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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, South Campus, Building A
First Floor, Oak Conference Room, Napa CA 94558

--- Note Meeting Location ---

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (Chair)
2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES** – January 25, 2017 Special Meeting (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. **UPDATES AND REPORTS**
Update on Napa County Groundwater Program activities and availability of Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report for 2017 (Staff) (10 min)
5. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION:**
 - a) Presentation and discussion on the Regional Water Board's General Permit for Vineyard Properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds (Michael Napolitano and Jim Ponton, S.F. Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board) (30 min)
 - a) Presentation and discussion on Ecological Monitoring and Recovery on Land Trust Preserves Impacted by the North Bay Fires - With Emphasis on Fire-Adapted Native Plant Communities (Mike Palladini, Land Trust of Napa County) (30 min)
 - b) Presentation and discussion on Measure A Funded Projects in the Putah Creek/Berryessa watershed (Chris Silke, Napa County Public Works) (20 min)

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4. **INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discussion of possible items for future agendas (Staff/Council) (2-5 mins)

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

Next scheduled meeting: **May 24, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.**

Location: American Canyon!

7. **ADJOURNMENT (Chair)**

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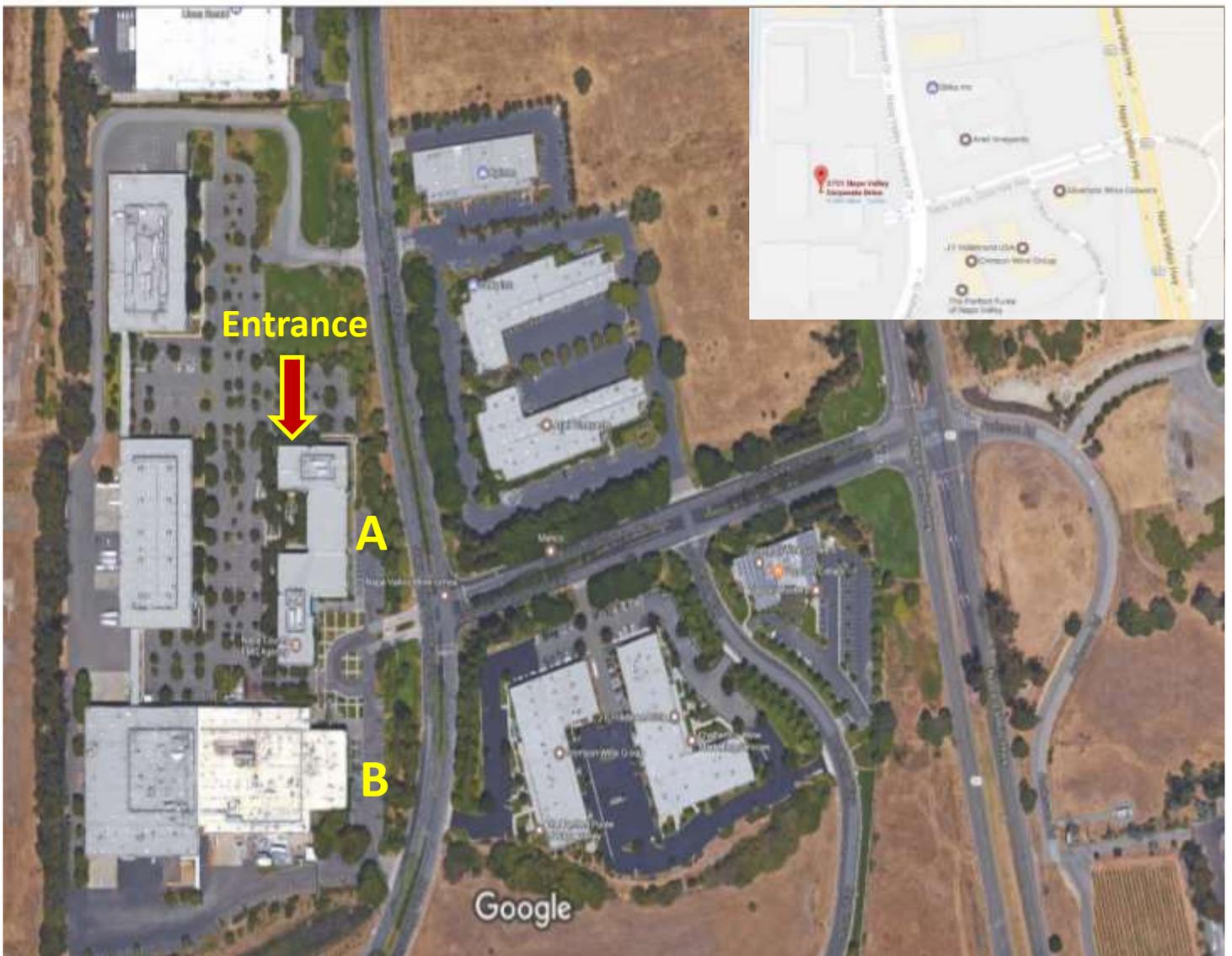


Meeting Location Map

Watershed Information and Conservation Council (WICC)

The meeting room is located on the first floor in the northwest corner of Building A (see arrow)

2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, South Campus, Building A, First Floor, Conference Rooms, Napa CA 94558





-- ACTION MINUTES --

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Town of Yountville Council Chambers
6550 Yount Street, Yountville CA 94599

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Chair)

Members Present: Barry Christian, Tosha Comendant, Diane Dillon, Marita Dorenbecher, Geoff Ellsworth, Jeri Gill, David Graves, Gary Kraus, Jason Lauritsen, Alfredo Pedroza, Bill Pramuk, Kimberly Richard, Pamela Smithers

Members excused: Emma Chow, Scott Sedgley

Members absent: Susan Boswell, Kenneth Leary

Staff present: Patrick Lowe; Jeff Sharp

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES – November 16, 2017 Regular Meeting (Chair) (2 min)

Approved with change to Mr. Christian's attendance. Mr. Christian noted that he was in attendance as the alternate member for the Parks District.

Attendance table with columns SB, EC, BC, TC, DD, MD, GE, JG, DG, GK, JL, KL, AP, BP, KR, SS, PS and rows of initials.

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No comments were provided.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Council) (5 min)

The Council elected David Graves as Chair and Tosha Comendant as Vice-Chair for 2018.

Attendance table for item a)

b) Discussion and adoption of 2018 Meeting Calendar (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Council) (5 min)

Council adopted the 2018 meeting calendar as presented.

Attendance table for item b)

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4. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Copies of presentations provided are available at https://www.napawatersheds.org/app_folders/view/9096

Change in presentation order: The Council heard Joe Tagliaboschi's presentation under Item 5d first due to Mr. Tagliaboschi's need to leave early.

- a) Presentation and discussion on Northeast Napa Area Special Groundwater Study findings and recommended management actions (Vicki Kretsinger Grabert, Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers) (40 mins)

Patrick Lowe introduced the presentation and provided some background. A similar presentation was presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 24th. Vicki Kretsinger provided the Council with an updated presentation on the Special Study, highlighting the reason for the study, the approach taken, data used, modeling methods employed and the resulting findings and management recommendations. The Council asked questions about groundwater recharge possibilities, need for more monitoring wells to improve our understanding of the surface groundwater systems, and the importance of getting the data needed to support future policy/management directions.

- b) Presentation and discussion on Wildfires and Trees: Observations after the October 2017

Fires in Napa and Sonoma Counties – a summary after conducting numerous post-fire assignments assessing fire-damaged trees, conducting tree risk assessments, tree health diagnostics, and management plans (Bill Pramuk, independent consulting arborist) (15 mins)
Bill Pramuk provided the presentation to the Council. Mr. Pramuk discussed his work as an arborist assessing trees in Napa and Sonoma counties that were impacted by the October fires. He presented a number of images of different tree species and discussed how the fire affected them. Fire intensity and duration were driving factors that influenced the level of tree damage. Native trees with thick bark were less impacted. Some roots were witnessed burning weeks after the initial fires passed. Most trees assessed do not appear to be an immediate risk of failure (of falling over or falling apart) and should be reassessed in summer. Tosha Comendant added that a tree assessment workshop will be held at Pepperwood Preserve on Feb 25th. Steve Lederer, at the Chair's request, added that County Public Works crews, and their team of arborists, have been assessing and managing damaged trees along the public right of way (along county roads), with efforts focused on minimizing tree removal, yet protecting public safety. Work is about 90% complete.

- c) Presentations and discussion on Post-Fire/Post-Rain Watershed Recovery – short informational presentations providing an brief overview of recovery efforts and vegetation and soil response to recent rains (Emma Chow, NRCS District Conservationist and Patrick Ryan, PBES Engineering Manager) (20 mins)

Emma Chow was not available to attend. Chip Bouril, Soil Conservationist with the NRCS provided the presentation to the Council. A number of properties have been assessed for post fire vegetation damage and soil erosion issues. Most of the assessments were in wildlands. Mr. Bouril described the various elements that were assessed at each site (such as soil burn severity, hydrophobicity, vegetative cover). Mulching seems to be the most effective tool against erosion. Many straw wattles observed were not installed correctly. Mr. Bouril noted the different native plant response to varying levels of burn severity – many are coming back/re-sprouting – most of the wildland areas are fire adapted and will recover with time.

Patrick Ryan, PBES Engineering Manager, lead on erosion recovery operations, provided an update on what he is seeing in vegetation recovery. Native vegetation looks to be coming back. Most areas were moderate to low burn severity. Ongoing monitoring is occurring in priority areas during and after storm events. No debris flows or excessive erosion has been observed. Monitoring (storm patrols) will continue through winter. Property owners have been doing their part and are asked to remain

vigilant and call for assistance if needed 707-299-1350 (watershed hotline) or 911 if it is an emergency.

- d) Presentation and discussion on Projects in the Yountville Area – A review of projects along Hopper Creek and the Napa River intended to mitigate flooding, improve habitat, and protect water quality (Joe Tagliaboschi, Town of Yountville Public Works and Shaun Horne, Napa County Flood Control District) (20 mins)

Joe Tagliaboschi provided the Council with a presentation on a number of flood protection projects in the Town of Yountville. Mr. Tagliaboschi showed pre and post project images and discussed the goals and merits of each project. He also highlighted unique challenges associated with each project. Due to time constraints, Shaun Horne was not able to provide his presentation. His presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

4. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Exchange of informational announcements and events (Staff/Council/Public) (5 mins)
The Open Space District celebrates its 11th year on February 7th from 5:00p-7:00p, in Hatt Building, Napa. Friends of the Napa River celebrate the Flood Project on February 10th at 3:00p Westin Hotel, Napa. Diane Dillon mentioned resources and upcoming workshops available for those impacted by the fires. She also thanked County staff, noting over 80,000hrs of overtime that has been put toward fire recovery efforts.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion of possible items for future agendas (Staff/Council) (2-5 mins)
*Presentation of the Oakville to Oak Knoll river restoration project;
 Presentation from SF Bay Regional Waterboard on Vineyard General Permit*

6. NEXT MEETING:

Next scheduled meeting: **March 22, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.**
 Location TBA

We are currently looking for a March meeting location

7. ADJOURNMENT (Chair)

Motion and approval to adjourn.

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Voting Key

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Example Key:

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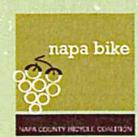
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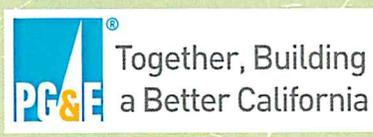
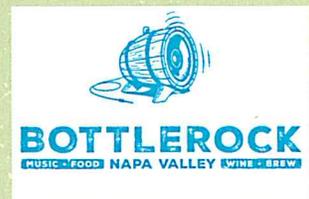
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