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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steven Lederer - Director of Public Works
Public Works

REPORT BY: Phillip Miller, DEP DIR PW-FLOOD CTRL & WATER - 707-259-8620

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Upper Putah Creek Watershed Watermaster Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests that the Board appoint the Deputy Director of Public Works for Flood Control and Water Resources, currently Phillip M. Miller, PE, to serve on the Upper Putah Creek Watershed Watermaster Advisory Committee and sign a letter of appreciation to Mr. Hanson for his years of service on the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Upper Putah Creek is the source water for Lake Berryessa, also known as The Solano Project. In 1957 the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) received permits to divert and store water from Putah Creek. In 1990 Solano County Water Agency, Solano Irrigation District, Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City and Maine Prairie Water District (Solano Agencies) filed for adjudication of all water rights in Putah Creek. In 1995 a settlement agreement was reached which, in part, created a Watermaster Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee consists of three members, one each appointed by Solano County Water Agency, Lake County and Napa County. The current Napa County representative was appointed in 1999 and has since retired. Staff requests the appointment of the Deputy Director of Public Works for Flood Control and Water Resources to the Committee.

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

Upper Putah Creek is the source water for Lake Berryessa, also known as The Solano Project. In 1957 the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) received permits to divert and store water from Putah Creek using Solano Project facilities. In 1990 Solano County Water Agency, Solano Irrigation District, Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City and Maine Prairie Water District (Solano Agencies) filed for adjudication of all water rights in Putah Creek. In 1995 a settlement agreement was reached which, in part, created a Watermaster Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee consists of three members, one each appointed by Solano County Water Agency, Lake County and Napa County.

The Committee reviews the performance and work of the Watermaster, advises and counsels the Watermaster on issues arising out of the Settlement Agreement and makes recommendations to the court regarding the scope and duration of the Watermaster's duties.

The current Napa County representative, James Hanson, was appointed in 1999 to relieve Ken Johanson and has since retired. Staff requests the appointment of the Deputy Director of Public Works for Flood Control and Water Resources to the Committee and that the Chairman sign a letter of appreciation to Mr. Hanson. The Deputy Director is a licensed Civil Engineer responsible for water related issues throughout the County.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Thank You Letter

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi