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TO: Napa County Board of Supervisors
Napa County Planning Commission
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Hillary Gitelman *HG*

RE: 2008 General Plan Update – Water Resources Section

On February 6, 2008, the Planning Commission reviewed the Conservation Element of the proposed General Plan Update and recommended addressing water resources in a separate element of the General Plan (3-2 vote). At the same meeting, the Planning Commission suggested a number of substantive changes to the text of the water resources goals, policies, and action items. County staff has also been working with groundwater experts in an effort to identify changes to the goals, policies and action items necessary to clarify the intent of the water resources section.

The attached document provides a consolidated set of recommended text changes to the water resources section of the December 3, 2007 Revised Draft General Plan Update.

County staff is seeking input regarding these suggested revisions at the joint meeting of the Board and the Planning Commission scheduled for February 26, 2008. At the same meeting, staff is seeking the Board's direction regarding the Commission's recommendation that these goals, policies, and action items be relocated (along with associated introductory text) to a separate element.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 253-4805 or hgitelman@co.napa.ca.us if you have questions regarding the attached recommendations before the meeting on February 26th.

WATER RESOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal CON-8: Reduce or eliminate groundwater and surface water contamination from known sources (e.g., underground tanks, chemical spills, landfills, livestock grazing, and other dispersed sources such as septic systems).

Goal CON-9: Control urban and rural storm water runoff and related non-point source pollutants, reducing to acceptable levels pollutant discharges from land-based activities throughout the county.

Goal CON-10: Conserve, enhance and manage water resources on a sustainable basis to attempt to ensure that sufficient amounts of water will be available for the uses allowed by this General Plan, for the natural environment, and for future generations.

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Goal CON-11: Prioritize the use of available groundwater for agricultural and rural residential uses rather than for urbanized areas and ensure that land use decisions recognize the long-term availability and value of water resources in Napa County.

Goal CON-12: Proactively and comprehensively collect information about the status of the county's surface and groundwater resources to provide for improved forecasting of future supplies and effective management of the resources.

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Goal CON-13: Promote the development and management of additional water resources to improve water supply reliability and sustainability in Napa County, including imported water supplies and recycled water projects.

WATER RESOURCES POLICIES

Policy CON-41: The County will work to protect Napa County's watersheds and public and private water reservoirs to provide for the following purposes:

- a) Clean drinking water for public health and safety;
- b) Support of the eco-systems;
- c) Agricultural water supply;
- d) Recreation and open space; and
- e) Scenic beauty.

Policy CON-42: The County shall work to improve and maintain the vitality and health of its watersheds. Specifically, the County shall:

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- a) Use all available sources of assistance to protect and enhance the Napa River and its tributaries and watershed to meet or exceed water quality standards imposed by state and federal authorities (e.g., pursue grants and other funding opportunities to assist in the identification, testing, and improvement of individual septic as well as community waste disposal systems, and to support watershed monitoring/sampling and