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**ACTION MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building,  
1125 Third Street, Napa CA

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

*Members Present:* Susan Boswell, Diane Dillon, Marita Dorenbecher, Warren Flint, Mitchell Klug, Jason Lauritsen, Kenneth Leary, Jim Lincoln, Marc Pandone, Jeffrey Redding, Jeff Reichel, Scott Sedgley, Rita Steiner, Peter White, Keith Caldwell

*Members excused:* Gary Kraus, Mark Luce,

*Members absent:* Matt Pope,

*Staff present:* Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

**1. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting of January 24, 2013 (Chair) (5 min)

*Approved as presented*

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**2. 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*

**3. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Update on Napa County **Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee** (GRAC) (WICC staff) (5 min)

*Patrick Lowe provided an update and mentioned upcoming joint WICC/GRAC meeting on July 25, 2013 in Yountville.*

- b. Update on **Integrated Regional Water Management Planning** (IRWMP) in the Bay Area and Sacramento River funding areas, planning and plan update processes, Round 2 implementation grant applications and projects (WICC staff, Flood District staff) (5 min)

*Jeff Sharp announced that the Westside Sac River IRWMP plan will be released for public comment on May 10, 2013. A Round 2 Implantation Grant for that plan was submitted totaling over \$9M in project funding. Rick Thomasser announced the Bay Area plan update is underway and a full plan for review is expected in the Fall. A Bay Area Round 2 Implementation Grant was also submitted and included two projects in the Napa River watershed. Round 2 funding should be announced by DWR in the late Fall.*

- c. Update on status of the **Napa River Sediment TMDL** and withdrawal of **Vineyard Conditional Waiver** of Waste Discharge Requirements by the Water Board (Leigh Sharp, Executive Director, Napa County RCD) (5-10 min)

*Leigh Sharp provided an update on the waiver's development. The waiver has been withdrawn by the RWQCB do to public comment. It is likely a General Order, which does not expire, will be developed in place of the waiver, and an EIR will be prepared to support its adoption. The RWQCB's goal is to have some kind of a program up and running by the Oct 2014 deadline stated in the TMDL.*

- d. Update on the **Oakville to Oak Knoll River Restoration** project (Shaun Horne, Flood District Staff) (10 min)

*Shaun Horne provided a presentation and overview of the Oakville to Oak Knoll project and the studies and steps planned to initiate project construction. The reach includes 73 parcels and 34 landowners. The project would cost roughly \$32M if fully implemented. \$10M is expected to come from Measure A and \$22M will be sought in grants to complete the project in a phased manner.*

- e. Other reports and updates (WICC staff, Board, Public)

*None provided*

## 5. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Presentation on "**Napa Green Certified Land and Winery Programs: Spring 2013 Overview**" – Michelle Novi, Industry Relations Manager, Napa Valley Vintners, working on environmental and regulatory issues facing the wine industry, including helping oversee the enrollment, certification, and promotion of vineyards and wineries within Napa Green (15 min)

*Michelle Novi provided a presentation and overview of the Napa Green Land and Winery Programs. Third party program certification was highlighted as an important part of each program. 55,000 acres are enrolled, 26,000 are certified 15,700 are vineyards. The winery program is founded based on the Bay Area Green Business Program with a winery specific checklist. A new website has been launched to support the programs.*

- b. Presentation on “**Environmental Planning and Compliance for Stream and Road Maintenance Projects, an overview of the regulatory permitting process related to routine stream and road maintenance activities**” – Jill Sunahara, Senior Associate, Horizon Water and Environment, will provide an overview of the regulatory permitting process related to routine stream and road maintenance activities. She will review the 5-W’s of permitting: 1) Who are the regulatory agencies; 2) What the permits cover; 3) Where regulatory jurisdiction applies; 4) When/how long it takes; and 5) Why a programmatic permitting approach may make sense (20 min)

*Jill Sunahara provided a presentation and examples of projects that could benefit from a streamlined permitting process.*

- c. Presentation on “**Increasing Restoration on Private Lands through Programmatic Permitting – Local Vs Statewide Approach**” – Erika Lovejoy, Associate Director of Restoration on Private Lands, Sustainable Conservation, will provide an overview of the Partners in Restoration (PIR) consolidated permitting program, developed by Sustainable Conservation in partnership with local Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), and will follow with a summary of Sustainable Conservation’s new Statewide Programmatic Permitting effort, designed to promote implementation of restoration projects on private lands throughout California (20 min)

*Erika Lovejoy provided a presentation on Sustainable Conservation’s program, the partners involved and the types of projects it supports. Sustainable Conservation is now turning their focus towards working directly with state agencies and state legislature to facilitate some level of programmatic/coordinated permitting state-wide.*

*There was interest from the Board to further explore ways in which the WICC could help support a local programmatic permitting approach.*

## 6. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Update on the status of the **Napa River Sediment TMDL Implementation Tracking & Accounting System (ITAS)** project (WICC staff) (5 min)

*Jeff Sharp provided an update on the status of the project and some of the draft metrics under consideration that will be used to track and account for TMDL implementation.*

- b. Review of **Napa River Watershed Assessment Framework (WAF) Pilot Study** (WICC staff) (5 min), and

*Jeff Sharp provided an overview of the project (completed 2010) and the pilot study to apply the State’s framework in the Napa River watershed. A preliminary score card for the watershed was developed. Warren Flint provided additional input on the use of indicators and value of reporting on the condition of our watershed in order for the community to know if we are meeting our goals. Further work is needed to refine the WAF indicators/metrics and scorecard to reflect current watershed needs and condition.*

- c. Discussion and **possible action to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee** of the WICC Board to:
  - i) Discuss opportunities for leveraging monitoring, assessment and reporting efforts,
  - ii) Review and comment on indicators of watershed health/condition proposed in the ITAS and WAF projects and other possible key indicators for consideration as part of the ITAS, and
  - iii) Report Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations to the WICC Board for consideration (WICC staff, Board) (10 min)

*The Board discussed the scope of the committee’s work and timeline to report back (September). Susan Boswell, Jason Lauritsen, Jeff Reichel and Warren Flint were appointed to serve on the ad-hoc subcommittee.*

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**7. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presentation of **informational announcements and events** (WICC staff, Board, and Public) (5-10 min)

- a. **WICC website enhancements** – new design, simplified navigation, mobile support (WICC Staff)

*Jeff Sharp referenced the site screen-shots provided in the agenda materials and provided an overview of the enhancements and expected site-launch at the Watershed Symposium in May.*

- b. **Earth Day** – visit the WICC booth, April 20<sup>th</sup>, downtown Napa (WICC Staff)

*Jeff Sharp announced WICC’s participation in Earth Day and urge Board members to stop by the booth.*

- c. **2013 Napa County Watershed Symposium**, May 23, Copia Theatre (WICC Staff)

*Jeff Sharp highlighted the event, noted confirmed speakers to date and encouraged Board members to attend.*

- d. Other announcements (WICC staff, Board, Public)

*Rotary Screw Trap (RST) Open House on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9-10AM, details on the Napa County RCD website (The RST is an out- migrant fisheries monitoring station)*

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

*None provided*

9. **NEXT MEETING** (Chair)

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting:

**May 23, 2013 – 4:00 PM** (*Cancellation due to Watershed Symposium*)

**July 25, 2013 – 4:00 PM** (*Joint Mtg. with Napa County GRAC, Yountville Community Center*)

10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chair)

*Motion and approval to adjourn*

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**Voting Key**

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