

<p><u>Members</u> Diane Dillon Mark Luce Del Britton Gary Kraus James Krider Leon Garcia Marjorie Mohler Mike Basayne Jeff Reichel Phill Blake Don Gasser Jeffrey Redding Robert Steinhauer Charles Slutzkin Marc Pandone Chris Sauer Alexander Pader</p> <p><u>Alternate</u> Keith Caldwell</p>	<p>- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -</p> <p>REGULAR BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Thursday, April 23, 2009 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building, 1125 Third Street, Napa CA</p>	<p><u>Staff Representatives</u></p> <p>Patrick Lowe, Secretary Deputy Director, Conservation Div., CDPD</p> <p>Jeff Sharp, Watershed Coordinator Principal Planner, Conservation Div., CDPD</p> <p>Laura Anderson, Counsel Attorney IV, County Counsel's Office</p> <p>Melissa Gray, Admin. Assistant Admin. Secretary II, CDPD</p>
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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chairman)

Members present: Diane Dillon, Del Britton, Gary Kraus, James Krider, Marjorie Mohler, Michael Basayne, Phil Blake, Don Gasser, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Mark Pandone, Alexander Pader

Members excused: Mark Luce, Jeff Reichel, Jeffrey Redding, Chris Sauer

Members absent: Leon Garcia

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp, Sharon Borunda

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of March 26, 2009 (Chairman)

Minutes were approved as presented. James Krider, Gary Kraus and Phil Blake 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 presented.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Announcement of **Napa Downtown Creek Clean-up**, Sunday April 26th 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (Staff)

Stephanie Young with the Resource Conservation District announced the upcoming event and also noted that there will be an Earth Day Creek Cleanup on the 25th. The areas that will be cleaned up on Sunday include the South Wetland Area, Napa Creek, Riverside Drive and Kennedy Park.

- b. Announcement of **Board of Supervisor's proclamation of May 2009 as Watershed Awareness Month**, Tuesday May 5th 9 a.m. (Staff)

Jeff Sharp announced that on May 5, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., Mark Pandone will accept a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors, proclaiming May 2009 as Watershed Awareness Month in Napa County.

- c. Announcement of **Napa Valley 5k/10k Salmon Run/Walk**, Sunday June 28th 8 a.m. (Staff)

Stephanie Young with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) announced the upcoming event and that registration is available through the RCD or online at www.active.com.

- d. Others (Board/Staff/Public)

Patrick Lowe and Jeff Sharp reported that the Governor made an announcement that the freeze on Bond-funded conservation/water projects would be lifted. The Governor announced that most of the project budgets that were frozen in December will be un-frozen, and that past invoices will be paid.

Phill Blake announced that the 2008 Farm Bill grants had finally been approved. Mr. Blake also announced that Napa County has been declared one of California's drought impacted areas and monies are available to apply for drought assistance through the Farm Bill grant program for agriculturalists (including ranchers).

Jeff Sharp announced that a Committees and Commissions Workshop is scheduled for next Friday (May 1st) in the Board of Supervisor Chambers for those in need of Brown Act and/or Ethics Training. Mr. Sharp also announced that the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District will be holding a weekend long series of Moore Creek Trail Workdays on June 15 – 17. Participation in the work effort will offer a sneak-peek at the reserve that is not yet open to the public and meals will be supplied. Registration for the event should be coordinated through www.v-o-cal.org.

Mark Pandone announced that the Napa Valley Museum is currently hosting the 2009 Biennial Juried Plein Air ("in the open air") Exhibition (through June 7th) featuring paintings of local and regional areas in California.

5. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION:

Update, discussion and possible direction on San Francisco Bay **Regional Water Quality Control Board's Revised Napa River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)** and other regional and state water quality control plans and policies affecting Napa County's watersheds (Mike Napolitano, SF Bay RWQCB)

Mike Napolitano from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) provided an update on the RWQCB's Sediment TMDL work to date. Mr. Napolitano reported that the last versions of the documents were put out in the fall 2009 and that a number of comments were received by the public. He noted that RWQCB staff is now working on revising their CEQA analysis for the project. Mr. Napolitano also reported that it has taken a long time to report back on the matter due to the limited resources and staffing the state has to put towards the project. Additionally, he mentioned that the public should receive an update on the latest revisions in early May, and that a tentative RWQCB hearing in Oakland is scheduled for July 9, 2009. Patrick Lowe asked about the anticipated schedule for final adoption and Mr. Napolitano indicated that a State Water Board hearing would likely follow within approximately 6 months which would be sometime early next year (2010). In closing, Mr. Napolitano also mentioned that the Rutherford and Oak Knoll Napa River restoration projects will likely be getting some level of monetary support through the recent Federal Stimulus Bill.

The Board discussed with staff the need and timing for direction on the matter. Jeff Sharp informed the Board that their May meeting would likely be canceled due to the Watershed Symposium, and that it is unknown when the latest revisions on the TMDL will be released to the public for comment. Mr. Sharp explained that the WICC Board typically reviews the materials and discusses them before making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for their consideration. Diane Dillon mentioned that there are a limited number of BOS meetings scheduled for June (due to 09-10 FY budget hearings). Charles Slutzkin noted that the WICC had already provided its recommendations to the BOS based on the last version of the TMDL and that staff should draft comments consistent with the WICC's prior recommendations/comments. Based upon the unknown timing of the TMDL's release and the limited future

meetings scheduled for the WICC Board and BOS, the WICC Board directed staff to submit recommendations for comments to the BOS consistent with prior WICC Board direction or bring the matter back for the WICC's June meeting, if time permits.

Marc Pandone noted that although many efforts are underway to address the River's sediment problems, more needs to be done, and that we must encourage ourselves to keep moving forward regardless of any compliance deadline provided in the upcoming TMDL. Mr. Pandone added that if we do request an extension of time in the next version (of the TMDL), we need to maintain a level of effort to keep us moving towards improvement as quickly as possible.

Patrick Lowe provided an update on recent joint stakeholder recommendations on an alternative policy to the State Board's Draft Instream Flow Policy. Sandy Ellis from the Napa County Farm Bureau informed the WICC that public comment on the draft policy is being accepted and encouraged and that more information can be found on the State Board's AB 2121 website.

Jeff Sharp handed out a tracking sheet outlining RWQCB and State Board policies that WICC staff is monitoring. An Excel version of the same is also available on the WICC WebCenter for download.

Steve Lederer, Director of the County's Dept. of Environmental Management (EM), gave an update on implementation measures related to the Napa River Pathogens TMDL. Mr. Lederer reported that they are making progress on source identification and that Salvador and Browns Valley Creeks are not showing any impact from nearby septic systems, but more testing will be conducted. Murphy Creek is scheduled next for testing. The Regional Board was asked to conduct regular testing since 2006, but they have failed to do so. In response, the County's Dept. of EM is currently conducting the testing to determine levels of any contamination. The RCD is also working with the Dept. of EM to develop an information packet for mailing to property owners near the creeks of concern to help educate property owners on the care and maintenance of their septic systems. EM is also working to develop inspection guidelines, and working with contractors to set up affordable pricing for homeowners for inspections of older septic systems.

Jack Betourne, Stormwater Program Manager for Napa County, gave an update on the County's General National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. He also reported that the general construction permit is next to be updated by the state. The main points of coming update include requirements for numeric effluent limitations on construction sites (requiring measurements be taken on-site to ensure compliance). It is likely that pH and turbidity measurements will be required for some projects, and operators will need to report any effluent discharges. Mr. Betourne noted that certain developments (agriculture being exempt) will need to do annual reporting, based upon their size and threat of pollution. He mentioned that the state is now working on certification training requirements for both site inspectors, and stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) writers.

6. REPORTS, UPDATES AND DISCUSSION:

- a. Update on **WICC participation in Earth Day Celebration**, and request for event volunteers, April 25th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Napa Valley College (Board/Staff)

Jeff Sharp and Patrick Lowe gave a report on the WICC's participation in the Earth Day Celebration, and requested event volunteers from the Board. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

- b. Update and report on upcoming **2009 Napa County Watershed Symposium**, and invitation to WICC Board members, May 21st, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Elks Lodge (Staff/Napa County RCD)

Patrick Lowe and Jeff Sharp reminded everyone to sign up for the Watershed Symposium on May 21st. They also reminded everyone that the venue has changed and that it will be held at the Elks Club in Napa. Mr. Lowe reported that Kate Dargan, the State Fire Marshal, will once again be the M.C. for the event. A walking tour along the Napa River (behind the Elks Club) will also be offered to close out the event/day.

- c. Update on development of a locally based **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)** for Napa County to assist in future funding opportunities and briefing on larger **Bay Area and Sacramento River IRWMP** efforts (Staff)

Jeff Sharp gave an update on the development of locally based IRWMP for Napa County to assist in future funding opportunities and participation in larger Bay Area and Sacramento River water management planning efforts. A consultant to assist with the effort has been obtained with matched funding from the county, cities and NSD, and it is hopeful that future planning grant funding from the state can be acquired to sustain the effort over the long-term. Mr. Sharp also reported that a kick-off meeting for the project was held on April 3rd.

- d. Update on **expansion of creek and watershed identification signs** (Staff/Napa County RCD)

Jeff Sharp reported that there will be an expansion of creek and watershed identification signs installations throughout the county. Funding for the endeavor was obtained from the North Bay Water Association and local match. Mr. Sharp reported that 11 signs watershed signs, and 16 additional creek identification/crossing signs (amounting to 32 creek ID signs altogether – two per crossing) will be installed and that most of the work will be in the Napa River Basin due to the funding source.

- e. Update and report on **drought impacts on Napa County reservoir levels and domestic water supplies** (Felix Riesenberg, Napa County Principal Water Resources Engineer)

Update postponed until after item #7 below

- f. Others (Board/Staff)

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

Napa County Resource Conservation District Annual Report – a presentation of the Napa County Resource Conservation District’s Annual Report, highlighting accomplishments and measures of progress toward meeting the District’s goals (Leigh Sharp, RCD District Manager)

Leigh Sharp, District Manager of the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD), gave an overview of the history of the RCD and its purpose/mission. Mrs. Sharp reported that the achievements of the past year were obtained through partnership with many entities coming together as a whole. She noted that the RCD (during the past year) has, along with its partnerships, provided grants and scholarships to high school & college students, generated volunteerism to assist with various creek clean-up projects, visited student’s classrooms and assisted the community with information about conservation, and has supported the WICC’s Watershed Symposium. She also reported that the RCD is monitoring fish populations and has begun the operation of a Rotary Screw Trap in the Napa River to assess the success rate of anadromous fish outmigration in the watershed. Mrs. Sharp further noted that the RCD also provides environmental workshops on sustainability, wine growing, organic and bio-immune growing, and is looking to performing home green living assessments.

- 6.(e) Update and report on **drought impacts on Napa County reservoir levels and domestic water supplies** (Felix Riesenberg, Napa County Principal Water Resources Engineer)

Felix Riesenberg, Principal Water Resources Engineer for Napa County, gave a report regarding current drought impacts on Napa County municipal reservoir levels. He reported that Napa County reservoirs are in good shape at this time and are full for the most part. He also mentioned that City of American Canyon is short on their water allocation from the state water project. Mr. Riesenberg mentioned that the City of Napa (who then in-turn wheels/sells and delivers the water locally) will likely purchase water from California’s drought water-bank in an effort to better manage local county supplies in time of need (i.e., continued drought). It is expected that Napa will pull 3,600 acft from the bank to split between the City of American Canyon and the City of Calistoga.

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION:**

- a. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding **cancellation of the Board's regular meeting scheduled for May 28, 2009** due to member attendance at 2009 Napa County Watershed Symposium on May 21, 2009 (Staff/Board)

No action. Patrick Lowe suggested that the decision will be left open for now until public release of the Sediment TMDL is known, but that it was likely that the May meeting would be cancelled due to efforts focused in support of the upcoming Watershed Symposium.

- b. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding **transmittal of Board member agendas materials via email** rather than mail to save staff time, as well as printing and postage costs (Staff/Board)

Motion passed to email future agenda packets and provide a hardcopy in the mail to those members who request it

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (Board/Staff)

Report on Sediment TMDL status

10. **NEXT MEETING** (Chairman)

Regular Board Meeting: **June 25, 2009 – 4:00 PM** (*pending action on 8a above*)
Hall of Justice Building, 2nd floor Conference Room, 1125 Third Street, Napa

11. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

Motion was passed to adjourn

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