

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



Wednesday, December 9, 2009
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Dennis Rinehart; Phill Blake; Vice-Chairperson Chip Bouril; Barbara Stafford; and Chairperson Rolf Ohlemutz. Bob Zlomke arrived during Item II, Bill Bennett arrived during Item IV, and Chris Craiker and Dennis Scherzinger were excused.

II. Public Comment.
None.

III. Approve Minutes of the October 28, 2009 Regular Meeting.
Minutes approved with the following revision under Item IV: Member Stafford motioned to approve the Waiver Request as presented without conditions.

BB	PB	CB	CC	RO	DR	DS	BS	BZ
X			X			X		

IV. Review of 95% Plans for the Napa Creek Project and Possible Finding of Consistency. Julie Lucido, Project Manager, introduced Bert Brown, Project Manager, and Dave Cook, Assistant Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Lucido mentioned the 95% plans will be made final in February 2010 with awarding of the construction contract in May 2010. The Corps recently signed a Finding of No Significant Impact after review of the Environmental Assessment for the Napa Creek Project to comply with NEPA requirements, and the Flood Board was scheduled to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Plan on December 15 to comply with CEQA requirements. The item was turned over to Will Hall, Technical Lead, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who introduced Rob O'Dell and Ed Wallace, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, and Jeff Crovitz, MGE. Mr. Crovitz went over plans in the agenda packet and via projector by starting downstream of the creek and going upstream reach by reach while noting any significant changes from the 65% design plans. The item was opened for discussion. A few members of the Panel expressed concerns regarding the functionality, maintenance, and aesthetics of rootwad revetment for bank stabilization, which was a requirement of the environmental agencies. The Corps and their design team took Panel comments that would have further review (see attached). The Panel approved a finding of consistency with the intent of the General Design Memorandum and Community Coalition Plan.

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V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

- Dock Extension from City of Napa.

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

None.

VII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of January 27, 2010.

Meeting date confirmed.

VIII. Adjourn.

Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 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

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

TAP Comments on 95% Napa Creek Design Plans

Comment/Suggestion	Response
Key for hatchings should refer to whatever defines them.	There wasn't sufficient time to key them to meet the schedule, but this is being worked on.
Not sure if Bottle Bush is native to the county or valley. Redbud is not really native to Napa. Santa Barbara sedge is usually planted more outside of channel than inside. At rock riffles, there are two rows of sedge pockets that are 8' apart. Possibly plant sedges between boulders rather than in a straight line.	
Sedges need to be planted in early spring and right at the water's edge to develop root system.	We will have to figure out since work window in the riparian zone is June through October.
Areas on sheets 14 and 31 show rock riffle upstream and downstream. What will this look like? The way the plans are designed gives the impression of no disturbance in this area but there is and it needs to be addressed.	
Put manholes on both sides of culverts.	
Page 23 – Appears to be an exposed bank near outlet from culvert. Recommend revetment to be pulled a little bit around corner to provide extra protection.	
Page 22 – If sacrete wall is going to stay, void underneath should be closed so that wall does not remain undercut.	
Page 25 – The City's parking requirements lacks a walkway along the bank.	City is looking at including path on southside of bank that connects the creek area to the downtown area.
Trouble understanding cross-sections. There were symbols for bank treatment but no key.	Symbols will be added to each sheet.
Is there a three-year warranty on the rootwads?	Yes, but need to modify the spec to include vegetation/erosion monitoring/maintenance time establishment period.
Homeless could slip through 1' gaps between the bars of trash racks.	This issue will be researched. Security fencing could be installed at culverts during the dry season but would have to be removed each winter.