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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Mary Jean McLaughlin, Acting Admin Mgr/Clerk of the Board, 253-4196  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment and Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests the following appointment and reappointment to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire as indicated:

1. Appointment of Jim King representing the Conservation, Development, and Planning Commission with the term of office to expire December 2010; and
2. Reappointment of Donald P. Gasser representing the Napa County Resource Conservation District with the term of office to expire August 2010.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

County Executive Officer requests the appointment of Jim King representing the Conservation, Development, and Planning Commission and the reappointment of Donald P. Gasser representing the Resource Conservation District to the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **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**

There are currently six openings on the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC). Five of the openings are due to expiration of terms and one opening is due to the resignation of David Graves as the representative from the Conservation, Development, and Planning Commission (CDPC). The County Executive Office has recruited for the positions and received two responses. The CDPC has nominated Jim King for appointment as their representative on the WICC and the Napa County Resource Conservation District has nominated Donald P. Gasser to be reappointed as their representative.

The WICC is charged with guiding and supporting community efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watershed lands by: coordinating and facilitating partnerships among the individuals, agencies, and organizations involved in improving watershed health and restoration; supporting watershed research activities; and, providing watershed information and education through an interactive website. The WICC considers itself a part of the solution to watershed issues and concerns guided by a set of adopted principles that embrace political neutrality, information collection and dissemination, collaboration, cooperation, and funding development.

The Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) consists of seventeen (17) regular members and one (1) alternate member representing the following areas:

1. One (1) member nominated by the Napa County Land Trust from among the Land Trust's board of directors;
2. One (1) director or associate director nominated by the Napa County Resource Conservation District;
3. One (1) representative from the Natural Resource Conservation Service;
4. Two (2) members and one (1) alternate member of the Napa County Board of Supervisors;
5. One (1) member of the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Commission;
6. Five (5) members consisting of one representative from each city or town in Napa County nominated by their respective city or town council (American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville); and,
7. Six (6) Napa County residents from the public at large representing environmental, agricultural, development and community interests.

The County Executive Office will continue to recruit for the four remaining openings. Three openings are for the representatives from the Cities of American Canyon, St. Helena, and Calistoga. One opening is for a public at large representative.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Conservation, Development, and Planning Minute Order
- B . Resource Conservation District Minutes
- C . Gasser and King Resumes

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman