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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Watt, Nancy - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Dana Jensen, Secretary , 707-299-1517
SUBJECT: Appointments/Reappointment to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC)

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests that the Board make appointments/reappointments to the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) from the following applicants, with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire August 2010.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Councilmember Gary Kraus	City of Calistoga

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing - One Appointment Only</u>
Katherine (Kate) Dargan*	Public at Large
Chris Sauer	Public at Large

* Incumbent

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

County Executive Officer requests appointments/reappointment to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC).

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

There are currently four openings due to expiration of terms on the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC). Three of the openings are for representatives from the Cities of American Canyon, Calistoga, and St. Helena. The fourth opening is for a public at large representative.

The City of Calistoga has nominated Gary Kraus as their representative. There are two applicants for the public at large position. Kate Dargan has requested reappointment and Chris Sauer has also submitted an application for the public at large position.

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) members consisting of one representative from each city or town in Napa County nominated by their respective city or town council (American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville); and,
7. Six (6) Napa County residents from the public at large representing environmental, agricultural, development and community interests.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Chris Sauer
- B . Katherine Dargan
- C . Gary W. Kraus

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman