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- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 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: Mark Luce, Peter White, Richard Hall, Jeff Reichel, Rita Steiner, Jeffrey Redding, Susan Boswell, Jim Lincoln, Marc Pandone, Chris Sauer, Mitchell Klug

Members excused: Diane Dillon, James Krider, Belia Bennett, Mike Basayne

Members absent: Gary Kraus, Jason Lauritsen

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp, Sarah Minahen

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of January 27, 2011 (Chair)

Approved as presented. Jeff Reichel and Jeffrey Redding abstaining

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)

Leif Bryant, Napa Flood Control and Water Conservation Dist. reported that he has identified over a dozen abandoned mercury mines in Napa County, which have all been identified as point source contaminants. He has been working with the Tuleyome organization on clean up of mines in the Putah Creek basin and has applied for a \$1.5 million grant to clean up drainages in the James Creek area. The Board expressed interest in the project and invited Mr. Bryant to come to a future WICC meeting to present his work.

4. UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

- a. Update on Board of Supervisors' Groundwater Workshop held on Monday February 14th (WICC Staff)

Jeff Sharp distributed an Executive Summary prepared by the County's groundwater consultant, Luhdorff & Scalmanini, and provided an overview of the workshop's agenda. Luhdorff & Scalmanini looked at the broad context of groundwater within the geography and geology of Napa County and has provided a summary of groundwater conditions and a series of recommendations for the Board of Supervisors consideration.

Patrick Lowe discussed possible next steps to be taken with the Board of Supervisors. The County is planning on formalizing an inter-departmental working group on groundwater and an RFQ is being prepared to solicit groundwater consultants and related hydro-geologists to assess and carryout a number of Luhdorff & Scalmanini's recommendations. The RFQ process will allow the County to develop a list of experts that can be on-call or easily contracted for specific needs throughout the year as it relates to the County's groundwater resources. The County is seeking funding for data collection, etc. WICC has been mentioned as a data repository for groundwater data and is positioned to help disseminate groundwater information to public and to the state as required under the CA Dept. of Water Resource's CA Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program. The County is also considering creating a groundwater community advisory committee to help develop and put into place some of the recommendations contained in the Luhdorff & Scalmanini report.

- b. Overview of the County's Groundwater Assistance Capacity Building Grant, and presentation and discussion on an "Assessment of the Feasibility of a Collaborative Groundwater Data Gathering Effort in Napa County" by the Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) (Dorian Fougères, CCP) (20 min)

Patrick Lowe introduced Dorian Fougères, Lead Mediator & Facilitator, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), CSUS. CCP serves as a neutral third party to provide mediation and facilitation services to various government agencies throughout California. Mr. Fougères provided details on Groundwater Stakeholder Assessment conducted by CCP as part of a Groundwater Capacity Building Grant held by the County's Public Works Dept. The assessment outlined key findings for engaging the community/public on matters relating to groundwater condition and policy.

Mr. Fougères and staff answered questions from the Board about the assessment and how the assessment can be used to guide future groundwater work within the County. The Board and Mr. Fougères also discussed various options to consider regarding the collection and analysis of future groundwater data.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION:

Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's development of a vineyard facilities waste discharge requirement (WDR) waiver program for the Napa River watershed to assist vineyard owner compliance with the Napa River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and request for public comments related to scope of the program's environmental review per state law (CEQA) (WICC Staff) (10 min)

Jeff Sharp reported about an effort underway by the state to develop a vineyard facilities waiver program. The Napa River basin has been identified as an impaired water body due to excess fine sediment. The state has come up with a plan to reduce excessive sediment (at Total Maximum Daily Load, TMDL). The state's goal is to develop a means by which vineyard facilities can meet an established 50% reduction of sediment waste discharge. There are two options for vineyard facilities to comply with the state's adopted TMDL: 1) apply for an individual report of waste discharge permit through the state water board, or 2) participate in a report of waste discharge waiver program. The state is currently developing a waiver program and is asking for public input. If certain compliance requirements of the waiver program are met, an individual permit from the state board will not be required.

A workshop is scheduled for April 14th at the Napa Main Library to solicit comments from the public on what needs to be considered as part of the state's required California Environmental Quality Act review process related to the development of the waiver program. A comment deadline will be set 30 days after the workshop.

No direction was provided by the Board at this time other than to continue to monitor the process.

6. REPORTS, UPDATES AND DISCUSSION:

[Note: item (f) was heard first due to invited guest speaker]

Informational reports and updates for discussion, presented by staff, members of the board and invited public (WICC Staff; Board, Others) (30 min.)

a. Update on the County's Climate Action Plan (WICC Staff)

Jeff Sharp reported on the current status of the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and provided a timeline of CAP development thus far. The comment period on the plan is still open and has been extended to 4/4/11. Once comments are received, plan will be revised. Future public meetings on the plan will be held in summer and fall 2011. Challenges in plan revolve around reducing greenhouse gas emissions 15% below what they were in 2005 (15% less than 2005 = 1990 levels - AB 32).

Marc Pandone noted that he met with Hillary Gitelman, County Planning Director regarding the CAP. Her recommendation was that everyone look-over the plan and get their comments in by the deadline. She believes that there will likely be a large re-write of the plan before it is ready for the next round of public input and hearings. Mr. Pandone noted that the pending Napa Pipe project (a large development project south of the City of Napa) is not part of the plan nor is the project configured into the future projections provided in the plan.

Susan Boswell asked how best to contribute to the plan and how best to provide comments and suggestions on incorporating new data and mitigations related to winery and vineyard operations. It was recommended that comments on the plan be submitted on an individual basis at this time.

b. Update on \$1.2M Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) Grant to support water resource planning in five counties including the Putah Creek/Berryessa basin, and hiring of a consultant to develop a IRWM Plan for the region to facilitate project funding (WICC Staff/PW/Fld Dist)

No report provided due to time limitations

- c. Report on \$400,000 awarded to the Dept. of Public Works by the CA Coastal Conservancy in support of the Zinfandel Lane Bridge fish passage project (WICC Staff, PW)

No report provided due to time limitations

- d. Update on topics and speakers for the Napa County 2011 Watershed Symposium, planned for Thursday May 19th at the Yountville Community Center – Save the Date (WICC Staff/Napa Co RCD)

Jeff Sharp and Patrick Lowe reported on the topics for the Symposium and encouraged WICC Board members to attend.

- e. Update on WICC's participation in Earth Day 2011 celebration Saturday April 23rd, (volunteers needed to help table at event) (WICC Staff)

Jeff Sharp reported that the WICC will be participating/tabling in the event. The theme this year is "Get to Know Your River."

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

[This item was taken first under number 6] Dave Perazzo, Parks Superintendent of the City of Napa, reported on Trancas Crossing Park. The park is a 33 acre site in northern Napa –near old Trancas & old Soscol. Property was owned by Johnny Miller who granted the conservation easement to the Land Trust. Park has been developed with grant funding from various sources. Park was started in 2010 and is 95% complete. The city has worked with various agencies including Fish and Game and Army Corps of Engineers to protect the environment during the park's construction and operation. The park includes an existing concrete bridge, turnaround area, canoe launch, ½ mile pedestrian trail and flood markers. The park is intended to be connected to the floodplain and flood on occasion. Construction is nearing complete; anticipating June 1 open date.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Marc Pandone mentioned the passing of Tyler York a few weeks ago. Look for an announcement regarding a memorial (service).

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board; WICC Staff)

Presentation on mercury mines from Leif Bryant

9. **NEXT MEETINGS** (Chair)

Regular Scheduled Board Meetings:

April 28, 2010 – 4:00 PM (*Possible postponement*)

May 26, 2010 – 4:00 PM (*Save the date*)

10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chair)

Meeting adjourned.

