MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL
REGULAR MEETING

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Wednesday, March 29, 2006
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.
The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on March 29, 2006 with the following members present: Chairperson Dennis Scherzinger; Phill Blake; Dennis Rinehart; Tony Norris; Rolf Ohlemutz; Jo Ann Busenbark; Vice-Chairperson Barbara Stafford; Bill Bennett; and Larry Bahr.

II. Public Comment.
Muriel Fagiani inquired of the following: 1) Was the transport of water from the Highway 29 project into Napa Creek brought before the Panel for a finding of consistency? (Heather Stanton, Project Manager, stated she didn't believe so.) 2) Where was Napa Creek on the improvement schedule? (Heather Stanton, Project Manager, responded construction was scheduled to start in 2009.) 3) How was the street that goes from Arroyo Drive to Brown Street taken care of; did the TAP look into environmental problems? (The work on Arroyo Drive was included in the Flood Project's General Design Memorandum.)

III. Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2006 Regular Meeting.
Minutes approved.

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IV. Review of Oxbow Preserve Project Description and Possible Finding of Consistency.
Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer, introduced the item and added that the documentation made mention of a possible bridge from the Oxbow Preserve to the Flood Project trail on the west side of the River. This element is not part of the design review at this time but will be brought back at a later date. Ms. Lucido introduced the City of Napa representatives: Cassandra Walker, Director of Economic and Redevelopment; Mike McCarty, Director of Community Services; and Mark Andrilla, Civil Engineer. Ms. Walker went over an enlarged plan of the project and distributed an orientation to the larger plan, noting the key elements of the preserve. The item was opened for discussion. Member Norris moved for a motion of consistency. Member Rinehart seconded. The motion carried. (The finding of consistency pertained to the potential hydraulic impact on Flood Project conveyance.)

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V. Report on Removable Floodwall Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Meeting.
Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer, reported on the subcommittee meetings of March 8 and 16 with Members Ohlemutz and Bennett wherein they reviewed various items of information as well as a map of the entire Flood Project depicting the trail with wall height and an aerial photo with zoning along the entire reach. A PowerPoint presentation was shown that detailed background information and the recommendations for the policy. The item was opened for discussion. Heather Stanton suggested the Panel should advise the Flood Board that taking the risk of having removable floodwalls is not recommended, or it is only recommended in one area of the Project and that there was an assumption these were draft guidelines. Thus, the guidelines would be brought back to the Board at a later date, and in addition to adopting the policy, a determination could be made if there is an acceptable risk to consider a removable flood wall in the one location where it might be reasonable. Member Rinehart motioned for acceptance of the direction. The Panel was unanimous. (A second to the motion was inaudible.)

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VI. Hatt to First Contract Update.
Heather Stanton, Project Manager, stated the Value Engineering (VE) proposal was submitted by R & L Brosamer to the Corps on March 17. The Corps has 45 days from receipt of the VE proposal to respond. Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer, added the savings was about $100 thousand out of $8 million. The savings pertained to the structural components of the revised portion of the wall. Heather Stanton mentioned it may be difficult for the Corps to respond by May 2, but they are actively reviewing the proposal with their counsel, and the Panel would be informed of any future updates.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.
Report on Removable Floodwall Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Meeting.

VIII. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)
Member Bahr asked if the cofferdams around the Maxwell Bridge abutments have been removed yet. Julie Lucido stated they have not been removed, and the Department of Fish and Game will not allow removal until May 1 or possibly not until June. Member Bahr added he believed Caltrans was to have the abutments out last summer, and during the December 31 flood, the channel of the River was reduced by six feet due to the cofferdams being in place.

Member Norris said there are some rather exciting prospects that were discussed tonight, such as a number of different configurations of how the public can gain access on the River, such as trails near the Oxbow Preserve, the continuation of the trail outside of the Hatt building, and possibly, access through removable sections at

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docking facilities with continued trails. He also said it is going to make for a very great public draw, and lots will be said about the Project for decades to come, and it is worth taking the extra steps and thinking through things to make it possible in so many exciting and different ways.

IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date of April 26, 2006.
Meeting date confirmed.

X. Adjourn.
Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood Control District Conference Room.

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DENNIS SCHERZINGER
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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HEATHER STANTON
Secretary

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By: GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

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Vote: LB = Larry Bahr; BB = Bill Bennett; PB = Phil Blake; JB = Jo Ann Busenbark; TN = Tony Norris; RO = Rudolf Ohlemutz; DR = Dennis Rinehart; DS = Dennis Scherzinger; BS = Barbara Stafford

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