valley Disposal Waste Management service area (Staff)

Outcome: Report. Jeff Sharp gave a report on the County's Department of Environmental Management efforts to support voluntary creek clean-ups by offering waste disposal coupons to trash collected in the Upper Valley Disposal Waste Management service area.

- e. Others

Outcome: None.

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 provide the Board with an update.

- b. Update and discussion on draft comment letter from WICC Ad-hoc Subcommittee on **State Water Resources Control Board's Draft Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams**, and consideration and possible direction to staff to submit recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors. (Staff)

Outcome: Discussion and Direction. Phil Blake introduced the subcommittee's draft comment letter for the Board's consideration. The Board discussed the language in the letter and directed staff to make various changes. Motion and approval was made to provide the comment recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration with the recommended changes, with Robert Steinhauer opposed.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- a. Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding **WICC support/funding for Watershed/Creek Signage** to foster watershed awareness, education, outreach and stewardship efforts. (Staff)

Outcome: Discussion and Action. Motion and approval was made to provide \$5,000 to match existing project funds in support of the purchase and installation of creek identification signs along major creek crossings throughout Napa County.

- b. Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding **WICC support/funding for the development and publication of a Historical Watershed Atlas** for the Napa River, to match pending State and local funding/support, establish a historical basis for future restoration efforts and opportunities, build a historical context of watershed consciousness and stewardship, and support efforts relating to May 2008 Watershed Awareness Month and upcoming Watershed Symposium on May 22nd (San Francisco Estuary Institute/Staff)

Outcome: Discussion and Action. Rainer Hoenicke (SFEI) provided the Board with a presentation on SFEI's Historical Ecology Project, highlighting their work in the Napa Valley. The Board motioned and approved \$10,000 in support towards the development of a Historical Watershed Atlas of the Napa Valley for use by the WICC to support Watershed Awareness Month, the upcoming Watershed Symposium and mapping information on the WICC WebCenter.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Outcome: None presented.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Regular Board Meeting: April 24, 2008 – 4:00 PM

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Outcome: Adjournment. Motion and approval to adjourn.

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