

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



Wednesday, December 7, 2005  
5:30 p.m.

- I. Roll Call; Call to Order.  
**The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during special session on December 7, 2005 with the following members present: Dennis Rinehart; Tony Norris; Phill Blake; Jo Ann Busenbark; Rolf Ohlemutz; Barbara Stafford; Chairperson Larry Bahr; and Bill Bennett. Vice-Chairperson Dennis Scherzinger arrived at the beginning of Item IV.**
- II. Public Comment.  
**None.**
- III. Approve Minutes of the October 26, 2005 Regular Meeting.  
**Minutes approved.**

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

**Chairperson Bahr stated he has spoken with District staff and would like to suggest changing the order in which agenda items are addressed at meetings, which would be as follows: 1) Public Comment; 2) Staff Report; 3) TAP Deliberations; and, barring any substantial change to the direction or action of the item, 4) Conclusion/Finding of Consistency. If there appears to be a substantial change, an additional public comment period would be allowed at the Chairperson's discretion. There were no objections from the Panel.**

- IV. Review of Oxbow Public Market Plans and Possible Approval of Flood Project Waiver Request.  
**Julie Lucido, Civil Engineer of the District, introduced herself to the Panel and initiated discussion of the item. The developer of the project submitted an application for a waiver request to the City of Napa, who, in turn, forwarded the project design plans to District staff. District staff reviewed the plans and submitted comments to the developer. The developer did not have sufficient time to respond to the comments prior to the distribution of this meeting's agenda. In lieu of this, staff felt comfortable that the proposed development would in no way impact the construction of the Flood Project. Staff recommends the waiver request be granted with the condition that the developer will have sole financial responsibility for replacing any landscaping in the TCE area that is damaged as a result of Flood Project construction. Another issue is to ensure three separate areas within the development's construction area are transferred to the District for construction easement purposes. Julie Lucido turned over the item to the development team, headed by Chuck Shinnamon, Community Developer. Mr. Shinnamon introduced Kurt Nystrom and Bart Rhoades – Copia; Rob Mann – Developer; Steve Carlin – Developer; and Chris Tibbits – Riechers Spence & Associates. Mr. Shinnamon**

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went over some larger drawings and then turned the item over to Steve Carlin. The item was opened for discussion. Member Norris moved for approval of the recommendation for a waiver with the conditions as noted. Member Rinehart seconded. The motion did not carry as further Panel discussion was introduced. Member Norris reiterated his motion. Member Rinehart seconded. The motion carried.

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- V. Hatt to First Street Contract Update.  
**Heather Stanton, Project Manager, referred to the staff report in the agenda and then turned the item over to Members Blake, Stafford, and Ohlemutz, who attended the proposed alternate trail meeting of November 22, 2005, in which a cantilevered design was presented. Member Blake mentioned concerns brought up at this meeting were the loss of marsh plain terraces/potential loss of habitat and if shading from the cantilevered walkway would affect vegetation. Since the area that would be impacted is relatively small, he felt the changes contained in the latest value engineering (VE) proposal would not be significant impacts. Member Stafford mentioned positive physical changes in terms of circulation and pedestrian ways. However, she mentioned concern about the design of the wall and aesthetics and how the wall would be expressed around the corner and hoped that the City urban design consultant would provide their input. Member Ohlemutz mentioned that although he was unable to make it to the November 22 trail meeting, he expressed concern with soil anchors and possibly running into very old fill material that may not be sufficient support. Heather Stanton stated that when the VE proposal is submitted to the Corps for their analysis, it will be brought back to the Panel for their review, which is estimated to occur some time in March.**
- VI. 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.**
- 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.)  
**Member Ohlemutz stated he was prompted by staff and would like consideration at the next meeting to form an ad-hoc committee to review the subject of removable floodwalls and floodgates and for the Panel to come up with a policy on how these features would be applied, if at all, within the Project.**
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date of January 25, 2006.  
**Meeting date confirmed.**

X. Adjourn.

**Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on  
Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 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