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- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 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)

Members Present: Diane Dillon, David Graves, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Donald Gasser, Kate Dargan, Charles Slutzkin, Carol Kunze, Richard Camera

Members Absent Excused: Mark Luce, Jeffrey Redding, David Crawford, Eric Knight,

Members Absent: Tom Shelton

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting of February 24, 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.

Carol Kunze announced opening of the comment period for the Lake Berryessa Visitors Service Plan and handed out Bureau of Reclamation brochure.

Diane Dillon announced a public workshop sponsored by the Sacramento Watershed Program on developing watershed health indicators, to held on March 30, 2005. WICC staff will attend the workshop.

Kate Dargan announced that there will be a Firewise forum on May 13, 2005 at the Napa County Library.

Staff announced that the Chair (Charles Slutzkin), Vice Chair (Kate Dargan) and staff will be attending the County's Committees and Commissions Training Workshop on March 31, 2005

Staff also announced a water quality conference offered in Redding CA on April 26, 2005, and a workshop series available through the California Department of Conservation and the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts at various times and places northern California in April 2005.

Diane Dillon announced a proposed assembly bill that would create a Central Valley assessment district to pay for delta levy repairs and maintenance authored by Governor and Laird AB1665

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

- a. Update on **Watershed Awareness Month – May 2005** (Staff/RCD)
 - i. **Event poster** development

Outcome: Staff announced the Event Poster is designed ready to go to print in coming week.

- ii. County Board of Supervisor's **proclamation**

Outcome: Staff reported that the County Board of Supervisors, on May 3, 2005, will proclaim May 2005 as Watershed Awareness Month in Napa County.

- iii. WICC website feature and **public launch/mail-out**

Outcome: Staff reported that a WICC WebCenter feature will be displayed on the WICC homepage and a garbage bill insert is being developed to promote the WICC WebCenter's Public Launch and the host of watershed events happening throughout the month of May.

- b. Update on status of County **Board of Supervisor's resolution granting** the Director of Conservation, Development and Planning limited **authority to apply for watershed grants** to support the mission of the WICC Board (Staff)

Outcome: The County Executive Office staff analysts are reviewing the request, which is scheduled for the County Board of Supervisors' April 5, 2005 meeting. Approval of the request by the County Board will allow the WICC Board, through the authority of the Planning Director, the ability to apply for certain watershed related grants in a shorter procedural timeline.

- c. Update and reminder of Board's **Strategic Planning Workshop, May 9, 2005, 8:30am – 1:30pm** (Staff)

Outcome: A reminder of the workshop time and place was given.

d. Update on available **grant opportunities** (Staff)

Outcome: Staff outlined a number of grants/programs that were recently funded (Army Corp of Engineer's "Napa Valley Watershed Resources Analysis" Salmon Biogenetics Study and the AWQGP submittal recommended for funding) and other grant opportunities that are currently available or on the horizon (DFG Fisheries Restoration Program and Calfed Watershed Program).

Kate Dargan brought up the technology of Hyperspectral Imaging and the possible opportunities that may exist for grant monies associated with its application here in Napa County. It was suggested that a future presentation of the technology be given to the Board.

6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT:**

Update on Baseline **Data Report (BDR) progress and delivery schedule**, discussion of currently available draft elements and request for Board comment (Staff/Jones & Stokes/EDAW)

Outcome: Staff updated the Board on the BDR delivery schedule. Four or more elements of the BDR will come before the Board at their next meeting, which will include a presentation on the one or more key areas of interest (i.e., agriculture and/or land use). Other presented elements will be hosted on the WICC WebCenter. Additional technical reviews will be happening concurrently with county staff and external agencies. A majority of the elements will be viewed by the WICC Board in the months of April and May. The BDR project should wrap-up in the month of June with Hydrology (modeling) element(s) being the last completed. Final elements of the BDR will be discussed with the General Plan Committee and/or the Board of Supervisors in July and August.

A TMDL update will be presented by RWQCB staff at the WICC Board's April 28, 2005 meeting. A draft of the sediment TMDL is expected in mid-April.

Don Gasser (and others) expressed concern that the wildlife movement (corridors) analysis presented for the BDR Biology section during the Board's February meeting did not reflect the true ability of animals to travel "on the ground." It was explained that the mapping presented was a "path of least resistance" analysis and not a true wildlife corridor. The mapping did show the greatest opportunities available for the establishment of wildlife corridors. The localized affects of fencing that creates a barrier to wildlife was not considered in the wildlife movement scenarios conducted for the BDR Biology section. There was further discussion by the Board on the issues of fencing and wildlife. The Board suggested the community would benefit from a better understanding of the application, role and technology of today's fencing, including how fencing affects wildlife and property.

7. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

Presentation and discussion on **coordinated permitting and incentives for stream restoration and enhancement**, facilitated by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (Staff/NRCS)

Outcome: Phill Blake and Daniel Mountjoy of the Natural Resource Conservation Service presented the Board with an overview of stream restoration permitting process and a "stream-lined" coordinated permitting approach being explored in other areas of California. Various models of "coordinated" permitting were also presented. The Board recognized a local need for coordinated permitting and encouraged that the topic be brought up during its Strategic Planning Workshop on May 9, 2005 as a potential priority for the Board's consideration.

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

- a. Napa River TMDL update from Regional Water Quality Control Board staff

Outcome: A TMDL update will be presented by RWQCB staff at the WICC Board's April 28, 2005 meeting.

- b. Additional BDR elements for Board review and comment

- c. Others

9. **NEXT MEETING**

April 28, 2005, 4:00PM

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

