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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Mary Jean McLaughlin, PIO/Committees & Commissions , 253-4111
SUBJECT: Appointment of City Representatives to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests the appointment of Council Member Karen Slusser representing the City of Calistoga and Council Member Steven Rosa representing the Town of Yountville to serve on the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire as determined by the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

County Executive Officer requests the appointment of Council Member Karen Slusser from Calistoga and Council Member Steven Rosa from Yountville to serve on the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

On November 1, 2005 the Board of Supervisors amended the membership on the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) so that instead of two city members nominated by the City Selection Committee, there shall be one city/town council member representative from each city/town in the County nominated by their respective city/town council. There will no longer be an alternate city/town member on the WICC.

The County Executive Office sent letters to American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena and Yountville asking that they nominate one of their council members for appointment to the WICC. To date letters have been received from Calistoga nominating Karen Slusser and Yountville nominating Steven Rosa.

The WICC is charged with guiding and supporting community efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watershed lands by: coordinating and facilitating partnerships among the individuals, agencies, and organizations involved in improving watershed health and restoration; supporting watershed research activities; and, providing watershed information and education through an interactive website. The WICC considers itself a part of the solution to watershed issues and concerns guided by a set of adopted principles that embrace political neutrality, information collection and dissemination, collaboration, cooperation, and funding development.

The Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) consists of seventeen (17) regular members and one (1) alternate member representing the following areas:

1. One (1) member nominated by the Napa County Land Trust from among the Land Trust's Board of Directors;
2. One (1) Director or Associate Director nominated by the Napa County Resource Conservation District;
3. One (1) representative from the Natural Resource Conservation Service;
4. Two (2) members and one (1) alternate member of the Napa County Board of Supervisors;
5. One (1) member of the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Commission;
6. Five (5) Council Members from Napa County Cities and Town; and,
7. Six (6) Napa County residents from the public at large representing environmental, agricultural, development and community interests.

The County Executive Office will send another request to the Cities of Napa, American Canyon and St. Helena asking that they nominate Council Members from their jurisdictions to serve on the WICC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Nomination Letters from the City of Calistoga and the Town of Yountville

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman