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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 American Canyon Representative to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests the appointment of Council Member Leon Garcia to serve on the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) representing American Canyon with the term of office to commence immediately and expire August, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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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 Board of Directors of 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 American Canyon City Council has nominated Council Member Leon Garcia as their representative to the WICC (Minute Order Attached). The representatives from the Cities of Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena and the Town of Yountville have previously been appointed.

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.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . American Canyon Minute Order

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman