

Members

Diane Dillon
Mark Luce
Lori Luporini
Mark Van Gorder
David Graves
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Donald Gasser
Kate Dargan
Jeffrey Redding
Tom Shelton
Charles Slutzkin
Carol Kunze
Richard Camera

Alternates

Harold Moskowitz
Karen Slusser

- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 25, 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, WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS & ROLL CALL** (Chairman)
Welcome Lori Luporini from the City of American Canyon and Mark Van Gorder from the City of Napa

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Lori Luporini, Mark Van Gorder, David Graves, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Donald Gasser, Charles Slutzkin, Carol Kunze, Richard Camera

Members Absent Excused: Mark Luce, Jeffrey Redding

Members Absent: Kate Dargan, Tom Shelton

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**
Regular meeting of June 23, 2005 (Chairman)

Outcome: Approved as presented.

Note: Due to lack of quorum, the Board's regular meeting of July 28, 2005 was adjourned by the Secretary. All items of business before the WICC Board on July 28, 2005 will be heard during this, August 25, 2005, meeting.

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. Possible **WICC oversight of the Napa Valley Watershed Management Study and Plan** funded by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Karen Rippey, U.S. Army Corps staff, outlined the framework of the Watershed Management Study and Plan. WICC staff informed the Board that the current contract is administered by the County's Flood District and that discussions with Flood District staff are underway. The County, as well as the Flood District Board, would need to approve the transfer of the contract to the County Board, who would then designate the WICC Board as its Advisory Committee to the contract and associated scope of work. The Watershed Management Study and Plan supports many of the efforts outlined in the WICC's Strategic Plan. Staff will continue to discuss the opportunity with Flood District staff and update the Board.

b. **WICC Board Member biographies and photographs needed** for the WICC WebCenter (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff announced that only two Board Members have provided biographies and photographs for use in on the WICC WebCenter. The information will be used to add a human element to the WICC WebCenter and inform site users and the public of the WICC's Board of Directors and the community representation they embody. A reminder to provide this information will be sent to the Board by staff.

c. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Friends of the Napa River (Bernhard Krevet) announced their 15th Annual River Festival/Symphony on the River on September 4, 2005. Resource Conservation District (Charles Slutzkin) announced locally sponsored Coastal Clean-up Day activities to be held through out the county on September 17, 2005. Staff announced the California Non-Point Source Conference in Sacramento, November 7-9, 2005; California Watershed Forum in Sacramento, September 28, 2005; Yuba River: People Saving Rivers, Watershed Protection Through Citizen Monitoring in Nevada City, October 18, 2005; and upcoming WICC WebCenter features under development that will facilitate watershed groups use of the site. The Wildlife Commission (David Graves) expressed an interest in participating and showcasing their work on the WICC WebCenter and requested a presentation to the Commission on the WICC from staff.

5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

a. Update and report from the WICC Board's ad-hoc subcommittee meeting of July 12, 2005 on their preliminary **development of a countywide watershed monitoring strategy** (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff outlined the work conducted by the Board's Monitoring Strategy Sub-Committee on July 12th and explained the many issues and challenges facing the design and completion of a comprehensive monitoring strategy. A draft of the Strategy has been developed and will be reviewed by the Board's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). TAC comments will be forwarded to the WICC's consultant (SFEI) working on the Strategy. The final draft will be forwarded to the Board for refinement and consideration. A more formal Monitoring Plan will be developed from the Strategy with greater public/stakeholder involvement. A brochure that outlines the basic framework and goals of the strategy will be developed and used to promote community awareness and participation in a larger watershed monitoring program.

b. Update on the August 23, 2005 Board of Supervisor's meeting and their consideration and **possible direction to the WICC Board to review draft materials associated with the Napa River TMDL** process underway by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. On Tuesday, August 23, 2005, the Supervisors directed the WICC Board to monitor the TMDL process and provide the County Board comment on the progression and development of proposed TMDLs for the Napa River. Supervisor Dillon felt the WICC would be a good forum for initial community discussions regarding the proposed TMDLs; particularly as the WICC has expressly voiced its desire to expand its membership to be more inclusive by including a representative from each city/town in Napa County rather than just two representatives nominated from the City Selection Committee. She reminded the WICC Board that mandated TMDLs from the State Water Board are not just a County jurisdictional concern, but will impact all jurisdictions within the Napa River Basin. Use of the WICC Board's TAC and the establishment of an ad-hoc committee to focus on the matter were also discussed. The WICC Board also discussed the possibility of soliciting further outside technical review of the current TMDL technical reports, pending concurrence and

support from the County Board. Phil Blake suggested that the WICC Board could play a valuable role in assisting Regional Water Board staff to design acceptable and suitable management practices that work for our local community. The members agreed that the WICC is a conducive environment for the community to voice its concerns and comments on the TMDL process and that the WICC could provide an instructive role in educating the community on the matter (a workshop was suggested). It was decided that the WICC would keep a standing item on its agenda to allow for discussion and input on the proposed TMDLs.

6. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE 2005-06 STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSED BY THE WICC BOARD:

Presentation, discussion and possible **recommendation to the Napa County Board of Supervisors that the County Board of Supervisors adopt the 2005-06 Strategic Plan proposed by the WICC Board** prepared from Board Member interviews, Board discussion during its May 9, 2005 Strategic Planning Workshop, comments received on Draft Executive Summary and direction and prioritizations provided at the Board's June 23, 2005 Regular Meeting. (Staff)

Outcome: (Note: This item was considered after #8) Direction. The final draft of the WICC Board's Strategic Plan was presented. The Board remarked on the Plan's use of color, format and font and was pleased with the finished product. It was mentioned that the Plan contained a recommendation to expand the WICC Board's membership to include a representative from each city and town in Napa County. The Board requested that staff provide occasional updates on the WICC's progress towards fulfilling the goals, objectives and action items outlined in the Plan (a quarterly progress-report was suggested). The Board directed staff to present the Plan to the County Board of Supervisors for their consideration, as well as the recommendation contained therein to expand the WICC Board's membership.

7. REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON COORDINATING A LOCALLY CONSOLIDATED PROPOSAL TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM 2005-06:

Report, discussion and possible direction to staff on **coordinating a locally consolidated proposal and list of projects for application to the State Water Resources Control Board's Consolidated Grants Program 2005-06**, which will include meeting with interested organizations and stakeholders and assisting with local and regional watershed funding meetings and assessment needs. Funding will include activities such as stewardship assistance, on the ground projects, habitat assessments, and watershed planning and monitoring efforts. The County Board of Supervisors will ultimately need to consider and approve any grant application developed and submitted on behalf of the WICC resulting from this effort (Staff)

Outcome: (Note: This item was considered before #6) Direction. The Resource Conservation District (RCD) has been monitoring the State Board's Consolidated Grant process outlined the program and the status of the grant proposal guidelines. The WICC Board directed staff to follow the program's development closely, review and comment on the draft guidelines as appropriate and assist other groups along with the RCD to coordinate local funding priorities and grant preparation as needed to increase the likelihood of grant approval/award.

8. REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUEST THAT WATERSHED COORDINATOR FUNDING BE INCLUDED IN A NEW BOND ACT FOR 2006:

Report, discussion and possible **recommendation to the Napa County Board of Supervisors that the County Board request that Watershed Coordinator funding be included in a new bond act currently proposed for 2006**, (SB 153) the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks (sponsored by Senators Chesbro, Kehoe, Kuehl, Perata, Simitian, and Torlakson). This bill is very similar to

Proposition 40. If approved by voters, it would authorize \$3 billion in bonds for a variety of land conservation purposes. Currently \$32,000 of the WICC's annual staff time is funded with Watershed Coordinator Funding presently awarded through a grant from the California Dept. of Conservation. That level of current funding is expected to expire during 2007 (Staff/RCD)

Outcome: (Note: This item was considered after #7 and before #6) No action. Resource Conservation District staff updated the WICC Board on the status of the bill and informed the Board that that no action is needed at this time as the bill is not likely to move forward to a vote by the legislature. If future support is warranted, the matter will be brought back to the Board for their consideration. As a result of the update, no action by the WICC Board was taken on this item.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Don Gasser expressed concern over potential short and long-term (bird) wildlife impacts associated with the use of noise cannons to ward off bird predation on vineyard crops. A discussion on the use of cannons and alternate vineyard protection measures (netting, distress calls, falcons) followed. The control and management of birds near the County Airport was also brought up. No agenda item was requested, but the concern was brought up and a request was made for more information on the matter.

Kate Dargen requested some time on the October meeting to provide an update on a test of Hyperspectral Imaging over a section of Napa County.

10. NEXT MEETING – Regular Board Meeting of September 22, 2005 – 4:00 PM
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11. ADJOURNMENT (Chairman)

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