

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016 AT 2:00 PM
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

OTHERS PRESENT: Laureen Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Michal Koller, DWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Dean Podolsky, SRCD
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Jeff Taylor, SRCD
Bruce Wickland, SRCD
Larry Wyckoff, CDFW

1. Call to Order ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the November 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2016 Board meeting was made by Mr. Lenk and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for November 2016 ~ Mr. Wickland reported the November 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$67,588.42. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$67,588.42 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Wickland reported the November 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$6,469.10. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$6,469.10 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Wickland reported the November 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$24,210.55. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$24,210.55 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Amended Vendor Claim Summary for October 2016 - Special Revenue ~ Mr. Wickland reviewed the amended Special Revenue vendor claim summary for October 2016 in the amount of \$23,657.49; this is a decrease of \$849.99. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve the amended October 2016 vendor claim summary for Special Revenue as presented and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Ms. Laureen Barthman-Thompson read the DFW report on activities at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. Waterfowl hunting has been slow, 1931 ducks and 16 geese have been harvested by 2536 hunters so far this season. On December 28, the GIWA assigned blinds will be closed to regular hunters and opened for junior hunters and their chaperones only. The pheasant season is still under way with 205 pheasants harvested. The Apprentice planted bird pheasant hunt held November 19 was a success with a 1 bird average. Staff has been busy with a leaking pipe in the Crescent unit, and the recently repaired Pond 11 pump, is down once again. Fortunately we've had enough rain to maintain the pond level.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and reviewed for the Board Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for November and the beginning of December. He provided an update of maintenance activities at the DWR Suisun Marsh facilities including Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates (SMSCG), the Roaring River Distribution System (RRDS), and Goodyear Slough Outfall (GYSO). Mr. Koller also reported on the reservoir levels and current precipitation totals.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

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

SRCD participated in the Dec. 13th Environmental Compliance Advisory Team (ECAT) meeting and Applicants Compliance Team (ACT) meeting. ECAT discussed: habitat restoration projects status updates, Suisun Marsh Plan reports, SRCD Program reports, and mitigation monitoring activities the Agencies are performing. ACT discussed permit compliance requirements, year-end compliance reporting, and activities for the 2017 PAI. SRCD staff is currently updating the 2017 PAI Grant Program application forms and incorporating Board-approved Program clarifications and definitions. The 2017 revised application will be presented for SRCD Board approval at the January Board meeting.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ The November Principals meeting was cancelled and the December Principals meeting will be held December 15th. SRCD continued to participate on the DWR Tule Red Public Access study to develop a set of future public access options that are consistent with the BCDC Suisun Marsh Protection Plan Policies and ensure any new activities are protective of private landowner's interests and address their concerns. On Dec. 9th, Mr. Chappell met with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to discuss the Delta Conservation Strategies that DFW is drafting, and how the Suisun Marsh fits into the report.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ SRCD continues receiving landowner post-construction reports for the RGP3 and is preparing the post-construction year-end compliance summary report. For the LOP, staff is preparing the post-construction year-end compliance summary report for submittal to the Agencies. The RGP 3 expires Dec. 2017. SRCD will begin the process for the submittal of the RGP3 renewal application in January 2017.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, dredging project administration pre and post photos, low DO study (sampling elevation survey, sonde deployment, data download), chemical use reporting, collecting actual maintenance work completed reports, RWQCB staff support, gate monitoring, PAI Program support, and Skillpath training.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the caretaker's maintenance activities on LJI which included preparing for the replacement dock installation, facility and grounds maintenance, equipment and solar power system maintenance, and hauling supplies.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~

Steve Chappell and Jim Waters attended the November 21st Delta Conservancy Board meeting. On November 16th SRCD moderated a session at the Bay Delta Science Conference on the challenges of tidal restoration in the Suisun Marsh. Mr. Chappell has been asked to submit an application for consideration to become an Advisory Committee Member for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. The Restoration Authority will oversee the proceeds from Measure AA which is a \$10.00 parcel tax to the seven Bay Area counties. It is estimated to generate \$25 million a year in funding for the SF and Suisun Marsh habitat restoration projects for 20 years. Solano County Supervisor John Vasquez has applied for a seat on the Restoration Authority as well. On December 6th SRCD hosted a Landowner Workshop to address the new State Law SB88 and diversion measurement requirements. The Workshop was well attended and he wanted to thank staff for their participation. SRCD will be working with landowners to submit their opt-in forms before January 1st 2017.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Lenk discussed proposed Federal Legislation that could negatively affect the Delta and Suisun water supplies and sadly reported that the landowner of Sunrise Duck Club had recently passed away.

b) Legal Committee ~ No report

c) Personnel Committee ~ Mr. Lewis asked the Board for approval of an amendment to the Personnel Policy regarding Administrative Leave for exempt employees and the Healthy Workplace Healthy Family Act of 2014. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the amended Personnel Policy as presented and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

d) Finance Committee ~ Mr. Wickland stated that we received the 15/16 Draft Audit, for review and hope to bring it to the Board at the January 2017 Board Meeting.

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

9. Closed Session ~ No closed session was needed.

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

10. Reconvene ~ N/A

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.