



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

NVTA Conference Room
625 Burnell Street, Napa CA 94559

Board of Directors

Susan Boswell
Diane Dillon
Marita Dorenbecher
Jeri Gill
David Graves
Gary Kraus
Jason Lauritsen
Kenneth Leary
Gretchen Stranzl
McCann
Alfredo Pedroza
Kimberly Richard
Scott Sedgley
Pamela Smithers
Rita Steiner
Peter White

Alternates

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (Chair)

Welcoming of new members and roundtable of introductions

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES** from July 28, 2016 (Chair) (2 min)

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – In this time period, anyone may comment to the Council regarding any subject over which the Council 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 Council as a result of any item presented at this time. (Chair)

4. **PUBLIC WORKSHOP: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE: NAPA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY – A BASIN ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE NAPA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN (DRAFT ELEMENTS) (APPROX. 2 HRS 30 MINS)**

Napa County and its consultants are completing work on a Basin Analysis Report to meet the requirements of the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The report is a sustainability alternative defined under the Act. The *Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability – A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin*, provides an analysis of the basin demonstrating it has operated within its sustainable yield for a period of 10 years or more and is being managed consistent with the goals of SGMA and California Department of Water Resources regulations.

The WICC is providing this workshop to update the community on the County's SGMA implementation efforts and to provide an opportunity for community input.

Public Workshop

1. Overview of SGMA and Local Implementation
2. Presentation and Review of the Draft Basin Analysis Report
3. Comments and Questions from the Council and Public
4. Next Steps

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5. **UPDATE, REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- a) Election of Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2016 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Council/Staff) (5 min)
- b) Report and discussion on possible amendment of the Council's Bylaws (Staff) (10 mins)
- c) Update on WICC Website Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for October 3, 2016 (Staff) (5 mins)
- d) Other reports and updates (Staff/Council) (5-10 mins)

6. **INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Exchange of informational announcements and events (Staff/Council/Public) (5-10 mins)

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discussion of possible items for future agendas (Staff/Council) (5 mins)

8. **NEXT MEETING:**

Special Meeting scheduled on: **November 3, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.**

Napa County Office of Education, 2121 Imola Avenue, Napa, CA 94559

9. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chair)

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-- ACTION MINUTES --

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 28, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

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Board of Directors

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- Tosha Comendant
- Diane Dillon
- Marita Dorenbecher
- Jeri Gill
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Chair)

Members Present: Susan Boswell, Diane Dillon, Marita Dorenbecher, David Graves, Gary Kraus, Jason Lauritsen, Kenneth Leary, Alfredo Pedroza, Jeff Reichel, Pamela Smithers, Paul Dohring
Members excused: Tosha Comendant, Jeri Gill, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, Marc Pandone, Scott Sedgley, Rita Steiner, Peter White

Members absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES from May 26, 2016 (Chair) (2 min)

Approved as presented.

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None provided.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

- a) Napa County Agricultural Commissioner’s regulatory response in the event the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter is ever found in Napa County – presentation by Greg Clark, Napa County Agricultural Commissioner (15-20 mins)

Greg Clark provided the Council with a presentation on the history of the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) in California, its life cycle and potential threat to Napa County’s agriculture industry. Efforts over the past 16 yrs have prevented the GWSS from taking a foothold in Napa County. Application of pesticides near waterways to control insect infestation is not likely nor allowed under state pesticide application regulations. If infestation occurs in the Napa County, areas of buffers would likely be established to lessen the occurrence of the insect and the spread of pierce disease to grape vines and other host plants/crops. Mr. Clarke encouraged everyone to do their part in preventing local infestation by only buying inspected plants that are GWSS free. The Ag. Commissioners Office is available to help those with any questions they may have.

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- b) Fire and Fuel Reduction – presentation by Geoff Belyea, Division Chief CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Pre Fire Division (15-20 mins)

Geoff Belyea provided the Council with a presentation on the behavior of wildland fire, the history of fires in Napa County and CalFire's Wildland Fire Prevention Program. Mr. Belyea stressed importance of fire/fuel management around structures for the protection of property and safety of fire crews. Mr. Belyea discussed the various tools and practices available to CalFire and land owners to help manage fuels and lessen the physical and environmental impacts of wildland fire. Local Fire Safe Councils are a good source for land owners to learn more on what they can do and what resources are available.

- c) Putah Creek Council: History, Programs and Plans – presentation by Carrie Shaw, Putah Creek Council Executive Director (15-20 mins)

Carrie Shaw provided a presentation to the Council on the history of lower Putah Creek (from Monticello Dam downstream), the creation of the Putah Creek Council, and the programs and activities the Council supports. Ms. Shaw highlighted the Council's work related to their classroom education, restoration, clean-ups, nursery and docent/stewardship programs. Efforts of the Council have resulted in improved flows to the lower creek and the recent return of fall-run Chinook salmon to the area.

5. REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- a) Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation (Staff) (10 mins)

Patrick Lowe provided the Council with an update on the County's implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Mr. Lowe reported on the County's plan to submit a Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 1, 2017 in order to comply with the SGMA and recently adopted DWR regulations. Mr. Lowe mentioned that the WICC will assist the County and its consultant in the development and review of the Basin Analysis Report before its approval by the Board of Supervisors on December 6th.

SGMA provides the opportunity for medium priority groundwater subbasins to submit a Basin Analysis Report that can demonstrate the basin is operating within its sustainable yield for a period of 10yrs up current/present day conditions. Submittal of a Basin Analysis Report allows the County to implement the objectives of the SGMA and DWR regulations 5yrs ahead of when a Groundwater Sustainability Plan would be required (2022), positioning the County and the Napa Valley well ahead of many other regions in the State with regards to groundwater management, as well as opportunities for future grant funding. There may be approximately a dozen or so other basins in the State that have the data and a long-term monitoring record, as does Napa County, who are likely to take advantage of this same approach (Sacramento Groundwater Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water Dist., and others).

Mr. Lowe noted that the WICC will play an important role in hosting workshops and providing the public an opportunity to comment on elements of the Basin Analysis Report. The WICC will have special meetings on September 22nd and November 3rd dedicated to groundwater. The first meeting will include the water budget (Ch 6) and sustainability goals (Ch 7). The second meeting will include a full draft of the Report. The WICC will also be involved in reviewing annual reports to DWR and the 5-year update of the Basin Analysis Report as required under the SGMA.

- b) Update on Regional Water Quality Control Board General Permit for Vineyard Operations in the Napa River watershed (Staff) (10 mins)

Brian Bordona, Supervising Planner with Napa County PBES Dept., provided the Council with an update on the State's Vineyard General Permit, where it applies, its general requirements and the permit's State approval process. The permit applies to all vineyard lands over 5% and includes all roads used to access the vineyard. The County is looking at the State's permit in an effort to align the County's vineyard permitting process and avoid permit discrepancies/differences between the two programs where possible.

c) Other reports and updates (Staff/Council) (5-10 mins)
None provided.

6. REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- a) Report on WICC membership, expiring terms of office, discussion and possible direction to request the Board of Supervisors amend the WICC membership to address upcoming vacancies (Staff) (10 mins)
The Council approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors requesting amendment of the WICC membership to include a member and alternate of the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District Board of Directors to replace the Land Trust representative on the Council. The Council commended Jeff Reichel for his 11 years of service on the WICC.

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- b) Report on WICC Website 2016-17 scope of work, discussion and possible appointment of an ad hoc subcommittee of the Council to participate in a facilitated workshop to prioritize key website enhancements (Staff) (10 mins)
The Council appointed Susan Boswell, Tosha Comendant and Jeri Gill (conditioned upon Ms. Gill's concurrence) to the ad hoc committee.

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7. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Exchange of informational announcements and events (Staff/Council/Public) (5-10 mins)
None provided.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discussion of possible items for future agendas (Staff/Council) (5 mins)
- Update on Napa County Climate Action Plan
 - Presentation on the birds of Napa Creek
 - Sustainable Groundwater Management – Basin Analysis Report

The Council recommended delaying presentation of the County's Climate Action Plan and the Birds of Napa Creek presentations to January due to the focus on groundwater at the next two meetings.

The Council suggested starting the WICC meetings at 3:00pm rather than 4:00pm and adjusting the sequence of agenda items to facilitate a timely meeting and the needs of visiting speakers.

It was suggested that the WICC sponsor a joint fact-finding session in collaboration with the municipalities (cities, town and county) to elevate the understanding of the use, management and function of the County's municipal watershed lands, including the history and status of the TMDLs and other related water quality regulations.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Regularly scheduled meeting: **September 22, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.** (Chair)
Next meeting date announced by staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT (Chair)

Motion and approval to adjourn.

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Voting Key

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