

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



Wednesday, October 26, 2005

5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on October 26, 2005 with the following members present: Vice-Chairperson Dennis Scherzinger; Phill Blake; Tony Norris; Dennis Rinehart; Jo Ann Busenbark; Rolf Ohlemutz; Barbara Stafford, Chairperson Larry Bahr; and Bill Bennett.

II. Public Comment.

Muriel Fagiani questioned why the print on the plans for Item IV were so small and if anyone else had trouble reading them. She also asked what the waiver process was for Item IV. Chairperson Bahr asked that Ms. Fagiani hold her question pertaining to the waiver process until Item IV was formally discussed.

III. Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2005 Regular Meeting.

**Minutes approved.**

**LB BB PB JB TN RO DR DS BS**

IV. Review of Riverbend Resort & Spa Revised Plans and Possible Approval of Waiver Request.

**Rick Thomasser, Senior Flood Project Analyst, stated this item came before the Panel originally in May 2000 and has returned due to some changes in the original plans. Mr. Thomasser briefly defined the City of Napa waiver process. (A waiver must be obtained for any new development within Flood Project limits to ensure the work doesn't materially affect the Flood Project.) Mr. Thomasser noted the new plans have changed architecturally but follow the original general plan, and he suggested the waiver request be granted with reference to the revised plans with the following conditions: 1) Developer will dedicate in fee the property needed for the Flood Project; and 2) The only construction activities in the dedication area shall be construction of the trail, which shall be to City standards and shall match the existing trail to the north. No other landscaping or improvements are authorized at this time. Any such improvements must be approved by the District.**

**Mr. Thomasser turned the item over to Chuck Shinnamon, Community Developer. Mr. Shinnamon introduced the following individuals of the development team: Brianne Parham, Project Manager, and Chris Piper, Construction Manager – Intrawest; Kevin Teague – Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty; Chris Tibbits – Riechers Spence & Associates; and Philip vanderToolen – vanderToolen Associates. Mr. Shinnamon stated he would like to move forward with the City process and would later return to the Panel to further discuss development of the river trail. The item was opened for discussion. A plan sheet depicting cross sections that was inadvertently left out of the agenda packet was distributed during the meeting.**

**Item IV...Continued**

**Member Busenbark moved for approval of the recommendation for a waiver. Member Norris seconded. The motion carried.**

**LB BB PB JB TN RO DR DS BS**

- V. **Review of Contract 3 – Bypass/Oxbow 50% Plans and Possible Finding of Consistency. Heather Stanton, Project Manager, stated that staff would like to withdraw their request for a finding of consistency on the plans because they were not given adequate analysis before they were distributed, and Jon Lander, Principal Engineer, would be providing his observations on certain points after Larry Dacus’s comments today that might have been included in the item’s staff report. Ms. Stanton also mentioned the potential of some property owners inquiring about the option of removable floodwalls and distributed a policy on flood gates that was approved by the District Board at their October 4, 2005 meeting and stated this would be a guideline for such requests. Larry Dacus, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, went over enlarged plans of the Oxbow Bypass, noting key design aspects. The item was opened for discussion. Jon Lander, Principal Engineer, stated the following: The First Street Bridge over Napa Creek wasn’t clearly designated on the plans; a right of way line is misinterpreted on the south corner at McKinstry Street; the floodwall line doesn’t appear to meet the existing wall at the Oxbow School; the construction notes on sheet #CD101 state, “Hatched areas indicate features that are to be removed,” which includes an area where the new First Street Bridge over Napa Creek is located; sheet #CD102 has the demolition of a portion of the railroad, which would fall under the railroad relocation contract unless the new railroad bridge is built first; and staff will be submitting other comments to the Corps pertaining to some other minor right of way issues around the Oxbow. Mr. Dacus stated this could be viewed as an initial submittal, and with the staff, Panel, and City comments, more detailed plans would be brought back to the Panel for a possible finding of consistency.**
- VI. **Hatt to First Street Contract Update. Heather Stanton, Project Manager, stated the proposed modification to the trail is still in the design phase. A review meeting among engineering representatives was held on October 20. The contractor, R. L. Brosamer, submitted a letter to the Corps indicating they would like a resequencing of the contract and would like to submit a value engineering proposal. The contractor is attempting to get trailers on site this week and asked to use a couple of parking spaces. A meeting of the larger design team will be held on November 10 to determine if the Corps can embrace the change, who would then forward the change to R. L. Brosamer, who would then review the change, and if applicable, would forward it back to the Corps as a value engineering proposal. Staff is hoping that construction can soon begin at the DeSimoni portion of the Project.**

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

**None at this time.**

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

**Vice-Chairperson Scherzinger commented that he attended the October 18 District Board meeting wherein Chairperson Bahr gave a presentation on behalf of the Panel and that he gave a very nice presentation. Chairperson Bahr thanked staff for their technical support and Vice-Chairperson Scherzinger for his moral support.**

**Member Ohlemutz had a request to staff suggesting Muriel Fagiani be encouraged to speak with District engineering personnel regarding any questions she may have between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. the day of the TAP meeting so that comments brought up during the meeting can be more focused on the business of the Panel. Ms. Fagiani was open to the suggestion but wished background information would be printed in larger fonts.**

**Heather Stanton announced today's meeting would be Jon Lander's and Larry Dacus's last TAP meeting, as Jon is retiring, and Larry Dacus is moving on in his career. Larry Dacus added that he is retiring from federal service after 31 years to go work for the private sector (BK Engineers). Member Stafford added that she was sad. Larry Dacus stated there were very competent people coming in behind him. Member Stafford recalled the early days where there were initial meetings about the Project at the Fairgrounds. Larry Dacus echoed the sentiment, and Member Ohlemutz added he hoped this wasn't a sign, being that Jon and Larry were leaving and it was the first day of rain. Heather Stanton added that Larry would be honored at the District Board meeting of November 15 and for anyone who could make the meeting, it would be appreciated.**

IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date of November 30, 2005.

**Meeting date confirmed.**

X. Adjourn.

**Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, November 30, 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

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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