



-- ACTION MINUTES --

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

NCTPA/NVTA Conference Room
625 Burnell Street, Napa CA 94559

- NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION -

Board of Directors

- Susan Boswell
Tosha Comendant
Diane Dillon
Marita Dorenbecher
Michael Haley
Gary Kraus
Jason Lauritsen
Kenneth Leary
Mark Luce
Gretchen Stranzl
McCann
Marc Pandone
Matt Pope
Jeff Reichel
Scott Sedgley
Pamela Smithers
Rita Steiner
Peter White

Alternate

Keith Caldwell

Staff

Patrick Lowe,
Secretary
Natural Resources
Conservation Mngr.,
Public Works

Jeff Sharp,
Principal Planner,
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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chair)

Members Present: Tosha Comendant, Marita Dorenbecher, Kenneth Leary, Mark Luce, Gretchen Stranzl, McCann, Marc Pandone, Jeff Reichel, Peter White, Rita Steiner, Keith Caldwell

Members excused: Diane Dillon, Michael Haley, Gary Kraus, Jason Lauritsen, Scott Sedgley, Pamela Smithers

Members absent: Susan Boswell, Matt Pope

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of May 22, 2014 and August 5, 2014 (Chair) (2 min)

Approved as presented

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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. (Chair)

Gary Margadant (Mt. Veeder Stewardship Council) noted that his public comment provided to the Board at their Aug. 5, 2014 meeting was missing from the minutes. Mr. Margadant emphasized the importance of the County's Water Availability Analysis (WAA) and recommended that the quality of water also be considered along with quantity in determining the availability of sufficient groundwater for projects that fall under the County's WAA.

Leigh Sharp (Executive Dir. Napa County RCD) introduced Eric McKee, new RCD Education Program Coordinator, who will be helping the RCD promote and grow their LandSmart program and related WICC watershed education and outreach.

Russ Wilsey (Mt. Veeder Stewardship Council) echoed the comment provided by Mr. Margadant regarding the WAA. Mr. Wilsey also said that the advisory role of the WICC is an important role to fulfill, particularly as it relates to groundwater. Mr. Wilsey mentioned that Coastal Cleanup Day was a great success in the Mt. Veeder area.

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4. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a) Update and discussion – **Napa 2014 Earthquake** (WICC Staff; Board) (5 min)
Patrick Lowe introduced Steve Lederer (Director of Public Works) who provided an update on County and FEMA efforts in response to the recent earthquake. Mr. Lederer noted that many County facilities sustained significant damage and operations have been relocated to various temporary locations to maintain community services. Mr. Lederer noted that the earthquake has caused local streams to flow and well levels to rise; likely on a temporary basis.
- b) Report on **Board of Supervisors appointments to the WICC Board** scheduled for September 23, 2014 (WICC Staff) (5 min)
Jeff Sharp reported on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 the Board of Supervisors reappointed Gretchen Stranzl McCann and Jason Lauritsen to serve on the WICC Board.
- c) Report on **AB-1739/SB-1168, Groundwater Management** legislation authorizing and requiring groundwater sustainability planning and management (WICC Staff) (5 min)
Patrick Lowe provided the Board with an update and handout outlining the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), what the Act requires of the CA Department of Water Resources and local agencies, and compliance timelines/deadlines. Marc Pandone noted that areas that are “low-priority” from the State’s perspective are locally significant (particularly those slated for future development) and should not be left out of any planning/management efforts undertaken by the County to meet the requirements in the SGMA. Mr. Lowe indicated that staff would provide regular updates to the Board on the SGMA.
- d) Report on **proposed updates to Napa County’s Water Availability Analysis**, conducted as part of discretionary groundwater permit application review process (Steve Lederer, Director, Napa County Public Works) (5 min)
Patrick Lowe introduced Steve Lederer (Director of Public Works) who provided background on the application and applicability of the Water Availability Analysis (WAA) and its use in the approval process of discretionary projects submitted to the County’s Planning Department. The WAA has been in use since 1991. The proposed updates are in two primary areas; 1) change in water use thresholds, particularly in the hillside areas where a parcel-specific study may be required under certain conditions, and 2) elimination of the current phase II pumping test requirements and replacing them with a more scientific analysis that includes recognition and consideration of neighboring wells and surface waters. A public workshop on the WAA will be held next (tentatively late Oct.) then the draft recommendations will go to the Planning Commission (November) and ultimately the Board of Supervisors (January 2015) for approval.
- e) Report on **30th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day** (Napa Co. RCD Staff) (2 min)
Eric McKee (Education Program Coordinator) provided the Board with a report on the clean-up effort and what was collected. Mr. McKee noted that over 20 miles of creeks and shoreline were cleaned-up with over 400 volunteers participating in the event. The next major clean-up event will take place in April in support of local Earth Day celebrations.
- f) Other reports and updates (WICC Staff; Board)
Jeff Sharp reported on State grant funding recommendations for local projects included in grant applications to CA Dept. of Water Resources Drought Relief Grant Solicitation. \$28M in funding was recommended for the SF Bay IRWM Funding Area, locally providing \$4M recycled water \$750K for Calistoga recycled water project, and \$1M region-wide for water conservation. \$7M in funding was recommended for the Westside Sacramento River IRWM Funding Area, which included projects in Lake and Yolo counties.

5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Presentation on the Napa County Resource Conservation District's (RCD) LandSmart™ Program with an emphasis on the conservation planning element of the program (Leigh Sharp, Executive Director, Napa Co. RCD) (20 min)

Leigh Sharp (Executive Director, Napa County RCD) provided the Board with a presentation on the RCD's LandSmart Program focusing on the farm/conservation planning element of the program and how it provides landowners/managers tools to help address the data collection and reporting needs in order to comply with proposed Sediment TMDL regulations under development by the SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

6. FACILITATED STRATEGIC PLANNING

Board discussion and participation in a **facilitated strategic planning, and possible direction** to staff and strategic planning consultant (Board/Staff/Consultant) (1.5 hrs)

Tina Stott (Stott Planning Associates) provided the Board with an overview of the strategic planning process thus far and presented various plan elements for the Board's discussion and consideration. The Board offered their input on plan goals and sub-goals and ranked lists of current and proposed activities for inclusion in the final plan. A draft plan will be emailed to Board members for additional input in late October and a final draft plan will be presented at the Board's next meeting (Nov. 20th) for further discussion and possible adoption.

7. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exchange of **informational announcements and events** (WICC Staff, Board, and Public) (5 min)

None presented.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of possible **items for future agendas** (Board, WICC Staff)

None presented.

9. NEXT MEETING (Chair)

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: **November 20, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

NOTE: Third Thursday of the month because of Thanksgiving Holiday

10. ADJOURNMENT (Chair)

Motion and approval to adjourn

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