

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



Wednesday, August 29, 2007  
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

**The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on August 29, 2007 with the following members present: Phill Blake; Vice-Chairperson Bill Bennett; Chairperson Barbara Stafford; Rolf Ohlemutz; and Dennis Rinehart. Dennis Scherzinger and Bob Zlomke were excused.**

II. Public Comment.

**Muriel Fagiani questioned the July 25, 2007 minutes in which there was reference to her asking a question regarding Item V but didn't see a response and where a copy of a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers referenced in Item V could be obtained. (Ms. Fagiani was advised public comments under agenda items aren't noted in the minutes, and a copy of the letter could be obtained at the District office at a cost of \$0.50.)**

**Harry Price, Principal of Napa Mill LLC, voiced concerns regarding Amendment No. 6 in the Value Engineering Proposal wherein the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to place heavy riprap in an area from a corner around the General Store to Brown Street where riprap is unnecessary. He said his concern was that the addition of riprap in this area would give title of the land to the California State Lands Commission and would prohibit any future use by Napa Mill, such as the installation of a boat dock. Mr. Price stated he would have to file an inverse condemnation action if this occurred and urged the Panel to review the engineering work of the Corps and for the District to consult with their engineers and lawyers to come up with a better plan.**

III. Approve Minutes of the July 25, 2007 Regular Meeting.  
**Minutes approved.**

<b>BB</b>	<b>PB</b>	<b>RO</b>	<b>DR</b>	<b>DS</b>	<b>BS</b>	<b>BZ</b>
				<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>

IV. Discussion of South Wetlands Opportunity Area (SWOA) Lands Available for Possible Transfer to Napa County Parks and Open Space District.

**Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, briefly discussed the proposed transfer of the District's lands in the SWOA to the Napa County Parks and Open Space District (NCPOSD). Mr. Thomasser pointed to a projected map of the lands to be transferred and added that the Flood District would still retain long-term responsibility of maintaining the flood control aspects of the lands as well as environmental monitoring and vegetation management even though the fee title would be possessed by the NCPOSD. John Woodbury, representing the NCPOSD, briefly described the Parks District's background and stated ownership of the lands would assist the Park District's goal of maintaining open space areas for conservation and recreation within the county. Mr. Woodbury also stated it would be more beneficial for these lands to be owned**

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**by a local entity rather than a State entity that would not have as vested an interest. The item was opened for discussion. The proposed transfer of lands will be brought before the District Board for approval.**

- V. Review of Contract 2 East Revegetation – New Tulocay Creek to Third Street Bend 100% Plans and Possible Finding of Consistency.  
**Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, stated there were no significant changes from the 95% plans previously reviewed by the Panel. Two changes that merited mentioning were the marsh plantings would not occur until spring, and the use of herbicides would be replaced with organic fertilizers. The item was opened for discussion. Member Ohlemutz motioned for a finding of consistency. Vice-Chairperson Bennett seconded. The motion carried.**

<b>BB</b>	<b>PB</b>	<b>RO</b>	<b>DR</b>	<b>DS</b>	<b>BS</b>	<b>BZ</b>
				<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>

- VI. Review of Interior Drainage Report and Possible Finding of Consistency.  
**Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, requested the item be pulled from the agenda and moved to the September meeting, as Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer and author of the item, wasn't present for discussion. The public and Panel presented comments which staff noted and will address during the September meeting.**
- VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.  
  - **Staff to review and address Harry Price's comments;**
  - **Report on interior drainage.**
- VIII. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)  
**Vice-Chairperson Bennett inquired about the possibility of electronic agenda documents.**
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date of September 26, 2007.  
**Meeting date confirmed.**
- X. Adjourn.  
**Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood Control District Conference Room.**

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BARBARA STAFFORD  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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JULIE LUCIDO  
Secretary

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By: GREG MORGAN  
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

Vote: BB = Bill Bennett; PB = Phill Blake; RO = Rolf Ohlemutz; DR = Dennis Rinehart;  
DS = Dennis Scherzinger; BS = Barbara Stafford; BZ = Bob Zlomke  
Notations under Vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstained