

Members

Diane Dillon
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 David Graves
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 Charles Slutzkin
 David Crawford
 Eric Knight
 Carol Kunze
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Alternates

Harold Moskowite
 Karen Slusser

- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 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
 Planner III,
 Conservation Div., CDPD

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chairman)

Members Present: Diane Dillon, David Graves, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Donald Gasser, Charles Slutzkin, David Crawford, Carol Kunze

Members Absent Excused: Mark Luce, Kate Dargan, Jeffrey Redding, Tom Shelton, Richard Camera

Members Absent: Eric Knight

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of January 27, 2004 (Chairman)

Outcome: Approved as presented.

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.

Outcome: None received.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational.

Staff informed the Board of the County of Napa's Boards, Committees and Commissions Workshop, to be held Thursday, March 31, 2005. Workshop space is limited and will likely fill quickly. It will be held in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room, located at 1195 Third Street, Room 305. Staff is planning on participating and encouraged the Chair and Vice Chair to attend..

Board member, Carol Kunze announced the re-opening of the public comment period for the Bureau of Reclamation's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, prepared in support of the Bureau's Visitor's Service

Plan efforts. The newly reopened comment period closes April 4, 2005. Board Member Diane Dillon added that the Bureau's future plan for Berryessa is a critically important issue for the citizens of Napa County.

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

- a. Update on **WICC Website** internal launch to Board (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff noted that the WICC website is now being used for WICC Board meeting announcements and material distribution. Staff also mentioned that very few comments about the site have been received from the Board. As a part of the internal launch and testing, the beta test groups have been invited to participate. The site is currently being tested/refined and content is being developed to fill out the new menu structure. Public launch is still on track for May. A brief discussion by the Board followed.

- b. Update and request for watershed activities and events during the month of May to promote **"Watershed Awareness Month"** (Staff/RCD)

Outcome: Informational. Staff and Leigh Sharp (RCD) gave the Board an update on local efforts to support May 2005 as Watershed Awareness Month. A range of activities are being planned, including: promotion of watershed related events, press releases, direct mailings, poster development WICC website promotion and others. Ms. Sharp asked the Board to provide information on their groups' respective events for the month of May for inclusion in the public awareness and outreach efforts.

- c. Update on status of collaborative **Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program (AWQGP) proposal** (Staff/San Francisco Estuary Institute)

Outcome: Informational. Rainer Hoenicke (SFEI) gave the Board an update and brief presentation on the approval process and progress on the AWQGP proposal submitted by SFEI, RCD and others. On November 18, 2004, the WICC Board recommend that the County Board of Supervisors send a letter in support of the proposal on behalf of the WICC. Rainer said final approval by the Water Board looks favorable and is expected to take place on March 17, 2005. If approved, elements in the proposal will help support various action items in the WICC Board's Strategic Plan. In discussion about this proposal and others throughout the County, the Board requested further information on local agency permitting for watershed restoration projects and where opportunities may exist to enhance/improve permitting timelines (also noted under future agenda items).

- d. Budget Update on **2005-06 WICC Budget** (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff gave the Board an update on current budget discussions underway between the Conservation, Development and Planning Department (CDPD) and the County's Executive Office. Staff informed the Board that a slight reduction in County funding for the WICC program is expected (a 10% decrease) in the next fiscal year budget. Once County budgets are finalized Staff will return with another update.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

Discussion and possible direction to staff on **scheduling the Board's 2005 Strategic Planning Workshop** (Staff)

Outcome: Established May 9, 2005 as the date for Board's Strategic Planning Workshop. Staff presented the Board with a list of various available dates. After a brief discussion, the Board selected May 9, 2005 as the most suitable date available. Staff will confirm the date and send an e-mail out to the full Board.

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Presentation and discussion of the **Draft Biology Section** prepared for the Napa County **Baseline Data Report (BDR)** (Staff/Jones & Stokes/EDAW)

Outcome: Informational. Ken Schwartz (J&S/EDAW) introduced the work being done on the BDR draft biology section and consultant team staff members Kaylene Keller, GIS specialist, and David Zippen, biologist. Mr. Zippen provided the Board with a presentation outlining the BDR Team's current work on the section and Ms. Keller demonstrated the associated mapping products and resource analysis tools. The methods used by the BDR Team in preparing the draft section were also presented. Discussion with and among the Board carried throughout the presentation.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board/Staff)

Outcome:

- a. Discussion and presentation on the permitting process in Napa County for stream restoration projects and opportunities for improvement.*
- b. Update on resolution granting limited authority to the Director of Planning to apply for watershed related grants on the WICC Boards' behalf.*

9. NEXT MEETING

March 24, 2005, 4:00PM

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

10. ADJOURNMENT (Chairman)

