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AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building,
1125 Third Street, Napa CA

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS & ROLL CALL** (Chairman/Staff)
2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**
None at this time (Chairman)
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)
4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**
 - a. **Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair** for year 2006 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board/Staff)
 - b. Discussion and **final adoption of 2006 Meeting Calendar** (per Bylaws§ III.A.) [*continued from December 15, 2005 Special Meeting*] (Staff)
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Board/Staff)
 - a. Available **flood damage assistance**: Natural Resource Conservation Service's **Emergency Watershed Protection Program** and **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**, USDA Farm Service Agency's **Emergency Conservation Program**, Napa County's **Streambank Repair Program** (NRCS/Staff)
 - b. Grant news: State Water Board adopts **2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines**, deadline for application is Thursday, February 9, 2006 (Staff)
 - c. Others (Board/Staff)

6. **UPDATES/REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Update on current **County General Plan Update** process and General Plan Steering Committee activities (Board/Staff)
- b. Report on Flood District's approval to **reassign the Napa Valley Watershed Management Feasibility Study** to Napa County and their recommendation that the **WICC be delegated an advisory role to oversee the study** (Staff)
- c. **Presentation on recent flood event**, an overview of the New Years Eve event and a look at the extent and damage of some of the flooding (Flood District Consultant/Staff)
- d. Others (Board/Staff)

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT AND DIRECT THE WICC TO PARTNER ON THE GRANT PROPOSAL DESCRIBED BELOW:**

Discussion and possible action by the WICC Board to **request and recommend that the Board of Supervisors support and direct the WICC to partner on a grant proposal**, entitled "Water for Fish and Farms," submitted by the RCD to the CALFED Watershed Program (RCD/Staff)

8. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION BY THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD ON NAPA RIVER TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:**

Presentation and discussion by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on the proposed Napa River **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan**, designed to address listed pollutants, and meet beneficial use requirements under the Clean Water Act (RWQCB/Staff)

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

- a. Napa Sanitation District **tour and presentation on Strategic Plan for Recycled Water**
- b. Others (Board/Staff)

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

Special Board Meeting of February 23, 2006 – 4:00 PM

Napa Sanitation District Conference Room, Administration Office, 935 Hartle Court, Napa, California

Please be on time. A tour of the NSD water recycling facility will be provided under limited daylight (please dress appropriately).

11. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

Note: If requested, the agenda and documents in the agenda packet shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability. Please contact Jeff Sharp at 707-259-5936, 1195 Third St., Suite 210, Napa CA 94559) to request alternative formats.



**BYLAWS OF THE NAPA RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY
AND WATERSHED INFORMATION CENTER BOARD**

(adopted December 18, 2002; amended January 22, 2004, expected to be amended June 24, 2004)

- I. THE NAPA RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY AND WATERSHED INFORMATION CENTER BOARD**
- A. Name.** The official name of the Board shall be the Napa River Watershed Conservancy and Watershed Information Center Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Conservancy/WIC Board.”
- II. OFFICERS.** The officers of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, chosen as follows:
- A. Time of Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair.** At the first organizational meeting and thereafter at the Conservancy/WIC Board’s annual organizational meeting, the membership of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from among themselves.
- B. Term of the Chair and Vice-Chair.** The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve until their successors are elected and assume office. If the office of Chair becomes vacant during the term, the Vice-Chair shall become Chair. Vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair during the term shall be filled by election to serve the remainder of the term.
- C. Duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair.** The Chair, or the Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair, shall act as the presiding officer of Conservancy/WIC Board and in that capacity shall preserve order and decorum, decide questions of order subject to being overruled by a two-thirds vote and perform such other duties as are required by the Conservancy/WIC Board. The Chair shall have all the rights and duties enjoyed by any other member of the Conservancy/WIC Board, including the right to make and second motions.
- D. Secretary.** Deputy Director of the Conservation Division of the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Department shall serve ex officio as the Secretary of the Conservancy/WIC Board.
- E. Authority to Bind Conservancy/WIC Board.** No member of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall have any power or authority to bind the Conservancy/WIC Board by any contract, to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose in any amount.
- F. Term of Conservancy/WIC Board members.** The term of office for four (4) members of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall be two (2) years from the initial date of appointment, and three (3) years from the initial date of appointment for

five (5) members, and four (4) years from the initial date of appointment for five (5) members. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a period of four (4) years. Each alternate member acting for the cities or the County Board of Supervisors shall serve the same term as their elected office.

G. Service and termination of Conservancy/WIC Board membership.

- 1. Service.** Members appointed to the Conservancy/WIC Board by the County Board of Supervisors shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Board.
- 2. Termination.** A Conservancy/WIC Board member's term may be concluded before expiration if any one of the following events occurs:
 - a.** His or her absence from three consecutive regular meetings during the term year, unless confined by illness or other absence approved by a majority of the Conservancy/WIC Board at any meeting thereof, will be considered as having involuntarily resigned her/his position as a member of the Conservancy/WIC Board.
 - b.** His or her resignation is submitted to the Chair.
 - c.** His or her ceasing residency in Napa County.
 - d.** His or her conviction of a felony or any offence involving a violation of his or her official duties.
 - e.** Refusal or neglect to file the required oath of office.

III. MEETINGS

- A. Date of Regular Meetings.** All dates of regular meetings of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall be on the fourth Thursday of every other month as shown on a calendar, which the Conservancy/WIC Board shall adopt at the first meeting of the Conservancy/WIC Board, of each calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservancy/WIC Board may be canceled by majority vote or, if there is not a quorum, be adjourned by the Chair or Secretary in the manner set forth in Section III(G) of these by-laws.
- B. Time of Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings shall commence at 4:00 p.m. and continue until all agendized business is concluded unless adjourned earlier on motion of the Conservancy/WIC Board for any reason or by the Secretary for lack of a quorum.
- C. Location of Regular Meetings.** Unless specially noticed otherwise, regular

meetings shall be held at 1125 Third Street, Hall of Justice Building, 2nd Floor Meeting/Training Room, Napa, California.

- D. Emergency Meetings.** Emergency meetings shall be called in conformance with Section 54956.5 of the California Government Code
- E. Special Meetings.** A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman or upon the request of a majority of the members of the Conservancy/WIC Board by delivering written notice to each member and to each person or entity entitled by law to receive such notices in the manner required by Government Code Section 54956 at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed and shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. No other business shall be considered at such meetings by the Conservancy/WIC Board. Such written notice may be dispensed with as to any Conservancy/WIC Board member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the Secretary of the Conservancy/WIC Board a written waiver of notice. Such waiver may be given by telegram. Such written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the time the meeting convenes.
- F. Agendas Involving Regular Meetings.** At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed shall be posted at a location freely accessible to members of the public. All agendas shall include a time period for public comment and shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting. No discussion shall occur, or action be taken, on any item not appearing on the posted agenda except as permitted by law. Questions or comments regarding items not included on the agenda shall be limited to the scope permitted for “public comment”. Supplemental agendas involved in a regular meeting will be prepared and considered by the Conservancy/WIC Board only under the following conditions:
- 1. Emergencies.** Upon a determination by the Conservancy/WIC Board that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5 of the Government Code.
 - 2. Need Arising after Posting.** Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Conservancy/WIC Board or, if less than two-thirds of the potential votes are present, a unanimous vote of the Conservancy/WIC Board members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and the need to take action came to the attention of Conservancy/WIC Board or staff subsequent to the regular agenda being posted.
 - 3. Recently Continued Item.** The item was properly posted for a prior

meeting of the Conservancy/WIC Board occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

- G. Adjourning Meetings.** The Conservancy/WIC Board may adjourn any meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all Conservancy/WIC Board members are absent from any regular meeting or adjourned regular meeting the Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Conservancy/WIC Board may declare the meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Conservancy/WIC Board. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the place where the meeting was held within 24 hours after the time of the adjournment. When a regular or adjourned regular meeting is adjourned as provided in this section, the resulting adjourned regular meeting is a regular meeting for all purposes. When an order of adjournment of any meeting fails to state the hour at which the adjourned meeting is to be held, it shall be held at the hour specified for regular meetings.
- H. Meetings to be Open and Public.** All meetings of the Conservancy/WIC Board to take action or to deliberate concerning Conservancy/WIC Board business and its conduct shall be open and public. All persons shall be permitted to attend any such meetings except as otherwise provided or permitted by law.

IV. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- A. Order of Business.** The regular order of business of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall be:
1. Call to order.
 2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
 3. Public comment on unagendized items.
 4. Consideration and Action on Agenda Items.
 5. Adjournment.
- B. Parliamentary Procedure.** Unless otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all proceedings before Conservancy/WIC Board shall be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to the parliamentary procedure prescribed in "Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, 3rd edition."
- C. Recording of Meetings.** Any meeting of the Conservancy/WIC Board, other than a closed session permitted under the Brown Act, may be recorded by any

person, unless the Conservancy/WIC Board determines that such recording could constitute a disruption of the proceedings.

- D. Presentations to the Board.** Any person desiring to address the Conservancy/WIC Board shall, when recognized by the Chair, give his or her name and address. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of Conservancy/WIC Board, set in advance of the presentation of testimony reasonable time limits for oral presentations. Persons may be required to submit written testimony in lieu of oral testimony if the Chair determines that a reasonable opportunity for oral presentations has been provided, and in such a case, the matter may be continued to a later date to allow a reasonable time for such submittals to occur.
- E. Recordation of Board Actions.** All official actions or decisions by the Conservancy/WIC Board shall be entered in the minute book of the Conservancy/WIC Board kept by the Secretary. The vote or votes of each member of the Conservancy/WIC Board on every question shall be recorded. Only action minutes will be maintained, however, tape recordings will be made of each meeting of the Conservancy/WIC Board and shall be available to the public at the Conservancy/WIC Board offices.

V. VOTING AND QUORUM

- A. Roll Call Vote.** A roll call vote may be required in voting upon any motion of the Conservancy/WIC Board at the discretion of the Chair.
- B. Inaudible Votes.** Any member present who does not vote in an audible voice or abstains for a legally insufficient reason shall be recorded as voting "aye".
- C. Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Conservancy/WIC Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other official purposes, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.
- D. Number of Votes Required for Action.** All actions require a motion and a second. No action or recommendation of the WIC/WIC Board shall be valid and binding unless a quorum is present and the motion is approved by at least a majority of the members present. Each member shall have one vote. No votes may be cast by proxy. Tie votes shall be considered as denial of the motion.
- E. Voting Affected by Conflict of Interest.** As a general rule, no member shall participate as a member in any discussion or voting if to do so would constitute a conflict of interest. However, if a quorum cannot be achieved or the required number of affirmative votes for action obtained because conflicts of interest exist that prevent members having such conflicts from discussing or voting on the matter, and the conflicts are such that the members with conflicts will be unable

to vote at a later date even if the matter is continued, the matter shall not be continued and a sufficient number of members having conflicts of interest, selected by lot, shall be allowed to participate to provide enough votes for the Conservancy/WIC Board to form a quorum and take affirmative action.

- F. Motion to Reconsider.** The Conservancy/WIC Board may reconsider a matter during the meeting at which the vote was taken, provided all members who were present when the matter was discussed and voted upon are still present, provided that all persons who addressed the Conservancy/WIC Board regarding the matter are still present, and provided the motion to reconsider is made by a member who voted with the prevailing side. A motion for reconsideration shall have precedence over every motion except a motion to adjourn. A final vote on any matter may also be placed on any future agenda for reconsideration by the Conservancy/WIC Board or any member of the Conservancy/WIC Board at the meeting at which the actions was taken or at any later time. Any interested person may request that an action be reconsidered, provided that such a request must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the Conservancy/WIC Board within ten calendar days of the action of the Conservancy/WIC Board.

VI. CHANGES TO BYLAWS

The provisions of these Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any time, within limitations imposed by the Brown Act.

Meeting Details

Time:

4:00 to 6:00 PM

Location:

**Second Floor
Conference Room,
Hall of Justice Building,
1125 Third St., Napa CA**

All are welcome to attend.

*Time and location may
change as directed by the
Board.*

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WICC Board of Directors 2006 Meeting Calendar

"To guide and support community efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watershed lands"

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 - Regular Meeting Date

 - Tentative Date Due to Holiday



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NRCS Napa County Flood Damage Report January 11, 2006



Levee break along the Napa River, near Rutherford

Introduction:

The December 30-31 storm and flood event created widespread damages throughout Napa County and the north coast of California. NRCS estimates that along much of the western margin of the county, rainfall intensity equivalent to or exceeding a 50 year-24 hr. storm event fell on already saturated ground. Moderate to severe soil erosion in the form of landslides, mass soil movement, and streambank/ levee scour were common throughout most of the county, while over 13,000 acres of land were inundated during the flood event.

A team of local, state, and federal agencies, including the NRCS are coordinating efforts to determine the full extent of damage, and are working to identify potential funding sources, and to render immediate technical help.

This report is a compilation of field reconnaissance work conducted by NRCS between January 3, and January 11, 2006. Field visits have been conducted on over 50 damage sites, and it is anticipated that many more sites will be visited in the coming days and weeks. Many landowners typically aren't fully aware of damages to the land until flooded lands dry out, and river/ creek levels gradually lower.

Typical Damages

Rainfall amounts ranging from 5 inches to over 10 inches fell in the 24 hr. period of December 30-31. Because soils were already saturated, stream levels rose rapidly, and soil erosion problems developed rapidly, particularly in mountainous lands. In the hills, common erosion problems include road washouts, landslides, and severe

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streambank scour. Soils derived from Franciscan and Great Valley Sequence geologic units were most prone to erosion problems. Storm flows rapidly moved erosion generated sediments, debris, and fallen trees to valley streams and floodplains, where large gravel bars and debris jams triggered further streambank erosion problems. Flooding, debris-strewn lands, and stream bank erosion were common problems in many areas of Napa Valley creek and river floodplains.



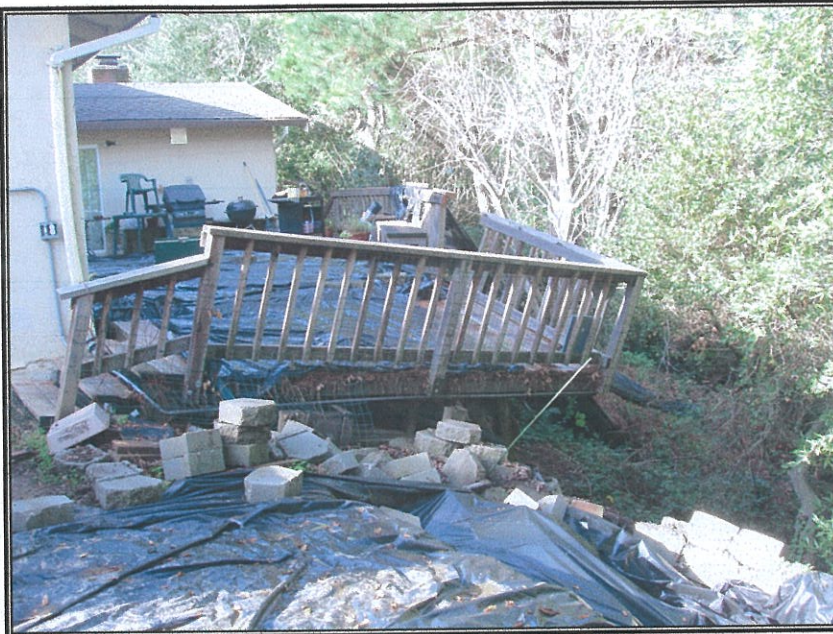
Landslide in Mt. Veeder area vineyard. (Blake)

Flooding

Although over 13,000 acres of land were inundated, NRCS estimates that Napa Valley lands damaged by floods, debris, and erosion totaled less than 3,000 acres. Lands most prone to damages were mostly within 1,500 of the river and creek tributary confluences, although lands adjacent to Bale Slough suffered some flood damage as far as ½ mile west of Highway 29 in Rutherford. Most severe damages were noted along the river, from Lodi Lane to the city of Napa. Particularly hard hit areas were Zinfandel Lane, Oakville, (between Conn Creek and the Napa River), Yountville, (and south to Ragatz Lane), and Trancas Road/ Milliken Creek, south through the City of Napa.



Damaged, debris-strewn vineyards near Ragatz Lane. (Blake)



Severely damaged residential property along Napa Creek, Napa (Gin)



Debris-torrent erosion in vineyard near Diamond Mt. (Gin)



Levee break and destroyed vineyard near Yountville. (Gin)

Napa Valley Flood Damage Reconnaissance

The following notes consist of general flood damage observations made on agricultural lands in the Napa Valley:

Location	Damages Noted
<i>Larkmead to Bale Lane</i>	<i>Riverbank scour and localized severe bank erosion along the Napa River and Selby Creek. Some minor vineyard siltation near Selby Creek.</i>
<i>Bale Lane to Lodi Lane</i>	<i>River scour and localized streambank erosion.</i>
<i>Lodi Lane to Deerpark</i>	<i>Stream scour. Some limited trellis debris and spotty areas of vineyard siltation.</i>
<i>Deerpark to Pratt Ave.</i>	<i>Stream scour and moderate sediment and debris in vineyards from Deerpark to York Creek.</i>
<i>Pratt Ave. to Pope St.</i>	<i>Moderate to severe stream scour. Debris snags common in river. Debris and minor siltation in vineyards west of the river. Severe bank scour and erosion of training dike north and east of Valley View Mobile Park.</i>
<i>Pope St. to Zinfandel Ln.</i>	<i>Moderate to severe streambank erosion and debris snags in river. Debris caught up in trellis wires, mostly on the west side of the river. Minor siltation in localized, small areas. Severe streambank erosion for several hundred feet, south of Zinfandel bridge.</i>
<i>Bale Slough</i>	<i>Typical flooded wet areas and flood debris in vineyards. Flood damage not quite as severe as in past flood events.</i>
<i>Rutherford to Oakville X rd.</i>	<i>Levee break and destroyed vineyard, (2 acres) near Mee Island. Levee top is also scoured and slumping in several localized spots. Moderate stream scour and heavy debris/ siltation in low-lying vineyards.</i>

Napa Valley Flood Damage Reconnaissance (continued)

Location	Damages Noted
<i>Oakville X rd. to Yountville</i>	<i>Heavy debris and siltation in vineyards south of Oakville X rd. to Yountville. The Conn Creek/ Napa River wedge, south of Oakville is particularly hard hit. Moderate to severe streambank erosion on Rector Creek, west of State Lane.</i>
<i>Yountville, south to Napa</i>	<i>Moderate to severe vineyard trellis damage and heavy debris in vineyards south of Yountville, including Missimer and Silverado vineyards, east of the river. Stream scour, and trellis debris in vineyards north and south of Trancas. Some, mostly minor siltation in vineyards.</i>

Lands East of Napa Valley

NRCS is beginning to receive calls from landowners east of the Napa Valley. Some localized areas of soil erosion are being noted in Pope Valley and Wooden Valley. We expect that landslides will be common in hillside areas. Some limited amounts of flood damage and streambank erosion have been noted in Wooden Valley Creek and adjacent farmlands.

Conservation/ Sustainable Farming Practices Providing Benefit

Conservation work, including no-till cover crops and riparian restoration projects are paying dividends. Compared to previous flood events, some vineyards are showing "hardening" to overland flows. Bio-engineered stream restoration projects have shown mostly good resistance to erosion, and vineyards practicing good cover crop management show fewer signs of scour erosion. Also of note, as compared with the floods of 1996-7, some vineyards have shown lesser damages, that are at least partly attributable to the fact that previously fallowed lands, (removed for phylloxera control) had allowed unabated, more erosive flows to pass through downstream lands.



This vineyard with perennial cover crops proved very resistant to Soil erosion. Note the contrast with scour and debris in the control strip under the vine trellis- late fall weed control made the strip more flood-erosion prone.

Damage Estimates

Napa County has prepared estimates of damages for agricultural lands that total over \$32 million dollars. NRCS concurs with these preliminary estimates, although it appears that flood water damages will likely effect fewer acres than the 13,000 acres initially estimated. As noted earlier in this report, perhaps 3,000 acres of valley lands have experienced flooding that will require significant debris and sediment removal. At this time, it also appears that significant costs will be incurred in restoring damaged streambanks. Typically, the most severe repairs are made immediately following the flood season, but other restoration repair needs carry on for several years following the event. Based on previous floods, we expect that a minimum of 4 to 5 million dollars will be spent over the next several years to remedy damaged riparian areas. Costs to repair damaged streambanks range from \$50 per running lineal foot to over \$200 per foot.

Assistance Available

NRCS and other county and federal agencies are continuing to collect information and advise private landowners of potential financial assistance for damaged properties. NRCS is working with permitting agencies to advise of emergency situations that warrant expedited permits to allow repairs that will head off potential near term flooding or catastrophic damage.

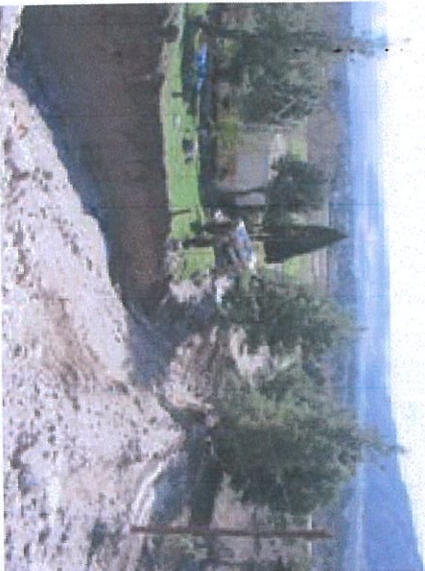
The NRCS administers the **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**, (EWP) a financial and technical assistance program designed to provide immediate assistance for situations where life and property are imminently threatened with catastrophic loss. This program has typically been used in Napa County to provide streambank protection for homes and other high value structures in immediate peril. We are evaluating 2 sites for potential EWP assistance, and will prepare Damage Survey Reports for the most severely damaged properties and lands. EWP requires a local sponsor take certain responsibilities for coordination of assistance. In past years, Napa County, and the Napa County Flood Control District have agreed to serve in this capacity.

The USDA Farm Service Agency administers the **Emergency Conservation Program**, (ECP), to provide assistance to farmers and ranchers who have experienced damages that impact the ability to continue essential farming operations. The NRCS, Farm Service Agency, and Napa County FSA Committee are currently evaluating the need for this program, and providing outreach and technical assistance to farmers.

Informational brochures that describe these programs in more detailed are attached to this report.

We also expect that other state and local grant monies will be required to assist with repairs of damaged lands. Programs such as **Napa County's Streambank Repair Program**, and the NRCS's **Environmental Quality Incentives Program** will be important assistance vehicles for long term flood restoration work.

Local agencies, including the Napa County Flood Control District, RCD, and NRCS will provide technical consultations and planning assistance to requesting landowners, regardless of program participation.



HOW DO I GET ASSISTANCE?

If your area has suffered severe damage and may qualify under the EWP program, you are encouraged to contact your local flood control district or County Supervisor to request assistance. City and county governments and flood control districts are the most common sponsors of EWP projects.

The sponsor's application should be in the form of a letter signed by a qualified representative of the sponsoring organization. The letter should include information on the nature, location and scope of the problem for which assistance is requested.

Information is available from NRCS offices which explains the eligibility requirements for the EWP program.

Send applications for assistance to the local NRCS field office or to the NRCS state headquarters in Davis. The address is:

**STATE CONSERVATIONIST
USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
430 G STREET, #4164
DAVIS, CA 95616-4164**

All applications should be submitted as soon as possible after the event.



 **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**

www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov



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REDUCING IMMINENT HAZARDS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY

Riverside, CA
Revised March 2004
A summary of program requirements and assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM?

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program, EWP, was created by Congress to respond to emergencies caused by natural disasters. The program is designed to help people reduce imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fire, drought, earthquakes, windstorms and other natural disasters.

The purpose of the EWP program is to help communities with a common problem. It is generally not an individual assistance



program. All projects undertaken must be sponsored by a political subdivision of the State such as a city, county, or a flood control district.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is responsible for administering the program.

WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

There are two types of assistance available:

Urgent and Compelling – An imminent threat to life and property exists and requires immediate federal action. Work must generally be completed within five days of accessing the site in order to protect life and property.

Emergency – A situation where the threat to life and property is high enough to constitute an emergency, but the situation is not considered urgent and compelling. Work in this category does not require immediate action, but should be completed as soon as possible (within 220 days from starting work).

NRCS can pay up to 75 percent of emergency measures. The remaining 25 percent comes from local sources and can be in the form of cash, in-kind services or a combination of both.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR ASSISTANCE?

All EWP work must reduce threats to life and property. Work must be economically and environmentally defensible and sound from an engineering standpoint.

EWP work must yield benefits to more than one person. All work must represent the least expensive environmentally sound alternative.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

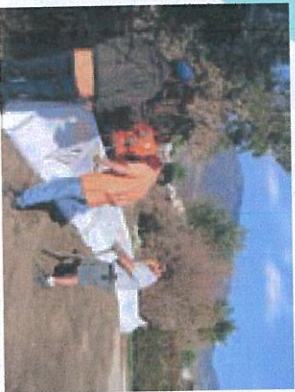
Public and private landowners are eligible for assistance but must be represented by a project sponsor. The project sponsor must be a public agency of a state, county, or city government, or a special district.

WHAT DOES THE SPONSOR HAVE TO DO?

Sponsors are responsible for providing landrights to do repair work and for securing all necessary permits.

Sponsors are also responsible for furnishing the local cost share and for implementation of work. The work can be done either through local contracts administered by the sponsor, or the sponsor can use their own equipment and personnel. If sponsors do not have capability to do the work by either of these options, work can also be done by Federal Contract.

For projects where the sponsors or their consultants prepare designs and contract documents, these documents shall be provided to NRCS for review and approval prior to advertising for bids or starting work. Technical assistance costs born by the sponsor for design and/or inspection will be compensated as an "in-kind service" toward 25 percent cost share as defined in the project agreement.

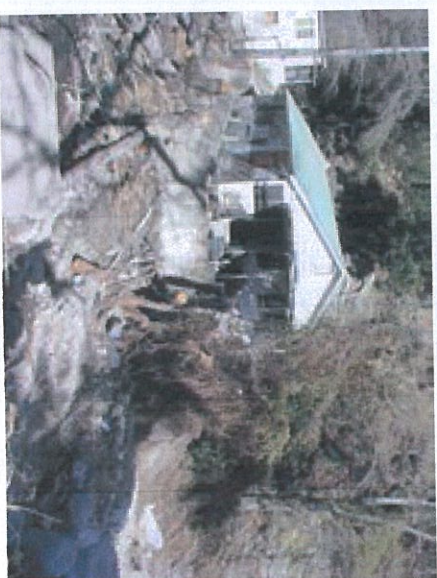


NRCS will not allow work to be done in streams outside the time limits specified in the necessary permits.

WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN BE DONE?

EWP work is not limited exclusively to any one set of prescribed measures. A case-by-case investigation of the needed work is made by NRCS. EWP work can generally include:

- debris removal from stream channels, road culverts and bridge abutments;
- reshaping and protection of eroding banks;
- correction of damaged drainage facilities;
- repair of levees and structures;
- reseeding of damaged areas.



WHAT EWP CANNOT DO

EWP funds cannot be used to solve problems that existed before the disaster. Nor can they be used to improve the level of protection above that which existed prior to the disaster.

EWP cannot fund operation and maintenance work or repair private or public transportation facilities or utilities.

EWP work cannot adversely affect downstream water rights and EWP funds cannot be used to install measures not essential to the reduction of hazards. In addition, EWP funds cannot be used to perform work on measures installed by another federal agency.



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PROPOSITIONS 13, 40 & 50 GRANT TIMELINE

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/docs/granttimelines.pdf>

These propositions provide the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) with authority to issue loans and grants totaling \$1.27 billion and covering 34 programs. As of November 30th, the State Water Board has committed \$894 million (70%) of the funds, covering 608 projects.

PROJECT SCHEDULES & SUMMARIES

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/grantinfo.html>

Project Schedules are listed by funding source and provide the current status of awarded grants.

Project Summaries, listed by project name, provide a brief summary for each executed Grant Agreement.

The Resources Agency maintains a searchable database of all projects funded by Propositions 40 and 50 on its web site at <http://4050bonds.resources.ca.gov>.

FUNDING FAIR – HELD NOVEMBER 4th

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/fundingfair.html>

The Funding Fair web site was updated to include a list of all the organizations that attended as well as handouts and presentations.

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>

The State Water Board approved the Integrated Coastal Watershed Management (ICWM) planning grant list on October 20, 2005. The Department of Water Resources Director approved their IRWM planning grant list on January 3, 2006.

The State Water Board received 50 Step 1 Implementation proposals. Application requests exceeded \$1.4 billion for available funding of \$148 million. The selection panel is evaluating the proposals, and call-back letters for Step 2 Implementation are expected in February 2006.

2005-06 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/consolidgrants0506.html>

The State Water Board adopted the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines on January 4th. The final Guidelines are available on the web site.

The Concept Proposal Solicitation Notice was released on January 5th and is available on the web site.

Three applicant assistance workshops are scheduled in January as follows:

- Jan 17 Sacramento
- Jan 23 Los Angeles
- Jan 24 San Luis Obispo

Registration is not required to attend a workshop. The workshop schedule is available on the web site. The Regional Water Quality Control Boards may schedule additional workshops. The schedule for any additional workshop will be posted on the web site.

Total available funding is approximately \$143.5 million. Listed below are the programs funded through the consolidated grant process, the amount of funds available, and the applicable funding source.

Program	Funding	Prop
Coastal NPS Pollution Control	\$43.1 M	50
NPS Pollution Control	\$19 M	40
Urban Storm Water	\$14.25 M	40
Integrated Watershed Management	\$47.5 M	40
Agricultural Water Quality Grant	\$8.9 M	40
Agricultural Water Quality Grant	\$6.3 M	50
Federal 319(h) NPS Implementation	\$4.5 M	

DAIRY WATER QUALITY GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/dairy.html>

The State Water Board will consider the Recommended Funding List (RFL) of Dairy Grant Proposals at its January 13th Board meeting. Total funding available is \$5 million (Proposition 50). Staff notified all applicants of the RFL and the date of the Board meeting.

Copies of the nine proposals recommended for funding have been removed from FFAST and are available to the public via e-mail request to kcoulter@waterboards.ca.gov.

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SMALL COMMUNITY GROUNDWATER GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/scg-gw.html>

The State Water Board adopted the Competitive Project List on November 16th. There are 11 projects totaling \$14.9 million in Rank 1 on the list. Total available funding is \$9.5 million. Applicants with projects in Rank 1 were invited to submit complete applications. DFA staff will process complete applications until the funds are exhausted.

SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/scwg/index.html>

Staff is continuing to work with applicants identified on the October 2004 Competitive Project List to approve projects and finalize grant agreements. DFA will continue to make grant commitments as long as funds are available. To date, approximately \$9 million has been committed of the \$30 million available. The Competitive Project List is currently closed to new projects.

WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/recycling/index.html>

Water Recycling Funding Program staff is currently reviewing 25 Proposition 50 construction grant applications, totaling approximately \$59.5 million, from a ranked list that was adopted by the State Water Board in April 2005. Total available funding is \$42 million.

As of December, five construction projects were approved for funding totaling approximately \$13.7 million. Three additional construction projects, totaling approximately \$8.9 million, have funding commitments pending approval.

Staff is reviewing applications for the Proposition 13 Facilities Planning Grants. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis pending available funding. Funding is limited to a 50% match up to a maximum grant of \$75,000 per facilities planning study. No new funding commitments are pending.

STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) PROGRAM

DFA staff has resumed making preliminary funding commitments to projects. Press Release #05-021 can be viewed at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/2005.html>.

For further information on applying for an SRF loan, visit the web site below.

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/srf.html>.

CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/beaches/index.html>

The Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) met on December 13th to review Proposition 40 Phase 2 proposals and discuss Proposition 50 guidelines.

To date, 12 projects, totaling approximately \$15.7 have been recommended for Proposition 40 funding, leaving a balance of \$6.5 million. Staff continues to accept applications for Proposition 40 funding for projects on the Competitive Location List.

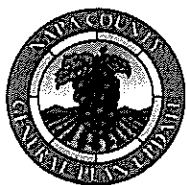
The State Water Board will consider amending the Competitive Location List to add projects that meet specific criteria at its January meeting.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION (PAEP) GUIDANCE

The new Project Assessment and Evaluation Plans (PAEP) guidance and tools can be found on the DFA web site at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/paep.html>

E-mail your topic suggestions for future newsletters to the [Newsletter Editor](#).

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Proposed 2006 Steering Committee Schedule

All regular scheduled meetings begin at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted...

Steering Committee Schedule	Location	Comments
January 11, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Agricultural Preservation & Land Use Element (Special Meeting)
February 1, 2006	Napa County Office of Education 2121 Imola Avenue Napa California	Ag & Land Use (cont'd) (Special Meeting)
February 22, 2006	Napa County Office of Education 2121 Imola Avenue Napa, California	Conservation Element* (Special Meeting)
March 2-3, 2006	Steering Committee Field Trip Monterey, CA	Field Trip Times & Location TBD
March 29, 2006	NV Unified School District Boardroom 2475 Jefferson Street Napa, California	Community Character Element* (Special Meeting)
April 26, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Economic Development Element*
May 10, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	(2 nd round begins) Introduction/Summary Recreation & Open Space Element* (Special Mtg)
May 31, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Recreation/Open Space and/or Safety Element*
June 28, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Safety Element*
July 26, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Circulation Element*
August 30, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Ag. Preservation & Land Use Element*
September 27, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Ag./Land Use (cont'd) and/or Conservation Element*
October 25, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Conservation Element and/or Community Character*
November 29, 2006	Hall of Justice Building 1125 Third Street, 2 nd Floor Conference Room Napa, California	Community Character and/or Economic Development*

*Note: The content of the meeting is tentative and subject to change.



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January 3, 2006

Patrick Lowe
Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County
Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Department
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Subject: Request to support and partner in implementation of a grant proposal to the CALFED Watershed Program

Dear Patrick:

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) recently submitted a concept proposal, entitled *Water for Fish and Farms* (WFF), to the CALFED Watershed Program. We would like to request that the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) support and partner in implementation of the proposed project.

The goals of WFF are 1) to improve the timing of water withdrawals in selected tributaries of the Napa River to benefit steelhead and/or Chinook salmon without negatively impacting other beneficial uses of water and 2) to provide greater scientific understanding about the relationships between water use and stream flow. The proposed project will improve the ability of local land and water managers to make informed decisions about the timing and use of water diverted from streams that support steelhead and/or Chinook salmon through formation and coordination of a technical and community advisory committee; installation and operation of real-time telemetric streamgaging stations in selected tributaries of the Napa River; information dissemination to land/water management practitioners and others; and use of hydrologic modeling to test hypotheses regarding stream flow and water use.

WFF will utilize scientific protocols within the context of on-going watershed efforts to perform monitoring, outreach and hypothesis testing goals. The program will expand the scope and range of the RCD's existing telemetric streamgaging network, will enhance the WICC Web Center, and will build upon recent baseline hydrologic modeling assessments completed by DHI under contract to Napa County. Proposed project partners include RCD, WICC, WICC's Technical Advisory Committee, MIG Inc., and DHI Inc. A more detailed project summary is enclosed for your review.

As proposed, the role of the WICC in implementation of Water for Fish and Farms would be to participate in the technical and community advisory committee; encourage the WICC TAC to participate in the advisory committee; enhance the WICC Web Center to allow for hosting of real-time stream flow data (in collaboration with MIG Inc.); and review the results of the hydrologic modeling. The WFF proposal includes approximately \$20,000 to offset the cost of enhancing the WICC Web Center and calculates WICC Board and staff time as local match.

WFF provides an innovative way to capture the experience and knowledge of local, State and Federal resource agencies; local land/water managers; and private industry within an existing community process to address one of the factors that has been identified as limiting fish populations in the Napa River watershed. The RCD requests your support of and partnership in the implementation of Water for Fish and Farms.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours Truly,



Leigh K. Sharp
District Development and Stewardship Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Jeff Sharp



Napa County Resource Conservation District
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Water for Fish and Farms (WFF)
Summary of a Concept Proposal to the
CALFED Watershed Program

Granting Agency: CALFED Watershed Program

Project Title: Water for Fish and Farms (WFF)

Project Applicant: Napa County Resource Conservation District

Project Partners: Watershed Information Center & Conservancy, MIG Inc., DHI Inc.

Project Term: September, 2006 – June, 2009

Grant Amount Requested: \$332,400

Grant Solicitation Timeline:

Concept Proposal Submitted: December 14, 2005
Full Proposal Request: February 1, 2006
Full Proposal Due: March 15, 2006
Award Recommendations: May, 2006
Agreements in Place: September, 2006

Note: Full proposal applications must include "letters of intent" from partners and letters of support from local stakeholders.

WFF Project Goals:

- improve the timing of water withdrawals in selected tributaries of the Napa River to benefit steelhead and/or Chinook salmon without negatively impacting other beneficial uses of water
- provide greater scientific understanding about the relationships between water use and stream flow

WFF Major Tasks:

- 1) *Installation and operation of telemetric streamgaging stations.* This task will include installation and operation of six streamgaging stations on three Napa River tributaries which have anadromous fish habitat value and where water flow is thought to be limiting fish survival during critical life history stages. Candidate tributaries include but are not limited to Carneros, Huichica, Sulphur, Dry, Redwood, Soda and Ritchie Creeks. Installation and operation will include the following activities: site reconnaissance and selection; equipment selection, procurement, installation and programming; equipment operation and maintenance; and data management and sharing. *Note: RCD will work with WICC contractor (MIG Inc.) to make real-time stream flow data available on the WICC Web Center when practicable.*
- 2) *Information dissemination to land/water managers and others.* This task will include the formation and coordination of a technical and community advisory committee to assist in the development and implementation of an effective outreach program. Information dissemination and evaluation components may include: identification of surface water users, development of an outreach brochure to describe flows desirable for fish during critical life history stages and to publicize the availability of real-time flow data, direct mailing of brochures, workshops for existing community groups, and program evaluation surveys regarding the usefulness of information provided and the extent to which the information influenced decisions regarding water use. *Note: RCD will work with interested WICC Board members, WICC technical advisory committee members and other interested parties to implement this task.*
- 3) *Hydrologic modeling.* The modeling task will be to explore what would happen to flow in the tributaries if the timing and/or amount of surface withdrawals were to change. The task will build upon recent baseline hydrologic modeling conducted by DHI using MIKE SHE/MIKE11 (DHI Water and Environment Version 2005). The Napa Valley Surface/Ground Water Model (NVMS-3D) developed by DHI for Napa County will be used for the modeling effort as it allows for the dynamic interaction between surface and groundwater and can predict stream flow based upon predicted gaining and losing reaches of the stream. *Note: RCD will undertake the modeling efforts with support from DHI Inc. Results will be presented to the WICC Board.*

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December 13, 2005

Mr. Bob Zlomke
District Manager
Napa County Resource Conservation District
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SUBJECT: Support of the Water for Fish and Farms (WFF) Concept Proposal Application to the CalFed Watershed Program

Dear Mr. Zlomke:

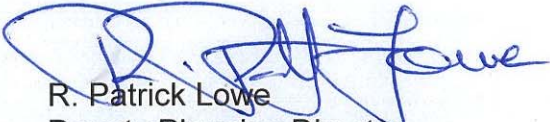
The Conservation, Development and Planning Department (CDPD) administers the County's planning and land use development program for the unincorporated areas of Napa County and serves as support staff for the Watershed Information Center & Conservancy (WICC) of Napa County. As part of that responsibility, Department staff work closely with landowners regarding the management and assessment of their land, including the environmental restoration of those lands. We work in partnership with watershed stewardship groups, the scientific community, as well as other community and environmental groups to further advance health and function of Napa County's watershed lands.

The goals and objectives presented in the Water for Fish and Farms (WFF) concept proposal (in response to the CalFed Watershed Program 2005 Grant Solicitation Program) are supportive of our Department's watershed programs, as well as the mission of the WICC. We consider the proposed work an integral part of fostering the County's watershed-based assessment efforts that will ultimately lead to improved land management practices and hopefully the de-listing of the Napa River as an impaired water body. The Department's Conservation Division, which directly supports the WICC and its Technical Advisory Committee, is positioned to become a collaborating partner in the proposed work effort. The WICC Board is scheduled to consider this item at their next meeting on January 26, 2006; at which time we anticipate receiving their direction and expected endorsement of the Napa County Resource Conservation District's (RCD) conceptual proposal.

Napa County has continually shown its dedication in matters addressing watershed health and management. Our staff is committed to work closely with the RCD in support of goals to improve the use of water to benefit native fisheries as well as farmers in the Napa River watershed. The RCD's WFF concept proposal further complements the recent baseline hydraulic modeling effort undertaken by the County (Napa County Baseline Data Report, November 2005) and supports our ongoing surface water/hydraulic data compilation and assessment work. A deeper understanding of the relationship between water use and in-stream flow, which is conveyed in an understandable, real-time format, can directly inform those who use and manage land on a local/tributary level.

The proposed real-time stream flow information offered through telemetric streamgaging stations and the dissemination of that data by means of the WICC's online WebCenter will enhance the community's overall understanding of how our watersheds respond to land use decisions and will provide needed data/information to effectively target and support habitat restoration and enhancement efforts. For these reasons and those motioned above, the CDPD is supportive of the RCD's WFF proposal.

Sincerely,



R. Patrick Lowe
Deputy Planning Director,
Secretary to the WICC Board
CDPD, Conservation Division
Napa County

cc. WICC Board Members
Hillary Gitelman, CDPD Director

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DRAFT LETTER

January 26, 2006

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Subject: Request to support and partner with Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) on grant proposal to CALFED Watershed Program

Proposed Project Partners: Napa RCD, WICC, WICC TAC, DHI, Inc., MIG, Inc.

Dear Napa County Board of Supervisors:

The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board is supportive of and would like to participate in the Napa County Resource Conservation District's proposal to the CALFED Watershed Program, entitled *Water for Fish and Farms* (WFF). The goals of WFF are 1) to improve the timing of water withdrawals in selected tributaries of the Napa River to benefit steelhead and/or Chinook salmon without negatively impacting other beneficial uses and 2) to provide greater scientific understanding about the relationships between water use and stream flow. As proposed, WFF will combine the experience and knowledge of the Napa RCD, the WICC, the WICC's TAC, DHI, and MIG to improve the ability of local land and water practitioners to make informed decisions about the timing and use of water diverted from streams that support steelhead and/or Chinook salmon. Major tasks of the program include formation and coordination of a technical and community advisory committee; installation and operation of real-time telemetric streamgaging stations in select tributaries of the Napa River; information dissemination to land/water management practitioners and others; and use of hydrologic modeling to test hypotheses regarding stream flow and water use.

WFF will build upon and enhance several on-going watershed efforts. WFF will add six new telemetric streamgages to the RCD's existing network of streamgages, will enhance the capability of the WICC Web Center by offering real-time stream flow data, will expand recent baseline hydrologic modeling assessments completed by DHI, Inc., and will increase local capacity to further operate and refine the baseline hydrologic model into the future.

The WICC Board supports WFF and would like to participate in the following ways:

- 1) participate in the technical and community advisory committee through involvement of individual WICC Board members and members of the WICC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC);
- 2) contribute to the enhancement of the WICC Web Center to provide "real-time" stream flow data; and
- 3) provide review of hydrologic modeling efforts.

The goals of WFF are well aligned with the mission of the WICC, which is to guide and support community efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watersheds. The proposed project supports the County's efforts to foster watershed-based assessments that will lead to improved watershed management practices and address a resource issue which has been identified as influencing native fish populations in the Napa River watershed. The WICC Board is supportive of WFF and requests your favorable support of the proposal and your support of our desire to actively participate in the project.

Sincerely,

[Newly Elected Chair]
Chair,
Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County