

SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 10th, 2017 AT 2:00 PM
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

DIRECTORS PRESENT: **Tony Vaccarella**
Terry Connolly
Arnold Lenk
Mike Lewis
Jim Waters

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Chappell, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Michal Koller, DWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Ted Swift, DWR
Laureen Thompson, CDFW
Bruce Wickland, SRCD
Lisa Wohn, Wohn Ranch

1. Call to Order ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:01PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the April 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ~

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017 Board meeting was made by Mr. Waters and seconded by Mr. Connolly; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for April 2017 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the April 2017 General Fund vendor claims total as \$42,154.74. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$42,154.74 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the April 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$ 9,436.93. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the April 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$9,436.93 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the April 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$25,268.52. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the April 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$25,268.52 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) SRCD FY 2016/2017 Third Quarter Budget Summary Review ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed FY 16/17 third quarter revenue and expenses for departments in the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. Some discussion ensued.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Ms. Lauren Thompson read the GIWA report provided by Mr. Rocha. The report states that GIWA continues to run three pumps full time and are starting to make drainage headway. There are concerns over recent repairs to a section of levee along Montezuma Slough when dredged material settled and slid back toward the slough. Department of Fish and Wildlife GIWA staff is in the process of bringing Dutra back out with the barge and material to repair the problem. The Joice Island pig hunts are completed with a total of twenty four hunters and four pigs harvested. With the waterfowl nesting season in full swing, the USGS crew is really getting busy. Currently they are monitoring 221 active nests and finding more every day. So far the crew has found 128 Mallard, 53 Gadwall, 29 Cinnamon Teal, and 11 others.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and reviewed the information, starting with the Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for April and early May 2017, then gave a DWR Suisun Marsh facilities operations, maintenance and repair update. Mr. Ted Swift also with DWR new to the DWR Suisun Marsh Branch introduced himself to the Board. Some discussion ensued regarding the runoff from all the melting snow.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

- a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement and Board Consideration of PAI Grant Program Administrative Amendments to address funding of water control bulkheads** ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the proposed amendment to the PAI Grant Program Guidelines, stating that on March 29 and 30, 2017 the PAI Technical Committee visited the proposed project sites and completed pre project inspections. These inspections identified a significant variability in bulkhead conditions and bulkhead projects being requested for cost share funding. For consistency among the three PAI Cost Share Programs, SRCD proposes the following program administrative amendment for Board consideration; if the proposed PAI Project includes bulkhead repair or replacement, the PAI Grant will only cost share on 15 feet of exterior and/ or 15 feet of interior for a total of 30 feet of bulkhead. If more bulkhead is required, any additional footage will be the financial responsibility of the landowner. If the Board approves this amendment, it will be reflected in the 2017 PAI Grant Program's Landowner Agreement for Reimbursement. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the amendment to the PAI Grant Fund Program Guidelines as presented and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update** ~ Mr. Chappell reported attending a Principals meeting on April 20, and a meeting on the Tule Red Restoration project regarding public access. DWR is completing a study on public access. Some discussion ensued.
- c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update** ~ Mr. Chappell reported that we have not yet received approval for the March 2017 maintenance application package. There are ten 2017 LOP Dredging Program applications received so far, totaling approximately 20,000 cubic yards. The Dredging Program application submittal deadline is May 12.
- d) Water Manager Program Update** ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including Landowner Workshop prep and cleanup, quarterly staff meeting and reviews, Lepidium program support, Phragmites program, operate and service seven portable pumps, gate monitoring prep and reporting, Land of the West Wind newsletter preparation, diversion reporting, RGP 3 renewal support, LOP Dredging application assistance, NMFS notifications and pre-construction photos of exterior projects.
- e) Lower Joice Island Update** ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Caretaker's activities which included facility and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, LJI Facilities Committee meeting, hauling supplies, and herbicide application for Lepidium and Phragmites pest weed control. Mr. Wickland also stated that in the Board package is the 2016-17 LJI Use Agreement for Board review, and if the Board has any questions or comments before the next Board meeting please let him know. This will be on the June Board meeting agenda as a closed session item. Some discussion ensued.
- f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations** ~ Mr. Chappell stated the Landowner Workshop held on April 21, 2017 went very well and he thanked SRCD staff for all the work that they put into the workshop to make it a success. On April 23, at the request of NOAA Fisheries, Mr. Chappell attended a meeting at the City of Mountain View to discuss the Suisun Marsh Fish Screen Program. On April 25, with the assistance of Laureen Thompson, Mr. Chappell gave a tour of the Marsh to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Branch and two other USFWS staff that write Suisun Marsh Biological Opinions for the Service. On April 26, the Fish & Game Commission adopted the upcoming waterfowl season (October 21 through January 28) as well as the season's regulations and bag limits. On April 26, Mr. Chappell attended a Delta Conservancy

Board meeting. On Friday, May 12, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will be holding a public workshop from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Rush Ranch to address California Environmental Quality Act scoping for Water Quality Objectives for Dissolved Oxygen and Mercury and Total Maximum Daily Load for the Suisun Marsh. Mr. Chappell also said he attended a Reclamation District's kick off meeting with FEMA to review answer any questions about Suisun Marsh permitting and environmental documents. More RD meetings with FEMA are scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Waters added that he recently attended the National Rifle Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Some discussion ensued.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ No report

b) Legal Committee ~ No report

c) Personnel Committee ~ No report

d) Finance Committee ~ Mr. Connolly stated that in the Board package is a three page financial report on Suisun Conservation Fund. He reviewed the report stating it was a good year for investments. LJI net assets increased by \$59,000. The Wheeler Gillette investment fund earned us a little over \$17,000 for this year's donation to SRCD. We had a slight increase of \$8,800 for our unrestricted funds which enabled us to donate \$2,000 to the Water Shed Explorers educational program. The 2016 SCF Annual Shoot & Social fundraising event had a net profit of approximately \$18,000. Some discussion ensued.

e) Associate Directors Report and Public Relations Committee ~ No report

No closed session was needed.

9. Closed Session ~ 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – One case –Potential Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c)) ~

10. Reconvene ~N/A

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.