

Members

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Mark Van Gorder
David Graves
Jeff Reichel
Phill Blake
Donald Gasser
Kate Dargan
Jeffrey Redding
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Charles Slutzkin
Marc Pandone
Richard Camera

Alternates

Harold Moskowite
Karen Slusser

Staff Representatives

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

Jeff Sharp,
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Laura Anderson,
Counsel
Attorney IV,
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- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 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)

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Phill Blake, Donald Gasser, Kate Dargan, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone, Karen Slusser

Members Absent Excused: Mark Luce, Jeff Reichel, Richard Camera

Members Absent: Lori Luporini, Mark Van Gorder, David Graves,

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Regular meeting of September 22, 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. **“Caring for Napa County’s Creeks,” 2006 watershed awareness calendar** promoted by the Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the County’s Watershed Education Program (Staff/RCD)

Outcome: Informational. Jenny McIlvaine, Education Coordinator for the RCD presented the Board with copies of the 2006 calendar and outlined plans for its distribution.

- b. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Kate Dargan announced her new position as Assistant State Fire Marshall and desire to remain on the WICC Board in her new capacity.

5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**

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

Outcome: Informational. Notice of Preparation (NOP) for General Plan (GP) EIR has been circulated by County and a number of community meetings were held. 21 commenting agencies and individuals submitted comments. The Committee will begin to consider and review the GP alternatives at their next meeting on January 11, 2006.

- b. Update on the **expansion of the WICC Board's membership** to include an elected official from each of the County's municipalities, providing opportunity and representation of every City and Town in Napa County (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Notice has been sent to all city/town clerks that the County Supervisors request an elected official from each municipality to serve on the WICC Board. Some municipalities have already responded with their nominations and remaining nominations are expected soon. Diane Dillon expressed the need for all of the cities to be involved in the WICC, particularly since the issue of TMDLs (i.e., water quality of our river and stream systems) is a countywide issue that crosses jurisdictional lines.

- c. Update and report on the December 6, 2005 Board of Supervisor's meeting, approving a **comment letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board** regarding the scope of the environmental review required under CEQA to support the Napa River TMDLs (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. A number of County staff attended the RWQCB's meetings and drafted a letter for the County Supervisors consideration on December 6, 2006. The letter, which speaks to the earlier concerns expressed by the County, was approved sent to the staff at the RWQCB. Phill Blake commented on the inclusion of grazing lands (livestock operations) as a source of pollution and under the current Pathogen TMDL development process. Meetings with the RWQCB and grazing professionals were held on the matter to discuss what is becoming a statewide issue to manage non-point source pollution from grazing/livestock operations. It is expected that the grazing issue will be very controversial across the state.

- d. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Napa Sanitation District is inviting questions and comments on alternatives to expand the use of recycled water. Two workshops are planned, December 6th and 8th. Comments on NSD's Recycled Water Strategic Plan are due on December 16, 2006.

Napa County Flood and water Conservation District released their 2050 Water Availability Study. Staff will make the study available on the WICC WebCenter.

6. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON A DRAFT 2006 MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE WICC BOARD:**

Presentation, discussion and direction to staff on a **DRAFT 2006 Meeting Calendar** for the WICC Board; establishing the Board's Regular Meeting schedule for the year 2006. Final consideration and approval of the calendar will occur at the Board's January 26, 2006 meeting (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Approved. Recommendations were made to adjust the calendar to accommodate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The accommodation will be sought by adjusting the Board's bylaws as a future date ("no meeting in November and adjust the December Regular Meeting to the second week of that month).

7. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A WATERSHED MONITORING STRATEGY FOR NAPA COUNTY:**

Presentation, discussion and possible **approval of a Watershed Monitoring Strategy** for Napa County; a first step in the development of a Countywide Watershed Monitoring Program, a priority action item in the Board's 2005 Strategic Plan. The Monitoring Strategy was prepared under contract by a consultant (San Francisco Estuary Institute) and directed by the WICC Board's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (Staff)

Outcome: Approved with direction to move forward with monitoring program development. David Graves noted that the strategy is missing information on what we currently know about our watershed(s) and stressed that any future monitoring program resulting from the strategy should include an assessment of current monitoring activities occurring throughout the watershed (Stewardship work, BMI study, RCD fisheries work) and how those studies inform us about how to further develop a comprehensive monitoring program to aid us in effectively managing our watershed resources.

8. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON COMPLETED BASELINE DATA REPORT (BDR) OF NAPA COUNTY:

Presentation and discussion on the Napa County Baseline Data Report; including an overview of resource topics, uses of the report, and how the WICC may use the document, data and GIS information to support its Strategic Plan mission (Staff/BDR Consultant)

Outcome: Presentation and discussion. Staff and BDR Consultant (Ken Schwartz of J&S/EDAW) presented the completed report and outlined how the document will be used for many planning efforts countywide (including watershed planning). Staff stressed that the document is a "living" document and will be continually updated over time as needed. Staff and Consultant demonstrated the BDR CD Rom and link on County website to access the report.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board/Staff)

- a. **Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair** for year 2006 (per Bylaws§ II.A.)
- b. Discussion and final **adoption of 2006 Meeting Calendar** (per Bylaws§ III.A.)
- c. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Possible discussions with RWQCB staff on TMDL status/development; Update on Hyperspectral Imagery (Kate Dargan)

10. NEXT MEETING:

Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2006 – 4:00 PM
Hall of Justice Building, 2nd floor Conference Room, 1125 Third Street, Napa

11. ADJOURNMENT (Chairman)

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