

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



Wednesday, September 28, 2005

5:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call; Call to Order.  
**The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on September 28, 2005 with the following members present: Dennis Scherzinger; Phill Blake; Bill Bennett; Dennis Rinehart; Rolf Ohlemutz; Tony Norris; Jo Ann Busenbark; and Barbara Stafford. Chairperson Larry Bahr arrived during Item II.**
- II. Introduction of New Panel Member Bill Bennett.  
**Bill Bennett was introduced as the newest member of the Panel, representing Civil Engineering/Wastewater Engineering.**
- III. Public Comment.  
**Muriel Fagiani questioned the absence of minutes for the July meeting. (A meeting wasn't held in July.) She also stated she was disappointed in the lack of answers to questions raised at meetings not being reflected in the minutes. Ms. Fagiani asked who owned Main Street going down to the Napa River. Heather Stanton, Project Manager, stated Harry Price owned the land on both sides of Main Street near Fifth Street. Ms. Fagiani asked if Mr. Price was going to donate \$500,000 for the redesigned trail. Heather Stanton could not confirm. Ms. Fagiani inquired about a hydrology report for the Oxbow Bypass. Heather Stanton stated hydraulics were mentioned in the GDM and that hydraulic modeling would be done at the time of design and to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Sacramento office for further information.**
- IV. Approve Minutes of the June 29, 2005 Regular Meeting and the August 31, 2005 Special Meeting.  
**Minutes approved.**
- LB BB PB JB TN RO DR DS BS**
- V. Review City of Napa Conceptual Design for the Oxbow Bypass.  
**Rick Thomasser, Senior Flood Project Analyst, introduced Cass Walker, Redevelopment/Economic Development Director of the City of Napa, who spoke about the design process for the Oxbow Bypass. Cass Walker then introduced Nancy Fleming of SWA Architects and Tom Burke of Hydrological Systems. A PowerPoint presentation was made with Ms. Fleming noting the design principles of the plan and Mr. Burke noting the hydraulic components. The item was opened for discussion. Upon finalization of the conceptual design by the City, it will be incorporated into the Army Corps' construction plans of the Oxbow Bypass, in which the 50% plans will be brought to the TAP for a finding of consistency within the next month or two.**

- VI. Hatt to First Street Contract Update.  
**Heather Stanton, Project Manager, distributed a memo of a meeting that was held earlier in the day at the District office. During this meeting, Greg Bickett, an engineer working for Harry Price, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining modeling results that found a proposed redesign presented at an August 30 meeting did not work. Another comparison to the Army Corps' current design and a proposed design that had less of an impact on land showed no change in hydraulics or velocity. There is still no approved design at this time. The Army Corps will allow their contractor to come up with a Value Engineering proposal for the redesigned portion of the trail in which Mr. Price is financing the proposal. The contractor will evaluate the proposal to see if it qualifies as a Value Engineering change. The contractor will then forward the proposal to the Army Corps for their final evaluation and determination. This process will occur over the next three to six months. The item was opened for discussion.**
- VII. Discuss TAP Report to Flood Board.  
**Rick Thomasser, Senior Flood Project Analyst, went over a suggested outline in the staff report, stating a main point would be to discuss the TAP's activities during the past year. Heather Stanton, Project Manager, suggested having a PowerPoint presentation; adding the TAP activity tracking spreadsheet to the staff report; and discussing some of the conditions that have been placed on developments. Chairperson Bahr stated the presentation should reflect the positive work of the Panel. Chairperson Bahr and Rick Thomasser will further discuss the details of the presentation.**
- VIII. Flood Project Status Report and Update.  
**Rick Thomasser, Senior Flood Project Analyst, went over the latest Project schedule, noting key areas of interest. The item was opened for discussion.**
- IX. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.  
**None at this time.**
- X. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)  
**None at this time.**
- XI. Confirm Next Meeting Date of October 26, 2005.  
**Meeting date confirmed.**
- XII. Adjourn.  
**Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood Control District Conference Room.**

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LARRY BAHR  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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HEATHER STANTON  
Secretary

By: 

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GREG MORGAN  
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

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