

Members

Diane Dillon
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Marjorie Mohler
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Jeffrey Redding
Robert Steinhauer
Charles Slutzkin
Marc Pandone
Chris Sauer
Alexander Pader

Alternate

Keith Caldwell

- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2009

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
Principal Planner,
Conservation Div., CDPD

Laura Anderson,
Counsel
Attorney IV,
County Counsel's Office

Melissa Gray,
Admin. Assistant
Admin. Secretary II,
CDPD

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chairman)

Welcoming of new members: Del Britton (City of St. Helena), Marjorie Mohler (Town of Yountville) and Mike Basayne (County Planning Commission)

Members present: Mark Luce, Del Britton, Marjorie Mohler, Mike Basayne, Don Gasser, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone, Chris Sauer, Alexander Pader

Members excused: Diane Dillon, Gary Kraus, James Krider, Leon Garcia, Jeff Reichel, Phil Blake

Members absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp, Sharon Borunda

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of January 22, 2009 (Chairman)

Minutes were approved as presented with Mike Basayne, Del Britton and Marjorie Mohler 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)

None provided.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Announcement and reminder of **required AB1234 ethics training and Form 700 filing**; training and certification available online (Staff)

Jeff Sharp announced he will send out an email reminder regarding ethics training procedures and requirements. Jeff also explained that Form 700 from the FPPC needs to be filled out and filed by April 1st, 2009

- b. Announcement of **WICC participation in Earth Day Celebration**, April 25th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Napa Valley College (Board/Staff)

Jeff Sharp and Patrick Lowe announced that the WICC will have a booth at the 2009 Earth Day Celebration on April 25, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Napa Valley College, and encouraged all WICC Board members to attend.

Alex Pader, who is also a Napa Valley College Student Government Officer, announced that he will be helping to put on the event

- c. Others (Board/Staff/Public)

Don Gasser announced that there are three Home Ignition Zone/Firewise Workshops being put on by Napa Community Firewise Foundation and will be targeted for homeowners in the Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) to be held on March 28, 2009, April 9, 2009 and April 14, 2009. Don also announced the use and availability of the Firewise Countywide Chipper Program.

5. REPORTS, UPDATES AND DISCUSSION:

- a. Update on Napa County **Watershed Symposium 2009**, May 21st, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Elks Lodge and report on tentative agenda and confirmed speakers (Staff/Napa County RCD)

Francis Knapczyk from the RCD (who is in charge of coordinating the Symposium) reported that the Napa Water Division, Napa County Flood Control District and Wildlife Conservation Commission are helping to sponsor the event (with others pending) and that the RCD and WICC are busy planning the festivities. The theme for this year's event is "Stewarding Napa County's Watersheds in a Changing World." The event will be kicked off by a keynote address by the Director of the California CalFed program, and the M.C. will be Kate Dargan, California's Fire Marshall. Many speakers and presenters have been confirmed and others are being contacted. WICC Board members were encouraged to attend. Jeff Sharp requested that all interested WICC Board Members register with him. Patrick Lowe reported on Kate Dargan's history with the WICC and how she's been instrumental in helping frame-up Symposium.

Marc Pandone reported on a PBS Nova documentary on "Electronic Ice Surveillance" and encouraged members of the Board to view it if possible.

- b. Update on **WICC WebCenter** re-design, new look and planned public launch coinciding with May 2009 Watershed Awareness Month (Staff)

Patrick Lowe provided background on graphical and pictorial approach of the re-design and that changes now underway were based upon feedback received from users. Jeff Sharp showed the Board the homepage proto-type and provided examples of how different user-types are provided a customized web experience on the site to facilitate their use and understanding of the information presented.

- c. Update on efforts towards the development of a locally based **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)** for Napa County and brief report on larger **Bay Area and Sacramento River IRWMP** efforts (Staff)

Jeff Sharp reported that on Feb 10th, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved participation and pooled limited monies, along with the Cities/Town, Napa County Flood and Water Conservation District and Napa Sanitation District to hire a consultant to assist in local IRWM efforts and to help position the County to receive future grant funding through the State's IRWM (prop 84) program. It was noted that Napa County is split between two IRWM funding Regions, the San Francisco Bay Funding Area and Sacramento River Funding Area. A kick-off meeting for the work is scheduled for April 3rd.

- d. Update, report and discussion on various **Regional Water Quality Control Board** and **State Water Resources Control Board water quality control plans and policies** affecting Napa County's watersheds, including Instream Flow Policy, Stream and Wetland Protection Policy, revised Napa River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and other Basin Planning efforts (Staff)

Jeff Sharp handed out a tracking table that monitors/maps various State and Regional water resource policies. The table is a "living document" and is constantly being revised and updated as needed. The Board will receive additional updates in the near future.

Steve Lederer, Director, Napa County Dept. of Environmental Management, reported on the implementation status of the Napa River Pathogen TMDL and the County's part in conducting pathogen surveys in various creeks/drainages of concern. Based on the data that Environmental Management has received thus far, Steve Lederer reported that Browns Valley Creek and Salvador Creek (drainage ditch) are not affected by septic pathogens. He also reported that Murphy Creek exhibited low levels of pathogens.

Steve Lederer also reported that the Regional Board received a lot of feedback from the public regarding AB885 (septic tank use, permitting and inspection) and is currently in the process of analyzing and re-writing the proposed regulations.

Patrick Lowe reported that Regional Board staff is planning to re-release the Napa River Sediment TMDL sometime in April or March 2009.

Jeff Sharp reported on a recent Stream and Wetlands Protection Policy presentation given to Bay Area Counties attending a meeting sponsored by ABAG. Public comment on that policy will likely be solicited during the summer of 2009.

- e. Update on **County General Plan Implementation** report presented to the County Planning Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the California Office of Planning and Research (Staff)

Patrick Lowe gave an update on General Plan implementation actions pertaining to watersheds and water resources.

- f. Report on **fish monitoring efforts now underway** on the Napa River mainstem through the use of a rotary screw trap (Staff/Napa County RCD)

Jonathan Koehler from the RCD reported on their operation of a rotary screw trap to monitor migrating salmon species and showed a few pictures of the assembly, installation and monitoring process of project.

- g. Others (Board/Staff)

None provided

6. **REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION:**

Report, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding freeze of state bond funding, impacts on local grant projects and **recommendation to Board of Supervisors that a letter be sent to state officials requesting grant agreement extensions** (Staff/Board)

Patrick Lowe and Jeff Sharp reported on a number of projects in the community that would benefit from grant agreement extensions. They reported that they are in the process of preparing a letter to send to state officials and requested input from the Board. The Board was provided a potential list of topics for inclusion in a draft letter to accompany the WICC's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The WICC Board directed staff to recommend that the Board of

Supervisors develop a letter of request, highlighting the issues provide by staff, and address that letter to state officials with oversight on bond funded projects that are currently frozen within Napa County

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

- a. **Napa-Solano Audubon Society** – a presentation and discussion of the Napa-Solano Audubon Society’s mission, activities and recent projects (Cheryl Harris, Napa-Solano Audubon Society)
Cheryl Harris provide the Board a report on the Society’s activities, including launching a new program called “Habit Restoration on Vineyards, Ag Lands and Beyond.” As a result of a decline in bird species the Audubon Society is giving tours, hands-on training, and workshops in an effort to raise funding for programs to encourage habitat restoration and increase overall environmental health to cultivate a healthier bird population.
- b. **Rainwater Harvesting** – a presentation and discussion on rainwater harvesting, use, and potential applications in Napa County (Tony Yarish, John Deere Green Tech)
Tony Yarish gave a presentation on rainwater harvesting and highlighted some of the planning considerations and equipment requirements. Mr. Yarish also reported on various applications of the technology across the U.S. and abroad.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board/Staff)

None provided

9. NEXT MEETING (Chairman)

Regular Board Meeting: April 23, 2009 – 4:00 PM

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

10. ADJOURNMENT (Chairman)

Meeting adjourned

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