

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



Wednesday, August 31, 2011
5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order; Roll Call.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Bill Bennett; Chris Craiker; Tony Norris; Rolf Ohlemutz; Vice-Chairperson Dennis Rinehart; Dennis Scherzinger; Barbara Stafford, and Chairperson Bob Zlomke. Chip Bouril was excused.

II. Public Comment.

Chris Malan expressed concerns about the City of Calistoga using Measure A funds for a water tank. Ms. Malan stated her opinion that the project is a replacement project and that it should have come before the TAP for approval. Julie Lucido, Project Manager, replied she could research if the project should have been previously reviewed by the TAP but it is not under their jurisdiction now because it is an awarded project. Rick Thomasser, Watershed & Flood Control Operations Manager, added the project was considered by the City of Calistoga to be associated with the maintenance of Kimball Reservoir and overall water supply reliability for the city and that enhancement of the reservoir is listed as an approved project under Measure A.

III. Approve Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Minutes approved with the following revision: Under Item IV, the sentence pertaining to surveillance should read, "...as well as the Regional Board's request to monitor boat speed and dock usage." Minutes approved as corrected.

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IV. Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition Presentation.

Rick Thomasser, Watershed & Flood Control Operations Manager, introduced Chuck McMinn, Executive Director, and Philip Sales, Route Committee Chair, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition. Mr. McMinn distributed copies of a letter that contained particulars of the interface of the 44 mile, 10'-wide Vine Trail with the trails that will be built as part of the Flood Project. He also presented a PowerPoint presentation and noted specific interface locations, design specs, proposed trail features, construction status, and funding. The Coalition wants to ensure: 1) the Vine Trail connection gets down into the bypass and over to the river trail around the oxbow and goes north to Trancas Street and have a more direct and separated path for bikers in addition to the serpentine ADA path (as suggested by the Friends of the Napa River), 2) coordination in terms of the connection from Soscol Avenue to Third Street, and 3) having a 10'-wide paved path with two 2' shoulders with appropriate signage continuing from Third Street to the back of Home Depot. The item was opened for discussion. Mr. Thomasser suggested a meeting between District Staff, the Coalition and the Napa Valley Wine Train to discuss the possibility of using the Wine Train bridge over Tulocay Creek as part of the Vine Trail.

- V. Status Update on Dry Bypass Design.
Julie Lucido, Project Manager, provided an update of meetings held on August 4 and 25 with District staff, Friends of the Napa River (FOTNR), and the bypass designer on the FOTN's suggested design tweaks to make the bypass more useful. The designer is moving forward on the revised energy dissipater based on the TAP's comments on the 65% and 35% design, which are similar to the FOTNR's proposed tweaks in terms of eliminating the angular geometry. During the August 25 meeting, the group brainstormed about the access issues since additional steps cannot be added without rails. It was agreed upon by the group to take an adaptive management approach to see what else could be done to accommodate other forms of access while maintaining ADA requirements. District staff stated the commitment that the District will monitor the bypass usage after it is built and will evaluate paths that are formed through public usage and will maintain and/or groom paths to make them more easily accessed by bikers and pedestrians. Adding skateboard facilities was discussed but will not be considered due to complications with having a bowl shape in the bypass among other issues. The Corps is moving forward on their 100% design plans, and District staff will check back with FOTNR. The 100% plans are expected to be presented to the TAP at the November 16 meeting provided there is no delay by the contractor. The item was opened for discussion. Rick Thomasser, Watershed & Flood Control Operations Manager, stated the planting palette is still being worked on because the proposed grading near the bypass outlet will be lowered. The intent is to accommodate more of a tidal inundation in the area to create a zonation of different types of wetland plants from the river's edge. Member Bouril will be updated on the progress. Member Craiker questioned the height of the steps depicted on page 13, which would require handrails and a guard rail if the combined height of the step and curb is more than 30", which should be brought to the designer's attention. Ms. Lucido replied it will be reviewed to ensure elevation distance isn't being violated.
- VI. Update: Interpretive Signage for the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project.
Rick Thomasser, Watershed & Flood Control Operations Manager, reported that District staff and Ad Hoc Members Stafford, Rinehart, and Bouril met with sign designers DCE and the San Francisco Estuary Institute in July to discuss the sign project and conduct a site visit of the proposed sign locations. The signs would incorporate ecological and historical elements that are fitting to the various areas of the Flood Project and would be consistent with existing City of Napa signage. Drafts of the eight signs would be presented to the TAP at the September or October meeting. Four of the signs will be fabricated and installed this year at the following locations: 1) Veterans Memorial Park 2) Hatt Building overlook 3) Napa Creek pedestrian bridge 4) Kennedy Park. The item was opened for discussion.
- VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.
- Review drafts of proposed interpretive signs (September/October).
 - Review Dry Bypass 100% design plans (November).

- VIII. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)
Chairperson Zlomke mentioned his and Member Stafford's participation in the annual Napa Valley Open Studios wherein their artwork will be on display for the public.
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date of September 28, 2011.
Meeting date confirmed.
- X. Adjourn.
Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood District Conference Room.

BOB ZLOMKE
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JULIE LUCIDO
Secretary

By: _____
GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

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