

Watershed Information Center & Conservancy OF NAPA COUNTY

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Alternates

Harold Moskowitz

- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars
5766 Silverado Trail, Napa, California

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

Welcome **Leon Garcia**, WICC's new City of American Canyon representative (Chairman/Staff)

Members Present: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, Eric Sklar, Steven Rosa, Mark Van Gorder, Karen Slusser, Leon Garcia, Jeff Reichel, Don Gasser, Jeffrey Redding, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Marc Pandone

Members Absent Excused: Phill Blake, Kate Dargan, Richard Camera

Members Absent: David Graves

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

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)

Outcome: None presented.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Board/Staff)

- a. Board of Supervisors proclaim **May 2006 as "Celebrate Your Watershed Month,"** many events have taken place and more planned (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff announced the wide range of events that have occurred in support of "Celebrate Your Watershed Month" and reported on the success of the effort thus far.

- b. **"Caring for Creeks in Napa County"** publication now available in hardcopy and on the WICC WebCenter, distribution planned to many creek side property owners (Staff/RCD)

Outcome: Informational. Staff announced the availability of the publication, in hard-copy and online via the WICC WebCenter.

- c. Napa County **Baseline Data Report (BDR)** wins National and State awards (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff announced that the BDR has now received three awards, as well as recommendations for additional national awards. Staff also reported on the award competition and also provided some examples of how the BDR is presently being used by the County and others.

- d. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Marc Pandone announced an art show/exhibition at the Napa Valley Museum entitled “Paradise Lost and Found” and also informed the Board of a moderated talk with the artists on June 10, 2006.

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

- a. Update on current County **General Plan Update** process and General Plan **Steering Committee activities** (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff reported on the GPSC field trip to Berryessa, Angwin and Pope Valley areas of the County and overviewed other activities planned and underway by the Committee.

- b. Update on **WICC WebCenter improvements**, including new look, expanded data and mapping, and special watershed group enhancements and functionality (www.napawaterseds.org) (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff reported that the new look for the WICC WebCenter and new tools/enhancements for watershed groups, including web hosting ability. The Board was also informed that the site is being updated with new mapping derived from the County’s BDR effort.

- c. Update and report on the Regional Water Quality Control Board scoping sessions to develop and adopt a **Water Quality Control Plan (e.g., Basin Plan amendment) to protect stream and wetland systems** throughout northwestern California (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff reported on the new policy under development by northern California Regional Water Quality Control Board(s) to protect stream and wetlands. Staff will provide more on this item to the Board as the draft policy develops further. Debora Dommen asked if RWQCB staff was in communication with their colleges working Napa County and if our watershed programs and efforts are being recognized in the new policy being developed. Staff did recommend to RWQCB staff that project leaders at the RWQCB contact stakeholders in the area to facilitate community dialogue on the proposed policy.

- d. Update and report on **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on May 11, 2006** and steps underway to develop a **Countywide Watershed Monitoring Program** (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Staff updated the Board on the TAC’s meeting of May 11, 2006 and steps underway to develop the monitoring program. A short series of slides were provided in the Board’s agenda packet to outline the process and the work conducted thus far. Additional information on the program’s development will be provided at a future Board meeting. Don Gasser suggested that the RWQCB be aware and involved in the monitoring program’s development.

- e. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: None provided.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF UPDATED BYLAWS FOR THE WICC BOARD:**

Discussion and possible action to **adopt updated bylaws governing the WICC Board** to reflect changes to the Board's membership, meeting schedule and formal name, as supported by approved resolutions (Staff)

Outcome: Adopted as presented.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT FOR GRANT PROPOSAL DESCRIBED BELOW:**

Discussion and possible action by the WICC Board to **recommend that the Board of Supervisors support an RCD grant application** to assess salmonid populations and in-stream sediment levels in the Napa River basin, to provide critical information to local, state and federal agencies to guide adaptive updates to the proposed sediment TMDL implementation plan, to be submitted by the RCD to the State Water Resources Control Board (RCD/Staff)

Outcome: Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Staff provided the Board with an overview of the grant proposal and how the proposal's scope of work supports development of the WICC's monitoring program and possible future needs associated with pending sediment TMDL for the Napa River. Jeffrey Redding questioned whether mercury monitoring was apart of the proposal. After brief discussion, the Board recommended that the Board of Supervisor support of the grant application.

8. **CELEBRATION, PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP THROUGHOUT NAPA COUNTY:**

Celebration, presentation and discussion on watershed stewardship efforts throughout Napa County by representatives from various local watershed stewardship groups. Stewardship members will share their group's accomplishments, challenges and success stories (Stewardship Members/Staff)

Outcome: Presentations were heard from various watershed stewardship groups. Watershed groups participating included: Selby Creek, Carneros Creek, Chase Creek, Sulphur Creek Suisun Creek, Rutherford Reach and Putah Creek. Discussion and questions followed each presentation.

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

Outcome: None provided.

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2006 – 4:00 PM
Hall of Justice Building, 2nd floor Conference Room, 1125 Third Street, Napa

11. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

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