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**- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, January 26, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chair)**

*Members present: Diane Dillon, Marc Luce, Peter White, Gary Kraus, Richard Hall, Jeffrey Redding, Jim Lincoln, Marc Pandone, Mitchell Klug, Jason Lauritsen*

*Members excused: Belia Bennett, Jeff Reichel, Rita Steiner, Susan Boswell, Chris Sauer, Mike Basayne*

*Members absent: James Krider*

*Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp, Sarah Minahen*

**2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting of November 17, 2011 (Chair)

*Approved as presented. Jeffrey Redding, Gary Kraus and Jim Lincoln abstained.*

**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)

*None Provided.*

**4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- a. **Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair** for year 2012 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board; WICC Staff)

*After discussion the Board nominated and voted unanimously Mitchell Klug as Chair and Chris Sauer as Vice Chair for year 2012.*

- b. Discussion and **adoption of 2012 Meeting Calendar** (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Board; WICC Staff)

*The Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2012 Meeting Calendar as presented.*

5. **UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Informational reports and updates for discussion - presented by staff, members of the board and invited public.

- a. Report on trail and restoration work at Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District's Moore Creek property (Chino Yip, Dist. Outreach Coordinator)

*Chino Yip gave a report regarding progress and volunteer efforts on the District's Moore Creek property. He noted that volunteers have helped establish 3 miles of trail, worked to install new plantings and conducted lots of cleanup. Mr. Yip informed the Board that 2 miles of trail remain to complete a loop-trail and that there are plans to install sign near parking area where visitors can weigh-in on their carbon footprint and donate money to park operations to off-set their impact. In closing Mr. Yip stressed that volunteers are needed to keep these efforts continuing in the future.*

- b. Report on Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the unincorporated areas of Napa County (Hillary Gitelman, CDPD Director)

*Hillary Gitelman reported that the Planning Commission recommended the revised draft CAP to the Board of Supervisors, and planning staff agreed to take time on the Commission's recommendations. Planning staff took 60 days to work further on the tools that ultimately be used to implement the CAP. Ms. Gitelman noted that planning staff and consultants are developing the plan to comply with goals of AB32 to achieve reductions in green house gas (GHG) emissions. She added that permit applicants will be able to take credit for State GHG reduction measures that are already underway. The CAP is being built with flexibility so that applicants can choose the way in which they can meet these new State standards.*

- c. Update on County Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee (GRAC) (WICC staff)

*Patrick Lowe reported on the second meeting of GRAC held in December. At that meeting the Committee heard more from their groundwater consultant regarding prior groundwater study results. Mr. Lowe announced that the next GRAC meeting is February 23rd At that meeting the Committee will hear a presentation from Dr. Harter from UC Davis and Sonoma County staff will give a presentation about their groundwater monitoring program.*

- d. Update on Regional and State Water Board policy/regulatory programs, including status report on the Vineyard Facilities Waiver Program related to adopted Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements and Habitat Enhancement Plan for the Napa River (Jim Lincoln, Napa County Farm Bureau/TMDL Stakeholder Advisory Group)

*Jim Lincoln shared a grower's perspective on a presentation provided by Sandy Potter from the SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. The perspective from members of the Advisory Group is that they (the Advisory Group) haven't done a lot of "advising." The Group is still*

*asking a lot of questions about how to achieve what the Water Board is requiring as part of the waiver. Mr. Lincoln feels like it will be a real stretch to get all 25,000 acres (that would need to comply with the waiver) into the Water Board's program.*

*Mr. Lincoln reported that groups of areas will likely be formed for required annual reporting. Initially the Advisory Group was told there would be no fees, however at their December meeting they learned that there will be significant fees associated with the program. He gave an example - for a group that consists of approximately 400 acres, the fees would be approximately \$750/year. If you are an individual grower/owner and not part of a group, those fees would be about \$7,000/year. Mr. Lincoln stressed that clearer definitions of what constitutes a group is needed. In closing, Mr. Lincoln said that the growers are happy to do the physical work required on their properties, but they are not happy to pay fees and push paper.*

- e. Report on the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Stream Maintenance Manual (Rick Thomasser, Dist. Operations Manager) (10 min)

*Rick Thomasser introduced Shaun Horne who gave the Board a presentation on the District's new Manual. Mr. Horne gave several examples of how the District is making efforts to clean up banks and streams within its jurisdiction. Mr. Horne noted that the District is working in developing non-invasive ways to restore creek habitats and on assisting other agencies and districts to do the same whenever possible.*

- f. Report on Fish Barrier Removal in Dry Creek Watershed, second of two barriers removed in Wing Canyon (Napa County Resource Conservation District Staff)

*Leigh Sharp, the District Executive Director, introduced Bill Birmingham, who gave a report on the barrier and how it was removed to improve fish passage. Mr. Birmingham said the RCD partnered with Flood & Water Conservation to secure the needed permits for removal. He described the structure and equipment used to restore creek where fish could not migrate through. It took two days of labor to accomplish the project. In total about 1300 lbs of concrete was removed and sent to a recycling center. Wheelbarrow and other means were employed to move the debris to a place where it could be trucked away. Coincidentally, the Flood District was on site doing other work with current permit, and were able to help accomplish the task.*

- g. Update on Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) efforts in the Putah Creek/Berryessa (Westside Sacramento River) area and Napa River/Suisun Creek (S.F. Bay) area funding regions (WICC Staff, Flood Control Dist.)

*Jeff Sharp provided the Board with an update on the IRWMP processes in both funding areas by, distributing a handout, mentioning planning meetings held and planned for the Westside Sacramento River IRWM plan development, and announcing an upcoming February 21<sup>st</sup> kick-off meeting for Bay Area IRWMP update in Yountville. Mr. Sharp mentioned that all of this and other IRWMP information can be found on the WICC website, along with the WICC project database developed to support local projects for this (IRWMP) and other funding opportunities.*

- h. Other reports and updates (WICC Staff, Board, Public)

*Patrick Lowe reported that the Board of Supervisors (if approved at their January 31, 2012 meeting) will provide comment letter on the Delta Plan EIR to ensure the goals of the plan reflect a sustainable water supply for Napa County. The public comment deadline is February 2, 2012.*

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

- a. Presentation and discussion on the St. Helena Comprehensive Flood Protection Project: A Brief History and Overview of Current Status (John Ferons, City Engineer/Dir. of Public Works) (20 min)

*St. Helena Public Works Director, John Ferons, gave the Board a presentation on the project. The project is located on the Napa River, beginning at Sulfur Creek, and runs 2000 ft. upstream. Several versions of the project were evaluated through the CEQA process that was started in 2004. In the end, the “Enhanced Minimum Plan A” was selected. Mr. Ferons gave background on funding for the project and the outcome of the Living Rivers lawsuits that changed the scope of project throughout the project timeline.*

*Ultimately, the project included flood plains and terracing, shoreline restoration, a new levy, a new flood wall, bank stabilization, stormwater management features and habitat restoration.*

- b. Presentation and discussion on Selby Creek Streambank Restoration and Riparian Enhancement Project (BioEngineering Associates)

*Presentation rescheduled to March meeting.*

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Informational announcements presented by staff, members of the board and public (WICC Staff; Board, Others)

*None provided.*

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board; WICC Staff)**

*None provided.*

**9. NEXT MEETINGS (Chair)**

Regular Scheduled Board Meetings:

**March 22, 2012 – 4:00 PM (Save the date)**

Tentative Location: Hall of Justice Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main St. Conference Room, 1125 Third St., Napa

*Entrance is via Main St. across from the Riverfront development archway. This is a tentative location change to be confirmed a week before the meeting.*

**9. ADJOURNMENT (Chair)**

*Motion to adjourn approved.*

