

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



Wednesday, May 29, 2013
5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order; Roll Call.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Chairperson Dennis Rinehart; Dennis Scherzinger; Tony Norris; Vice-Chairperson Rolf Ohlemutz; Chris Craiker and Barbara Stafford. Bill Bennett was excused; and Chip Bouril and Bob Zlomke were absent.

II. Public Comment.
None.

III. Approve Minutes of the March 27, 2013 Regular Meeting.
Minutes approved.

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IV. Status Update on Dry Bypass Project and Funding.

Phil Miller, District Engineer, reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had not published their work plan for 2013. However, there was a hint in their federal business news publication that they would be bidding the Dry Bypass Project in August, which would give the assumption that there will be funding allocated for construction. There has also been recent correspondence between Senators Boxer and Feinstein, Congressman Thompson and the Office of Management and Budget regarding Flood Project funding. Mr. Miller added that the final back-check plans were distributed among the resource agencies for review and comment, which included a proposed northern kayak launch that wasn't in previous plans. In order to make the launch ADA compliant, 40' of rock was added to lessen steepness, but this could be problematic during low tides. The San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board objected to the design of the kayak launch, and it was determined the proposed launch wouldn't be feasible and it would not be pursued. Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, stated that excerpts from the final/final design plans will be brought to the next TAP meeting of June 26 as an informational item, and Andrew Butler, Associate Civil Engineer, added that the resource agencies' comments on the plans would be due to the Corps by June 28.

V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

In addition to the Dry Bypass item for next month, Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, distributed documentation and the executive summary of the draft Westside Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan, which is a mechanism for which projects within the Putah Creek watershed would be eligible to receive IRWM funding from the State Department of Water Resources. Mr. Thomasser requested the TAP review the

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documentation prior to the June 26 meeting, at which time staff will make a presentation on the Plan, and the TAP will be asked to recommend adoption of the Plan by the Flood District Board of Directors. Mr. Thomasser added that if Panel members have individual specific comments on the Plan, they could be submitted at a URL link included in the documentation by June 10, and there was also a link to view the full document.

VI. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)
None.

VII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of June 26, 2013.
Meeting date confirmed.

VIII. Site Visit: Napa Creek Construction Project.
Rick Thomasser, Watershed and Flood Control Operations Manager, and Andrew Butler, Associate Civil Engineer, led the group on a tour of the completed Napa Creek Construction Project area that started at the Pearl Street Bridge to view the bypass culvert inlet and the growth of the plantings, which the District will maintain in the future. Mr. Thomasser reported that the City of Napa plans to install a split rail fence sometime in the future to create a boundary between the slope and the parking lot along the creek terraces on Clinton Street. The tour moved northwest to the upstream culvert outlet at the Seminary Street Bridge to view the culvert and bank terracing. The tour proceeded north to the newly constructed Behrens Street Pedestrian Bridge, which is a prefabricated pedestrian bridge that replaces the 82-year-old vehicle bridge. The steel span with a concrete slab is similar in design to the Coombs Street Pedestrian Bridge. The tour ended at the upstream culvert inlet at the Center Street alley to view the culvert, storm event staging area and bank grading.

IX. Adjourn.
Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood District Conference Room.

DENNIS RINEHART
Chairperson

ATTEST:

PHIL MILLER
Secretary

By: _____
GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

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