

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



Wednesday, June 28, 2006  
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on June 28, 2006 with the following members present: **Phill Blake; Rolf Ohlemutz; Tony Norris; Bill Bennett; and Larry Bahr.** Chairperson **Dennis Scherzinger; Vice-Chairperson Barbara Stafford; Dennis Rinehart; and Jo Ann Busenbark** were excused. The meeting was chaired by **Member Bahr.**

II. Public Comment.

**Muriel Fagiani** stated the descriptions of Items V, VI, and VII in the May 31, 2006 minutes were concluded with the phrase, "The item was opened for discussion," and she inquired if this was a new procedure. **Heather Stanton, Project Manager,** stated these items were informational and did not contain a specific direction or action, as the minutes are generally action minutes.

III. Approve Minutes of the March 29, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Before approval of the minutes, **Member Bahr** stated that staff had an informational item they would like to add. **Member Bahr** suggested the item be discussed after Item IV. The Panel and staff agreed.

Minutes approved.

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IV. Project Construction Re-sequencing Discussion and Recommendation to Flood Board. **Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer,** discussed the June 13, 2006 Flood Board meeting, wherein **Greg Kukas, Project Manager of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,** reported the findings of a hydraulic study that indicated there would be no flood inducement if the work on Napa Creek was re-sequenced to commence before the construction of the Oxbow Bypass as currently scheduled. The Board directed staff to return with an analysis of impacts if the re-sequencing was to occur and asked the TAP to look at the issue and come back with a recommendation to the Board on re-sequencing.

Some of the impacts would be the construction of the Napa Valley Wine Train Parking Lot, in which there are three phases with the first phase being currently under construction. Phase II, the building of decks, would not be affected, but Phase III could not proceed until the railroad relocation begins because the construction of the proposed fill for the final stage of the parking lot could increase flooding in the area during the interim condition. In the Oxbow area, 31 of 42 properties have been purchased in preparation for the construction schedule. Additionally, 12 properties have been identified for the railroad construction, and the review of legal descriptions has begun. The purchase of the properties in these

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two areas as well as the Napa Creek area can be completed dependent upon State funding and the design of the Napa Creek work of the Project, which has not taken place. It is estimated the design process would take one year. There is also an agreement between the District and the Gasser Foundation for soil placement on property north of Tulocay Creek that the District would have the site filled by a certain date. This would not be possible if the Creek work is pushed ahead of schedule.

Ms. Lucido also went over an inundation map, noting if the Oxbow Bypass and railroad relocation areas are constructed as scheduled, flooding in an area from Silverado Trail to Soscol Avenue would be greatly reduced and would also reduce water surface elevations upstream, and a portion of Napa Creek would also see reduced flooding from the River if these sections were constructed on schedule.

The item was opened for discussion. Heather Stanton, Project Manager, suggested the Panel focus on the technical aspect of the proposed re-sequencing in forming their response to the Board. The idea of a "215" proposal was brought up, which is the local sponsor (District) can advance funds for the design portion of the Napa Creek work and then be reimbursed later by the federal sponsor. If the Corps accepts it, it would then go to Congress and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for approval. Ms. Stanton did add that a 215 proposal is usually tied to construction rather than design but is still worth pursuing and suggested it be brought to the Flood Board at their July 25, 2006 meeting. Member Blake motioned to ask staff to recommend to the Flood Board the 215 proposal (accelerating the design of the Napa Creek portion of the Flood Project) be moved forward, and as the Panel reviews the design, they wish to look at the ability to construct components of the Creek if possible. Member Norris seconded. The motion carried.

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V. Update on Hatt to First Construction.

**Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer, gave an update of the following:**

**The fencing around Veterans Park came down today, just in time for the Fourth of July celebration.**

**The Corps' engineer is recommending conditional approval for technical merit of the Value Engineering proposal for the cantilevered walkway. It is not a full approval, as there is a process wherein the contractor still has to prove there is a reduction in cost in the VE proposal.**

**One aspect contained in the VE proposal was an ADA ramp and staircase at Fifth Street. This has been redesigned so that the ramping of the trail and Fifth Street come together, thus providing a cleaner design and eliminating the ADA ramp.**

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**This item was removed from the VE proposal and sent to the Corps as a no-cost design change proposal, which the Corps has accepted. This item will be incorporated into the construction plans regardless of the outcome of the VE proposal.**

**The design of a wall in front of the Hatt property has been realigned to extend approximately 25' further out to the River than what was originally designed. This is due to a hydraulic analysis funded by the property owner and contractor, as the analysis indicated this take of private property was not necessary for flood water conveyance. The Corps concurred with the hydraulic analysis. This change has been put into the current construction plans and will also occur regardless of the VE proposal.**

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

- **Julie Lucido mentioned the new developer of a proposed hotel at 1515 Silverado Trail (previously brought to TAP in 2002 as the "Napa Resort and Spa" for approval) wanted to know if they can bring just one section/interface of their design to the Panel for their approval. The Panel requested the full set of plans.**
- **Napa Creek Status Update (as developments occur).**
- **Final Resolution on the Removable Floodwall Barriers (informational item).**

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

**Member Blake congratulated Heather Stanton on her impending retirement as a full-time employee of the City of Napa. Member Bahr mentioned seeing the article in the Napa Register. Heather Stanton acknowledged with thanks.**

VIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of July 26, 2006.

**Meeting date confirmed.**

IX. Adjourn.

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

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LARRY BAHR  
Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

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HEATHER STANTON  
Secretary

By: GREG MORGAN

KEY

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

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

Supervising Office Assistant