

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

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Wednesday, August 26, 2009
5:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call; Call to Order.
The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Dennis Rinehart; Barbara Stafford; Chris Craiker; Vice-Chairperson Chip Bouril; Phill Blake; Bob Zlomke; and Chairperson Rolf Ohlemutz. Bill Bennett arrived during Item II, and Dennis Scherzinger was excused.

- II. Public Comment.
Bernhard Krevet, Friends of the Napa River and the Measure A Financial Oversight Committee, distributed a flyer for the annual Symphony on the River festival for Sunday, September 6, 2009 and gave an overview of the activities.

- III. Approve Minutes of the June 24, 2009 Regular Meeting.
Minutes approved.

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- Approve Minutes of the July 29, 2009 Special Meeting.
Minutes approved.

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- IV. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Additional Members to River Trail Ad Hoc Committee.
Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, discussed the history of the River Trail Ad Hoc Committee and their involvement with design related issues on the river trail and how some signage has recently appeared on the floodwall without any prior notification or approval. Mr. Thomasser spoke about the issue with Cassandra Walker, Economic Development Director, and Dave Perrazo, Parks Superintendent, City of Napa, advising them about needing a process for approving items attached to the floodwall from a maintenance perspective as well as review by the TAP for aesthetic purposes and conformance to the Living River Guidelines. Mr. Thomasser suggested reconvening the River Trail Ad Hoc Committee to interact with the City of Napa to develop an approval process. The item was opened for discussion. Vice-Chairperson Bouril was appointed to the River Trail Ad Hoc Committee, joining Members Stafford and Zlomke.

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V. Flood Project Status Report and Update.

Julie Lucido, Flood Project Manager, provided an update on the following:

- **Napa Creek – During a meeting held on July 13, 2009, the resource agencies indicated to the working group that there was still an issue in review related to the hydraulic design in that agency representatives wanted a scour apron detail to be steepened to allow more scour at the toe of bank and the reduction in limits for the apron locations, as this would allow for better habitat for Napa Creek species, especially the outside of bend. The Corps' design team revised the slope from 2 to 1 to 1.5 to 1 and submitted the change to the resource agencies. Any comments the resources agencies may have on the new submittal will be brought back to the TAP. With the meeting of July 13, the resource agencies agreed that the Corps should move ahead with the 100% plans, which would be brought back to the resource agencies for their review but with no additional changes to the design. The 100% plans are expected to be finalized by December 2009 with the District and Corps coordinating with the City of Napa, utilities agencies, and NCTPA on the over top of bank improvements related to streets and phasing and construction disruptions. Following a technical review of the 100% plans, the final bid set is expected to be ready in February/March 2010 with contract advertisement and award to occur by summer 2010. This topic was opened for discussion.**
- **Bypass Rail Bridge Relocation Project – The Value Engineering (VE) proposal previously presented to the TAP was withdrawn from consideration. It was a joint decision between the Corps and their contractor. Addition of the VE proposal to the construction contract would have affected the overall schedule, and the contractor's design team submitted the VE proposal too late to get a full review. The Corps' contractor is proceeding with concrete bridges with pile driving commencing in the near future for the foundation starting at the Bypass Bridge and then over at the north abutment for the River Bridge. Work on the foundation will occur through the winter with no in-water work this year above top of bank at the river location. The contractor estimates four months of pile driving for this phase. Additional pile driving will be necessary next summer for in-water work for piers in the water and again in summer 2011 when the second (western) half of the Bypass Bridge is constructed. The construction of the cul-de-sac at Napa Street has been delayed due to hitting unsuitable subgrade and underground utilities being located in unexpected locations. Site work at the Napa Valley Wine Train station is ongoing. The closure of First and Third Streets has been delayed. The Corps has suspended work on the First and Third Streets section, requiring the contractor to revise their schedule. A schedule is expected the middle to end of September in which the District, Corps, and the City of Napa will evaluate and ensure that construction is sequenced in an acceptable manner. Issues concerning the validity of the contractor's license have been resolved. The topic was opened for discussion.**
- **Stimulus – Ms. Lucido distributed a memo at the beginning of the item that detailed original allocation estimates and current allocation estimates for**

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construction work funded by stimulus funding. Ms. Lucido explained that the stimulus funds will fund tasks vs. dollar amount and will fluctuate over time. The topic was opened for discussion.

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

- **Review of Napa Creek Design (September);**
- **Review of Re-submittal of Waiver Request for Napa Valley Yacht Club (TBD).**

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

Member Craiker inquired about restrooms along the riverfront. Mr. Thomasser suggested this might be a topic for the River Trail Ad Hoc Committee to bring up with the City of Napa along with public parking. Member Stafford mentioned that the City previously considered these matters and that the City's plans should be revisited.

VIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of September 30, 2009.

Meeting date confirmed.

IX. Adjourn.

Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood District Conference Room.

ROLF OHLEMUTZ
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JULIE LUCIDO
Secretary

By:

GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

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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