



**Napa County Regional Park  
and Open Space District**

**Harold Kelly**—Vice President  
*Director Ward One*

**Tony Norris**  
*Director Ward Two*

**Guy Kay**  
*Director Ward Three*

**Dave Finigan**—President  
*Director Ward Four*

**Myrna Abramowicz**  
*Director Ward Five*

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

**Monday December 8, 2008 2:00 P.M.**  
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:58 pm  
Pat Tyrell filled in for District Counsel Chris Appalas.

2. Public Comment

**Matt Zacks** stated he had an unspecified proposal on future parks in Napa, and requested the District contract with him to learn about the proposal.

3. Set Matters

- A. 2:00 P.M. Oath of office administered by Judge Stephen Kroyer  
All members of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space district were sworn in for another term.
- B. 2:45 P.M. Presentation by flood district regarding their education and outreach efforts  
**Jack Betourne, Stormwater Specialist** gave the presentation.

4. Administrative Items

- A. Consideration of and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of November 10, 2008.  
Minutes were approved with corrections to the Public Comments section.  
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- B. Continued discussion of and potential direction to staff regarding the draft Master Plan for the District.  
**Bernhard Krevet** of Friends of the Napa River spoke on several projects identified for this meeting. Regarding the first item--A23. San Francisco Bay and Napa River Water Trail Development—he asked that the project encompass the responsible use of these

water ways by including destinations providing facilities and amenities for all persons. Friends of the Napa River published a study in 2003 which identifies 27 potential access points on the river that they would like to suggest be included or referenced in the Master Plan.

They feel that hand boats as well as environmentally friendly boats should be included as they are promoting eco tours of marshlands and Lake Hennessey.

Regarding project D.6, on developing a volunteer participation program, he asked that the District have a full time volunteer or designated person to coordinate volunteer restoration activities such as those proposed for the Napa River.

Dee Swanhuysen, North Bay field director for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, gave applause on the terrific job done on the Draft Master Plan. She expressed the importance of supporting multi-use trails for hiking, equestrians, and bicyclists, as they are a major foundation of the Ridge Trail, and that we try and serve as many people as possible on all the trails that we can. She noted that all of the Ridge Trails and Bay Trail projects are identified by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) as Priority Conservation Area projects; she would like to see that noted in the Master Plan to give a more regional perspective in hopes that it would be helpful down the road for implementation and funding opportunities.

Dee finished with a quote from Charles Jordan;  
"We would do well to remember what people don't understand they will not value,  
And what they will not value, they will not protect.  
And what they will not protect, we will loose."

Cheryl Harris of the Napa Solano Audubon Society and previous Napa County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee member congratulated the Board on a job well done, and agreed with the importance of sustainable guidelines and the need for a stronger PR campaign. She shared that she is pleased as a hiker and excited with the new trails, but is concerned that most of the projects do not address habitat except in very limited ways. As a representative of the Audubon Society she is particularly concerned for habitat preservation and restoration as they have suffered habitat losses. She requested that the District develop a specific policy about habitat management for all of the properties they are acquiring and that it would be a requirement under goal B "To preserve, restore and protect open space lands natural resources and special habitat areas". Cheryl suggests it include all habitats and not just special habitats. She asked to recognize that acquisition does not necessarily equal habitat protection and won't renew habitat. She stated that the project descriptions include very few measures to identify habitat problems such as invasive weed species, nor breaks in habitat connectivity, and does not address loss of mature trees and snags required by cavity nesting birds. Her recommendation is that the District develop a policy that supports the following:

- Value of habitat should be a priority consideration when determining all acquisitions.
- Habitat and biodiversity studies for every project.
- Habitat restoration plan put in place with each acquisition.

**The Board provided additional guidance on how to address comments which have been received to date on the following: ( The Boards guidance is listed below each comment )**

- (1) Add a project whose purpose is to work with the Land Trust of Napa County to define mutual roles, responsibilities and ways each with assist the other.
  - ▶ **Create a new project D-15 that would talk about partnerships in general with additional language about special needs and development with the Land Trust.**
- (2) Add a project to work with the Zinfandel Subdivision Association to develop and manage the small park property within that subdivision.
  - ▶ **Since the District focus must be on regionally significant projects, a park in this area should be considered only as part of the larger Napa Valley Vine Trail proposal.**
- (3) Include a project to develop trail connections between the Napa Valley area and the Lake Berryessa area.
  - ▶ **Incorporate General Plan Maps that talk about a number of trails in this area rather than create a specific project.**
- (4) Change Guiding Principle 9 on page IV-3 so that it does not support fees for day use of trails.
  - ▶ **Modify language so that it does not encourage fees for trail users, but leaves this up to determination on a case by case basis.**
- (5) Add a project whose purpose is to provide directional signage and interpretive materials at Cedar Roughs.
  - ▶ **Create a new project C-9, involving signing and interpretive materials for the entrance to the Cedar Roughs area.**
- (7) Add a project showing a trail in the Henry Road area connecting to the diRosa Preserve, Milliken Peak and Browns Valley.
  - ▶ **Create a new project A-25 to investigate developing a new trail in this area.**

**The Board also asked that the wording for project A.24 be modifies to specifically mention the proposed Vine Trail.**

**Directors voted to approve the comments listed and incorporate them into the Draft Master Plan.**

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- (6) Add a project to provide areas for target shooting.
    - ▶ **Directors moved to include investigation of this concept in section 9 of the Draft Master Plan.**
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**Motion did not pass.**



- C. Consideration and potential approval of contract to maintain the Napa River Ecological Reserve.  
Directors voted to approve the maintenance contract.  
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- D. Consideration and potential approval of professional services contract to provide project management services.  
Directors voted to approve a contract with Elizabeth Wroblicka, dba Land Conservation Associates.  
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- E. Consideration and potential appointment of Board representative to the advisory committee for the development of the Napa County Skyline Wilderness Park Master Plan.  
Directors voted to appoint Director Harold Kelly as Board Representative.  
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- F. Consideration and potential action on scope of proposal to the City of Napa for trails on the City's Milliken Reservoir and Lake Hennessey properties.  
Directors voted to submit a request to the City of Napa for constructing and operating trails and associated facilities on the City's Milliken Reservoir and Lake Hennessey properties, with the following specific provisions:
  - (a) trails at Lake Hennessey should be multi-use;
  - (b) at Milliken Reservoir, trail segment "E" should be included; and
  - (c) at Milliken Reservoir, water, septic and picnic area improvements should be included at the staging area.
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- G. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances and donations approved by the General Manager.  
John Woodbury gave the report.
- H. Receipt of First Quarter Financial Report and consideration of recommended budget adjustments.  
Directors voted to;
  - (1) Receive the attached first quarter financial report.
  - (2) Add a new revenue line item for Moore Creek, and budget \$39,800 in revenues.
  - (3) Increase the PSS: Other account by \$27,000.
  - (4) Increase the SDE:Other account by \$12,800
 GK-TN-MA-HK-DF
- I. Review of Projects Status Report.  
John Woodbury gave the report with discussions on Napa River and Bay Trail, Berryessa Vista, Lake Hennessey, Milliken Creek, Moore Creek, Napa Ecological Reserve, Newell Preserve, Oat Hill Mine Trail, and Rector Ridge.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- ▶ John Woodbury shared that they were sending the December volunteers working on the Oat Hill Mine Trail thank you photos.
- ▶ Director Dave Finigan and Guy Kay are trying to arrange a meeting at Lake Berryessa on the Draft Master Plan.
- ▶ Director Tony Norris and Myrna Abramowicz made a presentation of the Draft Master Plan in American Canyon that was well received. The American Canyon city offices will be moving to a new location January 12, 2009 to 4381 Broadway, Suite 201 and they will be having an Open House and Grand Opening on January 17, 2009.

6. Agenda Planning

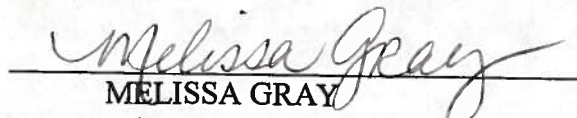
- A. Adoption of calendar of meetings for 2009  
Directors voted to approve the Calendar with corrections: The July meeting will be on Monday July 13th, 2009, and the schedule of meetings to be adopted in December will be for the year 2010.
- B. Second Year Celebration, January 12, 2009, 5:30 pm at Hatt Building  
Director Abramowicz noted that Harry Price had agreed to make the ballroom at the Napa River Inn available at no charge for the second year celebration, to be held immediately after the next Board meeting.

7. Adjournment

President Finigan adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be a Regular Meeting to be held on January 12, 2009.

  
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 DAVE FINIGAN, Board President

ATTEST:

  
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 MELISSA GRAY  
 District Secretary

Key

Vote: HK = Harold Kelly; TN = Tony Norris; GK = Guy Kay; DF = David Finigan; MA = Myrna Abramowicz

The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.

Notations under vote: N = No; A = Abstain; X = Excused