

Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

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Alternate

Harold Moskowitz

Action Summary/Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008
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
Principal Planner,
Conservation Div., CDPD

Laura Anderson,
Counsel
Attorney IV,
County Counsel's Office

Melissa Grey,
Admin. Assistant
Admin. Secretary II,
CDPD

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

Members present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, Steven Rosa, Gary Kraus, Jim King, Jeff Reichel, Phill Blake, Don Gasser, Robert Steinhauer, Marc Pandone

Members excused: Leon Garcia, Jeffrey Redding, Charles Slutzkin, Chris Sauer

Members absent: Michael Novak, James Krider

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp, Melissa Gray

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting of September 25, 2008 (Chair)

Minutes were approved as presented.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None provided.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. **Board of Supervisors appoints new Public at Large member** to the WICC Board (Staff)

Alexander Pader was appointed to the WICC Board by the Board of Supervisors on 10/21/08.

b. Others (Board/Staff/Public)

Jeff Sharp announced that the CEO's office will be holding a Committee's and Commission's workshop on October 24, 2008 focusing on AB1234 Ethics Training and the Brown Act.

5. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:**

a. Presentation and discussion about **Friends of the Napa River**, including an update on recent activities (Bernhard Krevet, President)

Bernhard Krevet provided the Board a presentation on the Friends of the Napa River (FONR). The mission of FONR is to "alert, inform and educate the public at large on the preciousness of the Napa River." The Napa River is unique in terms of its biodiversity. By comparison, there are more types of species present in the Napa River (watershed) than many other areas of the country. Because of the location between the coastal ranges influenced by ocean air, and mountain ranges, the mixture of climate zones provides habitat conditions for many different and locally unique species. The FONR

has attempted to account for the many number of the species living in the river as an indication of the river's health and vitality. FORN has been working with the Resource Conservation District, Land Trust and the Napa Park and Open Space district with regards to various community outreach programs focused on the river.

- b. Presentation and discussion on recent activates of the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District and Draft Master Plan (John Woodbury, General Manager)

John Woodbury gave a presentation on the District and its Draft Master Plan. The Draft Master Plan builds on the policy foundation laid by the County of Napa General Plan and the mission of the District. The Plan develops four goals and twenty four guiding principles for the District. Three of the four goals mirror the major goals of the recreation and Open Space Element of the County General Plan, while the fourth addresses the organizational and management needs of the District. A CD of the plan as well as its executive summary was provided to the Board for their review.

6. REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Report, discussion and **possible direction regarding** recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Education and Outreach Subcommittee, including consideration of a possible name change for the WICC (Staff/Committee Members) [*Continued from September 25, 2008*]

Direction. Motion passed to accept the Report and Recommendation from the Ad-Hoc Education and Outreach Subcommittee with the exception of the name change which the Board agrees to leave as Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County.

7. REPORTS, UDATES AND DISCUSSION:

- a. Report and discussion on various **Regional Water Quality Control Board** and **State Water Resources Control Board water quality control plans and policies** affecting Napa County's watersheds, including the WICC Board's recent comment recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Revised Napa River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) (Staff) *Jeff Sharp reported that the Board of Supervisors approved and sent a comment letter to the Regional Board regarding the proposed Sediment TMDL incorporating the comments recommended by the WICC at their 9/25/08 meeting.*

Steve Lederer gave an update on Pathogen TMDL implementation. The TMDL directed the County in late 2006 to put together a plan to look for septic systems which might be impacting various key creeks (notably Murphy Creek, Browns Valley Creek, and Salvador Creek). As committed, the County hired a consultant to start investigating all three of the creek areas and has started mapping parcels along those creeks identifying those that utilize either septic systems or municipal sewer systems. The Regional Board was supposed to have started a monthly pathogen sampling program for those areas, but have implemented any program to date. Through the winter the County Dept. of Environmental Management will look at individual septic systems which may (or may not) be impacting surface water quality/safety. In spring the Dept. will relay the results of the surveys and investigations to the Regional Water Board.

Sandy Ellis (Napa County Farm Bureau) provided the Board with an overview of the agricultural perspective relating to the implementation of current and proposed TMDLs and the challenges with the existing State waiver programs (namely Ag Water Quality Program in the Central Valley/Putah Creek basin). Ms. Ellis also provided an update on the State's AB 2121 Instream Flow Policy, noting that the State has requested stakeholder input to develop a "watershed approach" to the policy that focuses on the principle uses of instream water for both wildlife and consumption.

Related to the discussion, and at the request of the Board, Jack Betourne (Napa County Stormwater Program Manager) distributed a list of "stormwater hotlines" to call to report an illicit discharge (pollution) of the County's waterways.

- b. Update on efforts to develop a locally based **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)** for Napa County (Staff)

Jeff Sharp announced that a draft agreement between the County, Cities/Town and select Districts has been drafted that, if approved, would fund a consultant to assist in the initial scoping and development of a locally based Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for Napa County in the early part of 2009.

- c. Update on **Napa County's Watershed Assessment Framework (WAF) grant** funded through the CalFed Watershed Program (Staff)

Jeff Sharp announced that there will be a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on November 13, 2008 to support the grant work. A broad range of Stakeholders have been invited to come together and assess the initial watershed goals collected for the project (from existing documents and groups). The TAC will then begin to tie numerous watershed indicators to inform progress towards the identified goals.

- d. Update on the **Sacramento River Watershed Program Regional Monitoring Program** workshop (covering Putah Creek/Berryessa watershed), held October 15, 2008 (Staff)

Jack Betourne (Napa County Stormwater Program Manager) gave the update on the workshop and outlined the spatial scope of the project. It was recommended that the program include those areas in the Sacramento River watershed that lie within Napa County.

- e. Others (Board/Staff)

Steph Young (Napa County Resource Conservation District) gave an update on the 24th Annual Coastal Clean up Day. It was Napa's biggest turnout with 589 Volunteers, 10 clean up sites, and a total trash pick of over 6,600 lbs (including 5,500 lbs of recyclables). In total, volunteers cleaned roughly 17 miles of river, creek and shoreline in Napa County. The State wide total was 70,000 volunteers, 1,200,000 lbs of trash and recyclables, and 2,600 miles cleaned. Next years event will be on September 19th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Sharp provided the Board an update on the installation of creek identification signs and handed out pictures of creek signs already posted. More signs are being installed and planned for the future as funding and locations are identified.

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

None provided.

9. **NEXT MEETING** (Chairman)

Regular Board Meeting: November 20, 2008 – 4:00 PM

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

Note: One week earlier due to Thanksgiving Holiday

10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

Adjourned to the regular scheduled WICC meeting of November 20, 2008.

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