



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Gitelman, Hillary - Director
Conservation, Development & Planning
REPORT BY: Jeff Sharp, PRINCIPAL PLANNER - 259-5936
SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring May 2011 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County.

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation to Chris Saucer, Vice Chair of the Watershed Information Center & Conservancy (WICC) Board, declaring May, 2011 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County. (Chairman Dodd)

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 resident's wish to celebrate local watershed efforts and raise awareness about the importance of local watersheds by proclaiming May 2011 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

To celebrate the community's achievements in improving the health and awareness of Napa County's watersheds and building upon our prior success, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2011 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County.

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. Since 2005 the Board has annually proclaimed May as Watershed Awareness Month in Napa County. Many watershed related events and programs are now held annually during the month of May to raise community awareness about the importance of our local watersheds. This year, on May 19, 2011, Napa County, along with many other agencies, watershed groups and contributors, will host the 2011 Napa County Watershed Symposium.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proclamation - May 2011 Watershed Awareness Month

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan