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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John McDowell for Gitelman, Hillary - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** Jeff Sharp, Planner III , 259-5936  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Proclamation Declaring May 2007 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation declaring May, 2007 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County. (Supervisor Moskowite)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This proclamation recognizes that functioning watersheds are vital to a healthy environment, a safe and reliable source of drinking water, and a healthy economy. It further acknowledges landowners, local governments, conservation organizations, and individual citizens throughout the County of Napa who are working together to find ways to maintain, enhance, and improve the health of Napa County's watersheds; and upholds the residents' wish to celebrate local watershed efforts and raise awareness about the importance of local watersheds by proclaiming May 2007 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

May 2005 was celebrated as California's first Watershed Awareness Month to encourage Californians to learn more about their local watersheds and participate in activities to enhance their natural surroundings and communities.

On May 3, 2005 the Board of Supervisors joined that effort by proclaiming May 2005 as Watershed Awareness Month in Napa County. Many watershed related events and programs were held during May 2005 and were successful in raising community awareness about the importance of local watersheds.

Building upon prior success and wishing to celebrate the community's achievements in improving the health of Napa County's watersheds, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2007 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Watershed Awareness Month Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi