

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2017 AT 2:00 PM
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Becker, SRCD Associate Director
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Kent Hansen, SRCD Associate Director
Michal Koller, DWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Dean Podolsky, SRCD
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Orlando Rocha, CDFW
Jeff Taylor, SRCD
Laureen Barthman Thompson, CDFW
Bruce Wickland, SRCD
Lisa Wohn, Wohn Ranch
Larry Wyckoff, CDFW

1. Call to Order ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:03PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

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

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

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for July 2017 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the July 2017 General Fund vendor claims total as \$110,884.96. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the July General Fund vendor claims for \$110,884.96 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the July 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$7,535.70. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the July 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$7,535.70 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the July 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$15,478.07. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the July 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$15,478.07 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) FY 16/17 Fourth Quarter Budget Summary Review ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the Fiscal Year 16/17 fourth quarter revenue and expenses for departments of the General Fund, and Special Revenue Fund. Mr. Connolly reported the financial position of the District at Fiscal Year End 16/17. Some discussion ensued.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Orlando Rocha presented the DFW Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (GIWA) report. The first hunt was held on August 5 with the hunter taking a nice 8x6 bull weighting 720 lbs. with archery equipment. The general hunts will begin on August 15. The small breach at Hill Slough reported last month has been repaired.

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 July and early August 2017, and he also gave a detailed update on Suisun Marsh facilities operations, maintenance and repairs. Some discussion ensued regarding fall flood up, coordination calls between DWR, SRCD and DFW.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement and PAI Grant Program Update ~

Mr. Chappell reported about 30 authorization letters and agreements have been sent out to landowners with qualifying PAI Cost Share projects. PAI project proposals have continued to trickle in. For next year's PAI Program we need to modify the PAI Policies and Procedures to include a firm deadline date for accepting project proposals. Some

discussion ensued.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that because everything has been running smoothly, and the Principals did not have any issues up to discuss, they didn't have a need to meet in July.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported the June package of RGP3 landowner maintenance applications has been approved. The LOP Dredging Program 2017 applications that were submitted in June, have still not been approved, due to BCDC requiring a separate permit to dredge. Because the dredging window is upon us, SRCD is going to act as the designated agent for this year's 11 applicants, to hopefully expedite the BCDC permit requirement. Also Mr. Chappell stated that our USACE RGP3 will be expiring this December and have already submitted our renewal application for another 5 years. Some discussion ensued.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including, Phragmites program support, operate and service portable pumps, newsletter preparation, Low DO grant project coordination, Suisun Conservation Shoot & Social event, RWQCB staff support, fish screen maintenance, CERS hazardous materials reporting, and NMFS notifications and preconstruction photos of exterior work projects.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Caretaker's activities which included facility and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, herbicide application, and supporting excavator operation with fuel, mowing levees and transporting mechanic. Also ordering lumber for bulkhead construction. Mr. Wickland reported status update of the LJI use agreement for the Hunt Group.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell reporting that on July 26, he and Mr. Waters attended a Delta Conservancy meeting. Mr. Chappell reported that the SCF Shoot & Social Fundraising event was a success, with this year's fundraiser having the second highest net profit since the event started. Mr. Chappell also stated that Cliff Feldheim with DWR would like to give a presentation at next month's Board Meeting to update the Board on research acquired from the Waterfowl Study.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ No Report

b) Legal Committee ~ Mr. Waters reported information he knew on recent burglaries in the Marsh to clubs located south of Roaring River.

c) Personnel Committee ~ Mr. Lewis reported that personnel reviews were performed last month.

d) Finance Committee ~ Mr. Connelly reported additional information on the District's financial position for FY 16/17.

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

9. Closed Session:

~ **1. Conference with Legal Counsel** – One case –Potential Litigation
(Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c)) ~ No closed session was needed.

10. Reconvene ~ - N/A

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:21 PM.