



-- ACTION MINUTES --

AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

NVTA Conference Room
625 Burnell Street, Napa CA 94559

Board of Directors

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

Alternates

- Keith Caldwell
Paul Dohring
Richard Hall
Irais Lopez-Ortega
Mary Luros
Belia Ramos

Staff

- Patrick Lowe, Secretary
Natural Resources Conservation Mngr., Public Works
Jeff Sharp, Principal Planner, Public Works
Robert C. Martin, Legal Counsel
Deputy Counsel, County Counsel's Office

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chair)

Members Present: Susan Boswell, Tosha Comendant, Diane Dillon, Jeri Gill, David Graves, Richard Hall, Gary Kraus, Jason Lauritsen, Mary Luros, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, Marc Pandone, Alfredo Pedroza, Belia Ramos, Rita Steiner, Peter White

Members excused: Marita Dorenbecher, Kenneth Leary, Jeff Reichel, Scott Sedgley, Pamela Smithers

Members absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of November 19, 2015 (Chair) (2 min)

Approved as presented

Table with 15 columns: SB, TC, DD, JG, DG, RH, GK, JL, ML, GSMC, MP, AP, BR, RS, PW. Row 1 contains 'A' under JG and ML, and 'A' under BR.

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. (Chair)

None provided

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board) (5 min)

The Council elected Susan Boswell as Chair and Tosha Comendant as Vice Chair.

b) Discussion and adoption of 2016 Meeting Calendar (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Board) (5 min)

The Council adopted the calendar as presented.

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## 5. UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

*- Special focus on the Putah Creek/Lake Berryessa Watershed -*

- a) Presentation on **Boater Education and Outreach at Lake Berryessa** to manage and prevent invasive species and protect water quality (Chris Lee, Solano County Water Agency) (15 min)  
*Chris Lee and Alex Rabidoux provided an overview of the Solano County Water Agency's (SCWA) Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program to control the spread of invasive mussels. SCWA has developed a watercraft inspection program using a team of interns and staff from the Agency. The program, funded by grants and Agency funds, supports over 8,000 intern hours to conduct inspections and outreach to boaters.*
- b) Update on the **opening of Camp Berryessa** by Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (John Woodbury, NCRPOD) (15 min)  
*Mr. Woodbury provided a copy of the Parks District's May 7, 2015 Advisory Committee Final Report. The report examines the future of the District and offers various funding recommendations. The District's Advisory Committee recommended pursuing a ¼ cent sales tax initiative on the November 2016 ballot. Mr. Woodbury also provided an update on various District programs, property acquisitions and recreation opportunities throughout Napa County.*
- c) The Putah Creek Legacy (Carrie Shaw, Executive Director, Putah Creek Council) (15 min)  
*Carrie Shaw was unable to attend.*
- d) Overview of Bureau of Reclamation programs and activities at Lake Berryessa (Margaret Bailey, BOR Park Manager) (15 min)  
*Margaret Bailey was unable to attend.*
- e) Update on Westside Sacramento River Integrated Regional Water Management Group and projects in the Putah Creek watershed (Chris Silke, Public Works Engineering Manager) (10 min)  
*Chris Silke, Chair of the Westside Sacramento River Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group provided the WICC with an update on IRWM planning and funding efforts for the Putah Creek watershed. Mr. Silke highlighted the goals of the region's IRWM plan and outlined number of projects that have been funded. Mr. Silke also mentioned an upcoming 'small grant' program specifically for the Putah Creek watershed that will be funded with allocated Measure A funds.*
- f) Update on Water Conservation programs available in the Putah Creek watershed (Deborah Elliott, Public Works Environmental Resource Specialist) (5 min)  
*Deborah Elliot provided an update on water conserving turf and toilet rebates available to residents in the Putah Creek watershed, as well as a clothes washer rebate program that is offered countywide.*

## 6. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a) Update on the **York Creek Dam removal** project – An update on funding status, project scope and timeline (Tracey Perkosky, City of St. Helena) (15 min)  
*Tracey Perkosky provided a presentation and handout describing the project and how removal of the dam will benefit steelhead and the watershed. The estimated cost for the project is \$4.37M. Permitting and design plans are well underway. Funding has been acquired from a number of various grant sources. A short fall of \$1.5M remains but steps are being taken where possible to keep the project moving and on track.*
- b) Update on Napa County Groundwater Monitoring and Planning (Patrick Lowe, NRC Mgr.) (10 min)  
*Patrick Lowe provided an update on the County's voluntary groundwater monitoring program, California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and state and local implementation actions. Mr.*

*Lowe noted that the County will be completing its 2015 Annual Monitoring Report in early spring. Mr. Lowe also mentioned the development of a groundwater self-monitoring program. The self-monitoring program will offer limited training to interested residents so they can check the groundwater level in their well by borrowing a sonic well sounder from the County. More details on the self-monitoring program will be available soon.*

c) Other reports and updates (Board/Staff) (5-10 min)

*Staff gave an update on WICC watershed education and outreach efforts since November (4,500 education calendars distributed, Environmental Education Coalition on Napa County facilitation, presentation on salmon and steelhead, 15-mile fisheries survey of the Napa River system, support for Wild Napa speaker series, and other efforts)*

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION**

Report from Ad Hoc Subcommittee on WICC website workshop and development of web strategies and features to help the Council achieve its Strategic Plan goals and possible direction to staff related to priority website improvements (Staff) (15 min)

*Staff reported on the Subcommittee’s meeting held on November 19, 2015. The Subcommittee provided a number of website improvement strategies (in agenda packet). Immediate (fiscal year 2015-16) and future (fiscal year 2016-17) website improvements were recommended. The Council directed staff to implement the immediate 2015-16 improvements and prioritize future improvements based upon the approved budget and Council feedback. It was recommended that staff reconvene the Subcommittee to assess site progress and to help set future site improvement priorities.*

8. **INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Exchange of **informational announcements and events** (Staff/Board/Public) (5-10 min)

*None provided*

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion of possible **items for future agendas** (Board/Staff) (5 min)

*Invite the Bureau of Reclamation to attend and present on Lake Berryessa operations*

10. **NEXT MEETING (Chair)**

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: **March 24, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.**

*Next meeting date announced by staff.*

11. **ADJOURNMENT (Chair)**

*Motion and approval to adjourn.*

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**Voting Key**

If not unanimous, votes will be tallied (N = No; A = Abstained, X = Excused) using the following Board Member abbreviations: SB = Susan Boswell; TC = Tosha Comendant, DD = Diane Dillon; MD = Marita Dorenbecher, JG = Jeri Gill, GK = Gary Kraus; JL = Jason Lauritsen; KL = Kenneth Leary; GSMC = Gretchen Stranzl McCann; MP = Marc Pandone; AP = Alfredo Pedroza; JR = Jeff Reichel; SS = Scott Sedgley; PS = Pamela Smithers; RS = Rita Steiner; PW = Peter White; Alternates: KC = Keith Caldwell, PD = Paul Dohring, RH = Richard Hall, ILO = Irais Lopez-Ortega, ML = Mary Luros, BR = Belia Ramos.

Example Key:

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