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- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 26, 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)

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, David Graves, Jeff Reichel, Donald Gasser, Kate Dargan (arrived late), Charles Slutzkin, Carol Kunze, Richard Camera

Members Absent Excused: Phill Blake, Jeffrey Redding, Karen Slusser

Members Absent: Tom Shelton

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Regular meeting of March 24, 2005 and special meeting of May 9, 2005 (Chairman)

Outcome: Approved as presented.

Note: Due to lack of quorum, the Board's regular meeting of April 28, 2005 was adjourned by the Secretary. All items of business before the WICC Board on April 28, 2005 will be heard during this, May 26, 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)

Outcome: None presented.

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

- a. Update on the Board's **Strategic Planning Workshop, held May 9, 2005** and expected timeline for Strategic Plan update (Staff)

Outcome: Staff thanked the WICC Board for their work and participation in the Workshop and outlined a timeline for remaining Strategic Planning efforts. A report on the workshop and follow-up questionnaire will be e-mailed to Board Members prior to their June 23rd meeting. A preliminary Draft Plan will be presented at the June 23rd meeting and additional Board input will be solicited from the Board at that time. A Final Draft Strategic Plan is expected to be completed for the Board's consideration during their July 28th meeting.

Diane Dillon recommended that a letter be sent to Joseph Phelps Vineyards, thanking them for providing a beautiful setting for the Board's May 9th Workshop. Staff will draft a letter for the Chair's signature.

- b. Update on activities of the **Napa County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee** (Staff/Cheryl Harris, Committee Representative)

Outcome: Cheryl Harris provided the Board with a brief update on the Committee and its recent activities. The Committee is conducting research and working towards creating a Parks and Open Space District for Napa County. The Committee will be presenting its recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors on June 7, 2005. A community outreach program is underway and a full-time staff person is expected to be hired in early July to help assist the Committee. Carol Kunze, also on the advisory Committee, added that the Committee is not only focused on providing passive recreation, but is also very interested in providing active recreation, educational/interruptive, and land conservation opportunities.

- c. Update on **Napa River Steelhead Bioenergetics Study** underway with assistance from the Army Corp of Engineers, Stillwaters Sciences, RCD and others (Staff)

Outcome: Staff updated the Board on the Study, the TAC's review of the study plan and how work is proceeding. The results from the study will provide the community information and data about steelhead populations in the Napa River Basin and how those populations respond to various environmental factors (i.e., food, water quantity, temperature, habitat structure, ...). The team is currently mapping possible study sites and will begin data collection this summer.

David Graves provided Staff with recent information/article on steelhead genetics and it will be passed along to the project team.

6. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT:

Presentation, discussion and request for comments on one or more of the following draft sections prepared for the Napa County **Baseline Data Report (BDR): Agriculture Resources, Land Use, Visual Resources, Transportation and Circulation, and Fire Ecology** (Staff/Jones & Stokes/EDAW)

Outcome: Staff introduced members present from the BDR consultant team. Team members provided the Board with an update on the Agricultural Resources and Land Use sections of the BDR, then presented the Visual Resources and Fire Ecology elements. Various Board Members expressed concern that the agricultural lands mapping did not represent the County's unique viticulture values. Don Gasser was also concerned that forest land was not valued/considered as an agricultural crop. As BDR sections are completed, they will be uploaded to the WICC WebCenter for Board review and comment.

7. **PRESENTATION, DEMONSTRATION AND DISCUSSION**

Presentation, demonstration and discussion on **Hyperspectral Imaging** and its application in watershed analysis based on a Colorado Springs pilot project (Staff/Brian Collins, Bill Mills and David Blankinship, project leaders/Kate Dargan, Napa County Fire)

Outcome: Kate Dargan introduced visitors from Colorado Springs. David Blankinship shared his knowledge of Hyperspectral Imaging and how Colorado Springs is using the technology to conduct fire research and risk assessments. Various applications of the technology were demonstrated. There was a good deal of interest in the technology and many questions were asked by the Board and the public on the use and applicability of the technology here in Napa County.

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

- a. Final BDR elements for Board review and comment
- b. Others

Outcome: Staff informed the board that the Draft TMDL for sediment is expected to be completed in the later part of June. RWQCB Staff will follow the release with a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors in early to mid July to outline the Draft TMDL. A public meeting on the Draft TMDL and TMDL process is expected to take place in late July.

9. **NEXT MEETING – Regular Board Meeting of June 23, 2005 – 4:00 PM**

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10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

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