

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

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Wednesday, September 29, 2010
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Dennis Rinehart; Dennis Scherzinger; Chris Craiker; Bill Bennett; Rolf Ohlemutz; Phill Blake; Vice-Chairperson Bob Zlomke; Chairperson Chip Bouril; and Barbara Stafford.

II. Public Comment.

None.

III. Approve Minutes of the May 26, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Minutes approved.

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Approve Minutes of the June 30, 2010 Special Meeting.

Minutes approved.

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IV. Review of Draft Interim Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation Manual and Possible Finding of Consistency.

Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, opened the item with a brief overview on the draft Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Contract 1A, 1B, 2E, and 2W areas and introduced the following representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Bert Brown, Project Manager; Will Doyle, Project Tech Lead; and Jeff Koschak, Project Environmental Lead. The item was opened for discussion. The Panel's comments will be forwarded to the Corps (see Attachment "A"). The manual was found consistent with the intent of the General Design Memorandum and Community Coalition Plan.

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V. Flood Project Status Report and Update.

Julie Lucido, Project Manager, went over the status of the stimulus funding (referring to memo attached to the staff report), efforts to secure federal funding for Fiscal Year 2012, Bypass Rail Bridge Relocation construction activities, and the schedules for the Napa Creek construction and Oxbow/Bypass design. The item was opened for discussion.

- VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.
Review of City of Napa Interior Drainage Contracts – East Side and West Side of Napa River (pending availability).
- VII. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)
None.
- VIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of October 27, 2010.
Meeting date confirmed.
- IX. Adjourn.
Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood District Conference Room.

CHIP BOURIL
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JULIE LUCIDO
Secretary

By:

GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

Vote: BB = Bill Bennett; PB = Phill Blake; CB = Chip Bouril; CC = Chris Craiker RO = Rolf Ohlemutz;
DR = Dennis Rinehart; DS = Dennis Scherzinger; BS = Barbara Stafford; BZ = Bob Zlomke
Notations under Vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstained

ATTACHMENT "A"

Technical Advisory Panel Comments – September 29, 2010

Draft Interim Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation Manual

Comment
Page 20 – Bullet 1) should be, "... 0.5' deposition on the average across the cross-section. Bullet 3) – Be aware that the channel geometry for a 5-year event or greater is generally not known; the best indication is what you measure beforehand. If you try to run a model for flood conditions, channel geometry should be treated with a grain of salt.
Monitoring is based on a flood profile generated for a 100-year flood, but we should do a 10-year model, a repeatable profile for monitoring purposes to see if this section is holding up and performing relative to a 10-year profile. (Rick Thomasser responded that we have several profiles and we'll have a base calibrated model that will continue to be modified based on changes.)
Page 33 – Refer to a figure where tidal slough is in the Project.
"City of Napa" should be written consistently throughout the document.
Page 8 – Beginning of second paragraph should read "Contract 1B" instead of "Contract 1A".
Headings are split from tables and should be moved down; e.g., page 11. DR
Page 23 – Second bullet should state semi-annual reports shall be submitted prior to June 1 and December 1 of each year.
Page 28 – First bullet point – Move October back to September. (Rick Thomasser mentioned that the Corps has been coming out to do their inspection in October and the District will do their inspections earlier.) Second and third bullet points: Define high water event.
Page 42 – Third bullet: If that is truly intended, there should be a policy talking about interim/temporary fences and how they will be utilized. (Rick Thomasser said it is doubtful that grazing would be used.)
Pages 43 – The word "shall" should be substituted in the following instances: "The public shall..." and "The public's impact on a site shall (first bullet point); "...while the vegetation is young but shall..." (fourth bullet point); "However, over time the damage shall..." (fifth bullet point); and "Damage due to flooding shall..." (sixth bullet point).
Page 1 – Napa Creek was added by the Flood Control Act of 1976, not 1965.
The Document is not very well organized; e.g., Section 6 references 20 cross-sections but are not found until Section 11.
Page 31 – Third bullet point should reference that the USFWS or a duly-licensed authority is the only agency authorized to trap the saltmarsh harvest mouse since it is a federally-listed species.
Page 39 – First paragraph towards the end should state the Scripus has successfully established on the Contract 1B reach of the project rather than the entire reach of the project.
Page 41 – Under Prescribed Burning, the Bay Area Air District and Calfire should be referenced as contacts and NCRCO should be removed.
Page 42 – Add "Consultation suggested with the University of California and NRCS for use of grazing."
Page 12 – Last sentence of the first paragraph reads that low barometric pressure can cause astronomical tidal stages wherein it actually increases tidal stages. This sentence should be corrected. Also question the use of the term "astronomical" in this context.

Comment

Page 21 – Third paragraph where it reads, “...satisfactory to the Government”, this should read, “...satisfactory to the Corps”.

General Comments to District:

How are you going to do this – staff, cost, and what will be the management tool to do this?
Would like to see a spreadsheet of action items and a staffing plan to address the items.