

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Adopted this Order on March 20, 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Gioia, Gerber, DeSaulnier, Glover and Uilkema

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION NO.: 2001/116

SUBJECT: Recognize the Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council.

WHEREAS, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team was established by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County in 1985 to resolve controversies concerning flood damage reduction improvements to Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks, and

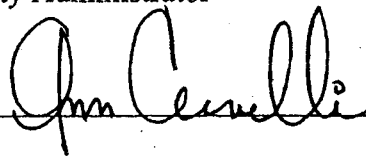
WHEREAS, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team has provided a statewide model for cooperative watershed problem solving by pioneering the concept of consensus planning and collaboration among agencies and citizen groups to solve technical, management, monitoring and funding issues for the watershed, and

WHEREAS, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team contains all the components of a broadly construed watershed council by including among its members officials of federal, state, county and city agencies, and officials of special districts and school districts, and property owners, residents, businesses and industrial representatives, social, youth, environmental, community interest and welfare citizen's organizations, and

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 20, 2001
JOHN SWEETEN, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

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By , Deputy

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WHEREAS, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team has remained active and productive since its inception fourteen years ago and in the absence of other coordinating entities, has historically addressed the concerns of the whole Wildcat Creek and San Pablo Creek watersheds, and

WHEREAS, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team has addressed watershed concerns of flood damage reduction, water quality, trail development and management, environmental education, erosion and sedimentation concerns, wetland restoration and protection, and pollution and toxic waste clean-up, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County APPROVES renaming the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council and RECOGNIZES the Council as the coordinating body for any agency, district, property owner, resident, business, industry or citizen's organization to develop watershed plans, design and implement watershed related plans and projects, raise funds for such plans and projects and resolve a broad array of watershed issues. These issues shall include but not necessarily be exclusive to: flood damage reduction, erosion control, watershed and stream channel revegetation, stormwater management, reduction of polluted runoff, fisheries restoration, public parks, recreation, trails, water pollution, toxics clean-up and environmental and public education. This coordinating body, so named the Wildcat-San Pablo Creek Watershed Council, shall make recommendations to Contra Costa County, cities, districts, councils, or organizations, as appropriate, for the development, funding and/or implementation of said plans and or projects, coordination and educational activities. Nothing in this resolution supercedes the responsibilities, powers, jurisdiction or autonomy of the County, cities, local agencies, districts, citizen groups, state or federal agencies which participate in this coordinating and recommending council or otherwise have authority in the watershed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Community Development Department and the County Public Works Department, which co-chair and provide staff assistance to the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team, will continue in these capacities for the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly formed Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council make an effort to expand its membership to include unrepresented upper watershed interests which currently may not be involved in the Design Team.

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TC: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: MAURICE M. SHIU, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DATE: MARCH 20, 2001

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION AND RECOGNIZE THE WILDCAT-SAN PABLO CREEKS WATERSHED COUNCIL AS THE COORDINATING BODY FOR THE WILDCAT CREEK AND SAN PABLO CREEK WATERSHEDS, WEST COUNTY AREA

SPECIFIC REQUEST(S) OR RECOMMENDATION(S) & BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

I. Recommended Action:

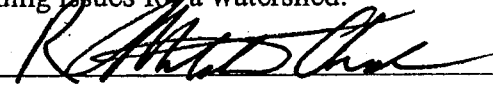
APPROVE the attached Resolution and RECOGNIZE the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council as the coordinating body for issues in the Wildcat Creek and San Pablo Creek Watersheds.

II. Financial Impact:

The estimated annual cost for County staff support is \$11,000, which will be funded by Unincorporated County Clean Water Program (\$9,000), and Community Development (\$2,000).

III. Reasons for Recommendations and Background:

The Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team (Design Team) was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1985 to resolve controversies concerning flood damage reduction improvements to Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks. The Design Team has been regarded as a model for cooperative watershed problem solving by pioneering the concept of consensus planning and collaboration among agencies and citizen groups to solve technical, management, monitoring, and funding issues for a watershed.

Continued on Attachment: X SIGNATURE: 

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
 APPROVE OTHER

SIGNATURE(S):

ACTION OF BOARD ON March 20, 2001 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED X OTHER

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS
 X UNANIMOUS (ABSENT _____)
 AYES: _____ NOES: _____
 ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

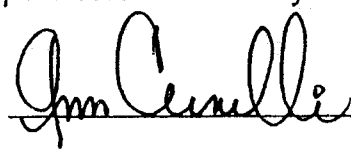
Orig. Div: Public Works (Admin Svcs)
 Contact: Mitch Avalon (313-2203)

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cc: D. Eckerson, Flood Control
 T. Jensen, Mice
 CAO
 County Counsel
 Public Works Accounting
 J. Kopchick, Community Development Dept

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ATTESTED: March 20, 2001
 JOHN SWEETEN, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  _____, Deputy

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council as the coordinating body for issues in the Wildcat Creek and San Pablo Creek Watersheds, West County area.

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The Design Team contained all the components of a broadly construed watershed council by including among its members officials of federal, state, county and city agencies, officials of special districts and school districts, and property owners, residents, businesses and industrial representatives, social, youth, environmental, community interest and welfare citizen's organizations.

The Design Team has remained active and productive since its inception, and in the absence of other coordinating entities, has historically addressed the concerns of the entire Wildcat Creek and San Pablo Creek watersheds. The Design Team has addressed watershed concerns of flood damage reduction, water quality, trail development and management, environmental education, erosion and sedimentation concerns, wetland restoration and protection, and pollution and toxic waste cleanup.

The Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Design Team adopted the name Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council at their April 22, 1999 meeting and approved the following mission statement at their August 26, 1999 meeting: The Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council is a forum for consensus planning among various agencies, citizen's groups, and individuals, and is a resource for those who seek solutions to technical, management, monitoring, and funding issues for the Wildcat Creek and San Pablo Creek watersheds.

To help accomplish its mission, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council (Council) will make efforts to expand its membership to include unrepresented upper watershed interests which currently may not be involved in the Design Team.

The Council voted at their January 20, 2000 meeting to request that the County Board of Supervisors recognize the Council as the coordinating body for any agency, district, property owner, resident, business industry or citizen's organization to develop watershed plans, design and implement watershed-related plans and projects, raise funds for such plans and projects and resolve a broad array of watershed issues. These issues shall include but not necessarily be limited to: flood damage reduction, erosion control, watershed and stream channel revegetation, stormwater and resources management, reduction of polluted runoff, fisheries restoration, public parks recreation, trails, water pollution, toxic clean-up, and environmental and public education. The Council may make recommendations to Contra Costa County, cities, districts, councils, organizations, as appropriate, for the development, funding and/or implementation of said plans and or projects, coordination and educational activities. No action of this Council shall supercede the responsibilities, powers, jurisdiction, or autonomy of the County, cities, local agencies, districts, citizen groups, state, or federal agencies.

The Council has also requested that the County Community Development Department and the County Public Works Department, which has co-chaired and provided staff assistance to the Design Team for the past 15 years, continue in these capacities for the Council. The Council will also be requesting recognition from the cities of San Pablo, Richmond and Orinda, once the Board adopts the attached Resolution.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action:

Other groups will not be aware of the benefits of the Council, and coordination of watershed activities in the Wildcat Creek and San Pablo Creek Watersheds will be limited, leading to potential mismanagement of resources.