

## Members

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David Graves  
Jeff Reichel  
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Kate Dargan  
Jeffrey Redding  
Robert Steinhauer  
Charles Slutzkin  
Marc Pandone  
Richard Camera

## Alternates

Harold Moskowite  
Karen Slusser

## Staff Representatives

Patrick Lowe,  
**Secretary**  
Deputy Director,  
Conservation Div., CDPD

Jeff Sharp,  
**Watershed Coordinator**  
Planner III,  
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Laura Anderson,  
**Counsel**  
Attorney IV,  
County Counsel's Office

## - MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building,**  
**1125 Third Street, Napa CA**

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (Chairman/Staff)

*Marc Pandone introduced as new member at large.*

*Members Present: Mark Luce, Mark Van Gorder, Jeff Reichel, Donald Gasser, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone*

*Members Absent Excused: Diane Dillon, Richard Camera*

*Members Absent: Lori Luporini, David Graves, Phill Blake, Kate Dargan,*

*Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp*

#### 2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Regular meeting of July 28, 2005 and August 25, 2005 (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. (Chairman)

*Outcome: None presented.*

#### 4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Board/Staff)

- a. **“Promoting a Sustainable Water Future: Ag. Water Rights, Challenges & Opportunities”** a forum sponsored by the Napa County Farm Bureau, November 3, 2005 (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational.*

- b. CalFed Watershed Program is accepting nominations for **full scholarships to attend a “Watershed Partnerships Seminar,”** February 27- March 10, 2006 (Staff)

*Outcome: Informational.*

- c. **Consideration of new 2006 Meeting Calendar** at next WICC Board Meeting (Staff)

*Outcome: At their next meeting (during the Regular Board Meeting of December 22, 2005, see item 9), the Board will consider their 2006 meeting calendar. Members were encouraged to bring their calendars to the next meeting to facilitate scheduling.*

- d. Others (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Jeff Redding announced a technical seminar sponsored by UCCE on soil erosion, vineyard management and water quality issues to be held at the Marriot Hotel in Napa. Jeff will be moderating. Mark Luce reported that NSD will approve outreach program next week that will outline NSD's reclaimed water use and public comment opportunity. Leigh Sharp from RCD announced the 2050 Study outlining water availability, demand and long-term use will discussed on November 15<sup>th</sup> (place TBA) and soon will be available publicly.*

## 5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

- a. Update on current County **General Plan Steering Committee activities and General Plan Update** process (Board/Staff)

*Outcome: Staff informed the Board that the Committee discussed the DRAFT Circulation Element. Jeff Reichel gave an update to the Board. Debora Blodget also commented that the Committee is working on an aggressive agenda. Staff reported that the Committee's agenda schedule will be adjusted to allow for more discussion. The Committee will review the Safety Element at their next meeting in (early?) January.*

- b. Board of Supervisor's to consider **approval of the WICC's 2005-06 Strategic Plan and expansion of the WICC Board's membership** on November 1, 2005 (Staff)

*Outcome: Staff informed the Board that the County Supervisors will consider both matters at their November 1, 2005 meeting. If expansion of the Board is approved, the Cities/Town will be contacted directly to nominate a distinct representative from each governing council currently not represented. This "equal/direct" City/Town representation will remove the need for WICC nominations by/from the City Selection Committee.*

- c. Report on **items to be discussed by the Board's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** on November 2, 2005 (Staff)

*Outcome: Staff informed the Board that the TAC will meet on November 2, 2005 to review and discuss the Board's DRAFT Watershed Monitoring Strategy (from which will frame the future development of a monitoring program), review optional watershed assessment tasks supported and funded by the Army Corp's, review and prioritize a list of local watershed projects, review and comment on a local benthic macro invertebrate study, and to set a quarterly meeting schedule.*

## 6. **REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- a. Report, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the listing of the Napa River as water quality impaired and the **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process underway by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board to address sediment and pathogens pollution**; including TMDL development and implementation timeline, public meeting/workshop announcements and public comment opportunities and deadlines (Staff)

*Outcome: Staff informed the Board of November 7, 2005 TMDL Workshops and comment opportunity on the scope of the environmental impact assessment and review required for the TMDLs under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff also presented the Board with a projected TMDL timeline (peer review of draft, response to comments, amendment development, and Regional Board adoption November/December 2006).*

- b. Report, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that a letter be sent to the State Water Resources Control Board commenting on the proposed **listing of the Napa River as water quality impaired due to excess mercury pollution** by the December 6, 2005 deadline (Staff)

*Outcome: Staff informed the Board of the proposed listing and the sample testing/evidence used to support the impairment finding. The Board questioned the evidence used (species tested, limited samples collected, statistical significance) and asked for clarification on the proposed impairment and the methods/evidence used to support it. The Board recommended that that staff draft a comment letter for the County Supervisors consideration requesting more information and explanation from the to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the proposed listing and expressing the need for a more solid/scientific understanding of the impairment issue, including possible sources of mercury pollution prior to any formal impairment listing.*

**7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON NAPA COUNTY'S FISHERIES RESOURCES; INCLUDING PAST, PRESENT AND POTENTIAL FUTURE ACTIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE THIS AQUATIC RESOURCE:**

**Presentation and discussion on Napa County's fisheries resources;** including past, present and potential future actions to better understand and manage this aquatic resource by Jonathan Koehler, Fisheries Biologist for the Napa County Resource Conservation District (Staff/RCD)

*Outcome: Jonathan Koehler, Fisheries Biologist with the RCD presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the fisheries resources of Napa River, discussed the lifecycle of anadromous species and outlined some of the efforts to monitor the resource (planned and underway). There was also a discussion of what other means of fisheries monitoring could be undertaken to better understand our aquatic resources and thus the overall health of the river system.*

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

*Outcome: Update on seminar on soil erosion, vineyard management and water quality; Update on Flood and Water Conservation District's 2050 Water Availability Study; and update on NSD plans for water reuse.*

**9. NEXT MEETING:**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the **Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 2005 will be canceled.** As a result, the Board will need to discuss having a Special Meeting in November or no meeting at all and meet next during the Regular Board Meeting of December 22, 2005.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

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