

Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

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Harold Moskowite

AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, March 22, 2007
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
Planner III,
Conservation Div., CDPD

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (Chairman)
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. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Board/Staff)
 - a. Watershed related **grant opportunities** and prospects for WICC program support funding (Staff)
 - b. **WICC WebCenter** will be promoted at the American Planning Association's 2007 National Conference in Philadelphia, April 14-18 (Staff)
 - c. **WICC Board appointments:** Town of Yountville reconfirms Steve Rosa as WICC representative, and Board of Supervisors appoint Gary Kraus to represent the City of Calistoga and reappoint Kate Dargan as Public at Large representative (Staff)
 - d. Others (Board/Staff)
5. **UPDATES/REPORTS:**
 - a. Update and report on **Bay Area Integrated Regional Watershed Management Planning** (IRWMP) efforts, Napa County's potential involvement in the IRWMP process, and prospective role for the WICC (Staff/Flood & Water Conservation District)

- b. Update on **Coordinated Permitting** efforts to simplify streambank restoration and enhancement projects in the Napa River watershed, and possible pilot program (Staff)
- c. Update on **WICC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meeting held March 14th (Staff)
- d. Others (Board/Staff)

6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:**

- a. Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the **County General Plan Update** process, circulation of Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report, Public Meeting Schedule, and Public Review/Comment Period (Staff)
- b. Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding **RWQCB's Basin Planning** process, possible **State Board approval of TMDLs** for the Napa River, other State and Regional water quality policy developments, report on recent TMDL update provided to the Board of Supervisors, and confirmation by RWQCB staff regarding May 24th presentation on the Stream and Wetland Protection Policy (Staff)
- c. Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding options for **WICC organizational structure** and staff support (Staff)

7. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – CONTRA COSTA WATERSHED FORUM:**

Presentation and discussion on the **Contra Costa Watershed Forum: A Partnership Focused on the Creeks and Watersheds of Contra Costa County** (Contra Costa County/Staff)

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

9. **NEXT MEETING:**

Special Board Meeting: WICC Board Strategic Planning Retreat

April 26, 2007 – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Frog's Leap Winery, 8815 Conn Creek Road, Rutherford CA

10. **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.





IRWMP Grant Program

The IRWMP Coordinating Committee will be working closely with the State Department of Water Resources to improve the Bay Area IRWMP and its implementation.

Proposition 50

[Proposition 50](#), also known as the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, an amendment to California Water Code, allocates funds for integrated regional water management projects. Proposition 50 included \$380 million for Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) projects.

Funding for IRWMP projects is directed by the [IRWMP Grant Program Guidelines](#). The Program is intended to promote integrated regional strategies, rather than local strategies, for management of water resources and to provide funding for projects that guard against drought, protect and improve water quality, and reduce dependence on imported water, thus improving local water security. Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) jointly administer the IRWMP Grant Program.

IRWMP Grant Program Guidelines

The IRWMP Grant Program Guidelines (further information at [SWRCB](#) website) establish the process and criteria for the grant process, including solicitation of applications, evaluation of proposals, and awarding of grants. The Guidelines require IRWMP goals and objectives to address, at a minimum, the following water resources management areas: water supply, groundwater management, ecosystem restoration, and water quality. Prop 50 supports projects providing multiple benefits such as the following:

- Improved water supply reliability
- Long-term of water quality standards
- Reduced pollution in impaired water & sensitive habitats
- Planning & implementation of flood control programs
- Drinking water & water quality projects serving disadvantaged communities

An IRWMP must contain the following information, and be completed and adopted by LOMU signatories by January 1, 2007:

- Description of the region and participants
- Regional objectives and priorities
- Water management strategies
- Implementation
- Impacts and benefits
- Data management
- Financing
- Stakeholder involvement
- Relationship to local planning

- State and federal coordination

Grant Funding

Funding for the Bay Area IRWMP is provided in part by funds from Proposition 50. Two types of grants are available: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants.

Planning Grants are intended to foster development or completion of IRWMPs, to enhance regional planning efforts, and to assist more applicants to become eligible for Implementation Grant funding. The Bay Area region applied for and received two Planning Grants (totaling \$838K) to prepare a Bay Area IRWMP. The Planning Grants are being administered jointly by Zone 7 Water Agency and the State Coastal Conservancy.

Implementation Grants are designed for projects that are ready or nearly ready to proceed to implementation. Eligible proposals for Implementation Grants must meet one or more of the primary objectives of Proposition 50: guarding against drought; protecting and improving water quality; and reducing dependence on imported water. Projects seeking Implementation Grant funding must be consistent with the objectives and priorities of an adopted regional plan. Following adoption of the Bay Area IRWMP by January 2007, project proponents may apply for grant funding under the next IRWMP Implementation Grant cycle.



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2007
10:30AM – 12:30PM

Second Floor Conference/Training Room,
Hall of Justice Building
1125 Third Street, Napa
(Behind Superior Court House)

AGENDA

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u>
10:30	Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review (WICC Staff & TAC Members)	<i>Informational</i>
10:35	Update on Watershed Information Center & Conservancy (WICC) Board Activities (WICC Staff)	<i>Informational w/Questions</i>
10:45	Update on Napa County General Plan Update, Draft Plan & Circulation of Draft EIR (WICC/Planning Staff)	<i>Informational w/Questions</i>
11:00	Presentation and Discussion of Draft Napa River Tributary Steelhead Bioenergetics Analysis (Stillwater Sciences, ACOE)	<i>Discussion & Recommendation</i>
11:30	Presentation and Discussion of Draft Watershed Monitoring Indicators and Monitoring Program Development (WICC Staff, SFEI, RCD)	<i>Discussion & Recommendation</i>
12:00	Discussion on Prioritizing Napa River Sub-Watersheds for Water Quality and Habitat Enhancement (WICC Staff, RCD)	<i>Discussion & Recommendation</i>
12:25	Tentative TAC Meeting Calendar for 2007 (WICC Staff)	<i>Discussion & Recommendation</i>
12:30 - 1:30	Agency Updates, Adjournment and <u>Lunch</u> <i>Box Lunch provided for those who RSVP by Tuesday, March 13th, 2:00 PM (707-259-5936, jsharp@co.napa.ca.us)</i>	<i>Adjourn & Discussion over Lunch</i>

– **Next Meeting: May 10, 2007** –

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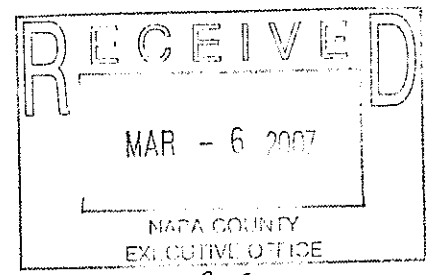
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March 6, 2007

Napa County Board of Supervisors
1195 Third St., Suite 310
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RE: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period on Draft Environmental
Impact Report prepared to support the Napa County General Plan Update

Dear Chairman Moskowitz and Members of the Board:

During their January 25, 2007 meeting, the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County received an update from the Planning Director on the status of the County's General Plan Update process, the Draft General Plan and the recent circulation of the County's Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review and comment. Following the update, the WICC Board discussed the General Plan update process, the Draft Plan and the voluminous information contained in the supporting EIR. During that discussion, members of the WICC Board, as well as members of the community voiced concern that the allotted 60-day public comment period was not long enough for the public to adequately review and understand the wealth of information presented in support of the proposed General Plan/EIR.

In light of the WICC Board's January 25th discussion and the concerns heard from various members of the public on the matter, the WICC Board would like to request that the Board of Supervisors consider lengthening the public comment period on the General Plan EIR.

Should you have any questions about the WICC Board's request, please feel free to contact me, or Patrick Lowe, CDPD Deputy Director and Secretary to the WICC Board.

Don Gasser
Chair,
Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Board
of Napa County



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Workshops

Upcoming Public Workshop

March 26, 2007

Napa City - County Library
580 Coombs Street
Napa, CA 94559
5:30-7:30 p.m.

EIR Scoping Public Workshop

Napa County General Plan Update NOP Scoping Summary Report December 21, 2005

General Plan Update Visioning Process Public Workshop

General Plan Workshop PowerPoint April 27, 2005

Public Workshop Summary Report April 27, 2005

Land Use Public Meetings

Pope Valley Public Meeting **Materials and Map** November 15, 2006

Lake Berryessa Public Meeting **Materials and Map** November 14, 2006

Land Use Public Meeting Summary February/March 2006

Angwin Land Use Map February 21, 2006

Berryessa Estates Bubble 2005 Map February 21, 2006

Berryessa Bubble Map February 21, 2006

Silverado Bubble 2005 Map February 21, 2006

South County Bubble 2005 Map February 21, 2006

St. Helena Bubble 2002 Map February 21, 2006

St. Helena Bubble 2005 Map February 21, 2006



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March 6, 2007

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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**RE: Stream and Wetland System Protection Policy - Public Scoping and
Comment on Proposed Policy Framework and Implementation Plan**

Dear Mr. Livsey:

Thank you for conducting your California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meetings and Workshops related to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) Stream and Wetland System Protection Policy (Policy). Various members of our County staff have attended those meetings and workshops. We have prepared this letter based on the preliminary documents provided and the County's input and concern relating to similar basin planning efforts by the RWQCB. The County Board of Supervisors and its staff is looking forward to becoming more directly involved in the planning process and reviewing the draft environmental document and any new water quality policies that may result.

In general, the County is supportive of the proposed policy goals (i.e., attainment of water quality standards to protect beneficial uses, protection of drinking water and groundwater recharge areas, flood control through natural stream and wetland functions, protection of property values, encouragement of local watershed planning, and oversight and improvement of Regional Water Board permitting); however we are concerned about the potentially broad scope of the policy and the lack of specificity pertaining to implementation and responsibility.

The Board of Supervisors' advisory committee on watershed related matters, The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County, has been following the Policy's development and discussed the subject at its February 22, 2007 meeting. During its discussion, members of the WICC Board and various community stakeholders present voiced concern about the RWQCB's timing of the proposed Policy and the RWQCB's limited implementation and permitting resources devoted to support additional amendments to the Region's Water Quality Control Plan, particularly in light of inadequate RWQCB's staff dedicated to Napa County and the implementation and reporting requirements of recently approved Napa River Sediment and Pathogen TMDLs (January 23, 2007 and November 13, 2006 respectively).

As mentioned in earlier comments provided by our Planning staff (May, 31 2006), it is critical that your CEQA analysis consider both the effectiveness and feasibility of any suggested

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implementation measures associated with the proposed Policy and/or resulting Basin Plan amendment(s). The costs associated with implementation measures should be fully disclosed, as well as any foreseeable impacts to the well being of the County. Your analysis and any suggested implementation actions should also consider the proven effectiveness of the County's current regulations (i.e., stream setbacks, vegetation retention requirements in water supply watersheds, countywide NPDES permit requirements and other related water and watershed protective measures) and ongoing watershed resource conservation programs and volunteer stewardship efforts by numerous groups and organizations, such as the Rutherford Dust Society's work on the main stem of the Napa River, the "Fish Friendly Farming" certification program, as well as other related efforts and programs supported and underway by County departments and agencies, as well as the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Board of Napa County.

We encourage you to bring other municipalities, districts, and the public into this planning process as soon as possible. We would also like to invite you to present your preliminary findings and recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors, as well as the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Board. It is critical that the County Board and the community become aware of this newly proposed policy and become involved in the planning process as early as possible.

We look forward to working with you and other RWQCB staff throughout this process. Please don't hesitate to contact Patrick Lowe (707) 259-5937 or Jeff Sharp (707) 259-5936 on our staff if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



Harold Moskowitz, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

cc:

Hillary Gitelman, Conservation, Development and Planning Director
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Steven Lederer, Environmental Management Director
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Thomas Mumley and Dyan Whyte, San Francisco Bay RWQCB, TMDL Division



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum is to identify common principles among parties involved in creek and watershed issues and promote actions that transform these principles into multi-objective enhancements of creeks and watersheds throughout the county.

The following general goals reflect input from the April 1999 Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium and shall help to guide the work of the Forum:

- Promote creeks as community amenities and encourage coordination and cooperation in creek and watershed management to achieve this goal.
- Promote protection and restoration of creek ecosystems, water quality, hydrological processes, wildlife corridors, recreational opportunities, and scenic appeal while also reducing flood risks and protecting health, safety, and property.
- Improve and streamline regulations and regulatory compliance.
- Promote cooperative planning processes that protect flood plains and riparian areas while maintaining the interests of property owners.
- Promote public education and outreach to improve understanding of and involvement in creek and watershed issues.
- Improve the level of trust among all parties involved in creek and watershed issues.

Basic committee functions: The Contra Costa Watershed Forum shall attempt to implement its mission by drawing on the experience, expertise, and interests of the broadest possible group of participants. The committee will have no independent authority. It will seek to develop and communicate group consensus and to enable participating organizations to perform their separate missions more effectively and with greater coordination. Key areas of potential committee work are summarized below:

COORDINATION

- Provide a forum for agencies, organizations, and individuals to discuss creek and watershed issues of mutual interest, enabling them to coordinate actions to improve effectiveness and avoid duplication.
- Identify needs and opportunities for joint projects.
- Develop more efficient means for sharing and disseminating information, including potential creation of a web-site and/or general information telephone number.
- Maintain an up-to-date mailing list and database of contact information and interests.

FUNDING

- Provide a clearinghouse for information on available funding sources for creek and watershed projects.
- Support grant funding to projects in the county by providing applicants with advice and technical information. Demonstrate to granting authorities that there is county-wide interest in such projects and that coordination is a priority. Help match projects and funding.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Initiate workshops and symposia on particular topics related to creeks and watersheds. Plan for holding a second, general county-wide symposium in 2-5 years.
- Develop or assist with developing written educational materials specific to creek and watershed issues in the county, including base materials such as maps of watersheds.
- Provide a forum for educational institutions to coordinate their creek and watershed curricula and activities.
- Provide technical and other assistance to agencies in the county which request it.
- Coordinate volunteer activities relating to creek and watershed projects.
- Develop a speakers bureau, a library of education materials, and/or a list of education programs related to creeks and watersheds.

POLICY INNOVATION

- Provide a forum to discuss means for improving the implementation of creek and watershed policies to better protect resources and the interests of all sectors of the local community.
- Develop suggestions for streamlining regulatory permitting while maintaining or improving protections for creek and watershed resources.
- Develop a model creek ordinance.
- Develop a program for coordinating creek and wetland mitigation.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Provide interested individuals and organizations with technical assistance on creek and watershed issues by holding workshops, developing written information for distribution, or connecting these interested parties with technical experts or other technical resources.
- Discuss technical issues related to implementation of newer approaches to creek and watershed management, such as bio-engineered channels and use of flood control detention basins as restored flood plain habitat. Discuss potential improvements in the design and construction of such projects.
- Assist with coordinating any efforts to expand creek and watershed monitoring and data sharing.

Participation and Representation:

Participation on the Contra Costa Watershed Forum shall be open to all interested individuals and organizations. Because broad participation and representation of a diversity of interests is crucial to the success of the Forum, the following list of target constituencies has been developed to drive the recruitment of participants:

- Local governments
- Conservation advocacy organizations
- Special districts
- Environmental education institutions
- Regulatory agencies
- Developers
- Private landowners and agriculturalists
- General community interests/citizens
- Industry
- Private sector professionals
- Business community

Suggested Operating Procedures:

The Contra Costa Watershed Forum shall make decisions by consensus. The Forum shall attempt to avoid reaching agreements on matters directly affecting specific constituencies when these constituencies are not present. When this is not possible, due to factors such as a consistent lack of participation, the Forum shall not represent agreements to be any broader than they actually are and shall continue to strive to seek the input of unrepresented interests. The Forum may form subcommittees to address specific topics and

develop more specific operating procedures as needed. Administrative support will be provided by Contra Costa County.