



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Planning Commission
FROM: Charlene Gallina for David Morrison - Director
Planning, Building and Environmental Services
REPORT BY: Brian Bordona, Supervising Planner - (707) 259-5935
SUBJECT: Overview of Napa County's Conservation Regulations

RECOMMENDATION

COUNTY OF NAPA - OVERVIEW OF THE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

Request: Overview and presentation of the Conservation Regulations.

Staff Recommendation: Information and discussion item. No action proposed.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commission will be provided a general overview of the County's Conservation Regulations. The presentation will focus on sections of the Conservation Regulations that apply to projects that come before the Commission. This is not a presentation on potential policy changes or updates. The entirety of the Conservation Regulations (Napa County Code Chapter 18.108) are attached (**Attachment A**).

This is not a public hearing, but the Commission may allow public comments at the Chair's discretion.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This presentation and discussion is not a project defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Napa County has for many years been committed to the conservation of natural resources and has been at the forefront of both protecting agricultural land and providing for the conservation of sensitive resources including groundwater, soils, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, and important plants species and their habitats.

The County's Conservation Regulations, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1991, established procedures for the review of projects that might have an effect on water quality or other natural resources and were intended to protect the public health, safety and community welfare, and to otherwise preserve the natural resource of the County. In addition, the Conservation Regulations were intended to ensure the continued long-term viability of agricultural resources by protecting lands for excessive soil loss, which if left unprotected could threaten water quality and ultimately lead to loss of economic productivity.

While the Conservation Regulations require review of all projects involving grading and earthwork activities, the presentation will focus primarily on the sections of the Conservation Regulations that apply to projects that come before the Commission for consideration and approval such as stream setbacks, slope requirements, municipal watersheds and use permit exceptions. The presentation will not be on potential policy changes or updates to the Conservation Regulations. The entirety of the Conservation Regulations (Napa County Code Chapter 18.108) are attached (**Attachment A**).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Chapter 18.108 - Conservation Regulations

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: Vincent Smith