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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip Miller for Steven Lederer - Director of Public Works  
Public Works

**REPORT BY:** Phillip Miller, Dep Dir PW-Flood Control & Water Resources - 707-259-8620

**SUBJECT:** Consider Membership in the North Bay Watershed Association

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests discussion and possible approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to become members in the North Bay Watershed Association.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) represents seventeen diverse entities concerned with managing water, watersheds and shorelines surrounding northern San Francisco Bay. The North Bay's watersheds drain over 850 square miles and encompass portions of Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Solano Counties. NBWA efforts to improve watershed health focus on interagency coordination, community education and obtaining voluntary buy-in for collaborative projects from private landowners. The NBWA dues would be \$7,000 for the remainder of the current fiscal year, and then an estimated \$24,000 per fiscal year thereafter.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff presentation
2. Public comment
3. Board discussion
4. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      Yes

Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	It is not currently budgeted. If the Board approves the membership, Public Works-Groundwater Sustainability-Watershed Program budget (Fund 1000, Subdivision 122003) will likely need to be adjusted at mid-year budget review.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The County will be able to participate in NBWA's efforts to encourage watershed health in four North Bay counties. NBWA membership may position the County to obtain grants which could off set the cost of membership.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The estimated \$24,000 for annual dues will need to be budgeted starting in FY 2019/2020.
Consequences if not approved:	The County will not be able to participate in NBWA.
Additional Information:	

### **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**

The North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) represents seventeen diverse entities concerned with managing water, watersheds and shorelines surrounding northern San Francisco Bay. The North Bay's watersheds drain over 850 square miles and encompass portions of Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Solano Counties. NBWA efforts to improve watershed health focus on interagency coordination, community education and obtaining voluntary buy-in from private landowners for collaborative projects. The NBWA also sponsors the North Bay Watershed Council, a roundtable of nonprofits, regulatory agencies, community groups, and landowner assistance groups from watersheds. The Council provides input to NBWA, benefits from the it's support, and helps translate it's objectives into actions in communities and watersheds across the North Bay.

At the present time, the following Napa County agencies are members of NBWA: Napa Sanitation District, Napa County Flood Control (2010) and Water Conservation District and the City of American Canyon (2017). The Napa County Resource Conservation District also participates on the North Bay Watershed Council as a non dues paying associate member. The recommendation for the Flood District to join in 2010 stemmed from a June 24, 2010 presentation to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) by the Executive Director for NBWA where the membership benefits were outlined. Following that presentation, the WICC Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the Flood District join the NBWA as the best suited local representative. This recommendation was because of the Flood District's engagement in Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) efforts and the fact that the Flood District's boundaries and Board of Directors represents both the unincorporated area and the incorporated cities and town. The WICC's recommendation letter from 2010 is attached. Participation in NBWA by local agencies since 2010 has brought local benefits, including:

- 1 Facilitation and support for IRWMP grant awards for Napa County projects including \$500,000 towards the

Milliken Creek Flood Reduction and Fish Passage Improvement project and \$800,000 towards the City of St Helena's York Creek Dam Removal Project;

- | IRWMP Water Conservation Rebate Program awards for the City of Napa and County unincorporated area;
- | Direct grants from NBWA to the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agency (BASMA) for North Bay communities compliance with Phase 2 Stormwater Permit regulations. The direct benefit to Napa municipalities from these grants was \$23,400.
- | A \$58,000 direct grant from NBWA to the Napa RCD to support North Bay Re-Oaking.

At this time, staff is asking for Board direction to consider membership by the County in NBWA. The NBWA dues for the County to join as a member would be \$7,000 for the remainder of the current fiscal year, and then an estimated \$24,000 per fiscal year thereafter.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . 2010 WICC Recommendation on NBWA Membership

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi