

**MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL
REGULAR MEETING**

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Wednesday, June 24, 2009
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Dennis Scherzinger; Dennis Rinehart; Vice-Chairperson Chip Bouril; Phill Blake; Bill Bennett; Barbara Stafford; Bob Zlomke; and Chairperson Rolf Ohlemutz. Chris Craiker arrived during Item III.

II. Public Comment.
None.

III. Approve Minutes of the May 27, 2009 Regular Meeting.
Minutes approved.

BB PB CB CC RO DR DS BS BZ

IV. Discussion of Value Engineering Concept for the Bypass Rail Bridge Relocation Project. **Julie Lucido, Project Manager, briefly gave an overview of the current status of the Value Engineering proposal (VEP) that was sent to the Army Corps on June 10. She turned the item over to Bryan Smith, Project Manager – Suulutaaq (bridge contractor); David Pierce – PND Engineering (subcontractor-bridge design); and Howard Mattfield – Kiewit (subcontractor-construction). The item was opened for discussion. Topics pertained to the proposed steel box girder bridge’s aesthetics/design elements, environmental issues, and maintenance as well as the time and cost savings provided by the VEP. The Panel still had concerns with the City of Napa’s prior proposed aesthetics, such as faux arches, and they expressed that the bypass bridge should resemble the river bridge and the bridge design should reflect what the community would like to see. Ms. Lucido added that the VEP process is ongoing. The Corps’ consultant (TranSystems) is conducting a technical review as well as the District (on a smaller scale), and the construction schedule is being closely monitored in anticipation of the VEP being included in the construction contract. The Corps is required to amend their permit with the Department of Fish and Game in order to accept the VEP. The Panel will be notified of the outcome of the VEP in the future.**

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

- **Site visit of planting areas on east bank of Napa River (July);**
- **Request for Waiver from the Napa Valley Yacht Club for dock extension (after a prior meeting of the ad hoc committee).**

VI. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)

Member Bennett mentioned an article in the Napa Valley Register regarding geese eating the plantings in the Contract 2W area downtown and expressed concern about money being spent to plant something that will be torn up. Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, responded that to help the young plantings become established, the Corps will cover them with wire fencing until the fall and that large wooden silhouettes of natural predators will be placed in the area to ward off the geese.

Chairperson Ohlemutz mentioned a FEMA study being done on the impact of wind setup and wave runner for the entire Bay Area that will result in new water elevations and wanted to know if the new elevations would decrease the Flood Project's level of protection. Ms. Lucido responded that she would need to further research the matter, and if it falls under the charge of the TAP, the item will be agendaized in the future for discussion.

VII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of July 29, 2009.

Meeting date confirmed. Ms. Lucido added that this meeting will be a site visit and will start at a different location, which designates the meeting as a special meeting.

VIII. Adjourn.

Adjourned to the next Special Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting location will be noted in the agenda.

ROLF OHLEMUTZ
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JULIE LUCIDO
Secretary

By: _____
GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

Vote: BB = Bill Bennett; PB = Phill Blake; CB = Chip Bouril; CC = Chris Craiker RO = Rolf Ohlemutz;
DR = Dennis Rinehart; DS = Dennis Scherzinger; BS = Barbara Stafford; BZ = Bob Zlomke

Notations under Vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstained