NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Agenda Letter

TO:        Board of Directors
FROM:      Phillip Miller for Ridenhour, Don - District Engineer
           Napa County Flood Control District
REPORT BY: Julie Lucido, Flood Project Manager - 253-4366
SUBJECT:   Authorization of Reimbursement for Out-of-State Travel

RECOMMENDATION
District Engineer requests authorization for reimbursement for out-of-state travel expenses not to exceed $350.00 for Chairperson Techel who traveled to Louisville, KY on May 16, 2011 to attend an Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Conference as a keynote speaker to present watershed approaches to reduce flood risks, as implemented in the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project (Project).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of the Louisville, KY trip was for the Chairperson to give a presentation on the Project as the keynote speaker for the ASFPM Annual Conference.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?       Yes
Is it currently budgeted?      Yes
Where is it budgeted?          Napa County Flood Control District, Fund 6020
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:   Presentation highlights the benefits and successes of the Project to a national audience of floodplain professionals, including the California Department of
Water Resources and representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: The opportunity to highlight the Project benefits to a national audience of floodplain professionals would be missed.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Chairperson Techel was invited to be the keynote speaker at the ASFPM Conference in Louisville, KY to present information on the Project. The title of the presentation was Watershed Approaches to Reduce Flood Risk in the Napa Valley. The presentation focused on the unique history of the Project and the successful plan that emerged through the Community Coalition looking at flood control from a broader, more comprehensive perspective. Over 800 flood management professionals from the national organization attended this presentation on the Project. A brief summary of the event was presented by Chairperson Techel at a previous board meeting.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

District Engineer Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Daisy Lee