

Report to Directors, Angwin Community Council

Subject: Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, May 5, 2009

From: Herbert Ford

Today's BOS meeting featured salutes and proclamations that spotlighted the work of of an individual, various not-for-profit groups, and county agencies. Included were:

- A. Introduction of 10 new county employees. (Where's that hiring freeze someone talked about?)
- B. Retirement proclamation to Barbara L. Britton, an accountant-auditor retiring after seven years of county service.
- C. A proclamation declaring May 9, "National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day" in Napa County.
- D. Proclamation declaring May 2009 as "Foster Parents Appreciation Month," with May 15, 2009, being "Foster Parents Appreciation Day."
- E. Proclamation identifying May 2009 as "Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Awareness Month. This proclamation noted that Napa County produces 21% of the premium white wine produced in California; that there are 542 wineries in the county, and that Napa County wine sales contribute \$10.9 billion to California's economy annually. California grows more than 522,000 acres of wine grapes producing 3,66 million tons of grapes per year, valued at more than \$1.9 billion.
- F. Proclamation declaring May 2009 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Napa County.

A large group of care-givers who take care of disabled and otherwise bed-ridden persons in individual homes was back before the Supervisors today, complete with placards and balloons, to again ask that their hourly wage rate not be cut from \$11.50 to \$9.50 as has been proposed. The workers seem to feel the county has the money to hold the rate at the higher amount somewhere, and the Supervisors seem to feel the money's "just not there."

The County Library director made a very professional presentation to the BOS today, requesting a budget transfer of \$57,000.00 from the library's contingency account to bring into being a Life WORKS Career and Learning Center in the library in Napa. The main purposes of this center would be to retrain newly jobless persons, and to offer tutoring to school children. The Board voted the request without dissent.

Supervisor Diane Dillon nominated Jessica Harness to the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency's "Bicycle Advisory Committee at today's meeting, and her was nomination was supported by the three other Supervisors present, Supervisor Dodd being officially excused from today's deliberations.

A flyer was circulated in today's BOS meeting publicizing that the 2009 Napa County Watershed Symposium will be held on May 21, 2009, in the Napa Elks Lodge. There is a \$25.00 registration fee for this symposium, which includes lunch. Contact # is 707-252-4188 x 120.

At 10:15 this morning a report was received from the Napa County Mental Health Board, listing activities covering July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. While I may have missed something of importance in this report, the only impression I took away from hearing it was that we thank this person, and that person, and that person for doing whatever it was they did (which was not revealed during the report).

The BOS's afternoon session saw consideration of a host of matters relating to the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's operations. These included expenditures relating to the on-going Napa River Project, the disposal from the District's records of more than \$32 million of assets to projects owned by other public or private entities, and findings, easements, relocations and financial juggling, far too many fairly complex issues to discuss at length in this report were I to have the mental artillery to do so.

On a non-BOS note it may be of interest to ACC Directors to note (from today's San Francisco Chronicle) that fish from Angwin's Lake Henne, as tested by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), showed levels of pollutants (mercury, PCBs and others) above state health guidelines. Henne is one of 23 Bay Area lakes tested that showed pollutants. In all the SWRCB tested 152 lakes in the state, finding that 21 were "clean," while 131 showed one or more pollutants at levels above state health guidelines.

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