

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016
AT SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533 @ 2:00 PM**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Laureen Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Jeff Cavanaugh, RD 2130
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Kent Hansen, SRCD Associate Director
Michal Koller, CDWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Dean Podolsky, SRCD
Orlando Rocha, 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 2:08 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the May 11, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2016 Board meeting was made by Mr. Lenk and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for May 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the May 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$58,325.46. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$58,325.46 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$6,487.72. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$6,487.72 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$22,216.10. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$22,216.10 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Review Draft SRCD Budgets for FY 2016/2017 ~ Mr. Chappell presented the draft SRCD Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budgets and proposed changes from the previous fiscal year. Final budgets will be presented at the July 13th Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Rocha reported 577 nests (370 mallard, 181 gadwall and 26 other) found by USGS waterfowl nest searching crews on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. USGS has trapped 51 mallard hens and 50 of those received transmitters. 41 gadwalls were banded and 23 of those received transmitters. 1 cinnamon teal was banded. The elk calving season is under way; 31 calves have been counted. Mr. Rocha also reported GIWA work is underway for NAWCA and Duck Stamp projects aimed at improving pond water flow and circulation.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller reviewed for the Board the provided DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet. The packet included Suisun Marsh salinity conditions, Delta outflow, update on DWR Suisun Marsh facilities and maintenance activities at Roaring River Distribution System, and Morrow Island Distribution System (MIDS) update. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Jeff Cavanaugh, with RD #2130 and property 905 Mallard Farms, requested to comment on correspondence and discussions with DWR regarding a Roaring River levee improvement issue and the proposed Mallard Farms conservation bank. Mr. Cavanaugh stated he has not been able to resolve this issue with DWR and requested the District's support in developing a solution for DWR to repair the levee before it breaches and affects the entire GIWA. The SRCD Board stated that they would not support a specific proposal to address the needed Roaring River levee improvements but directed SRCD Executive Director to draft a letter to DWR requesting resolution to this ongoing levee improvement issue.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update ~ For Board Consideration: Criteria developed to determine maximum annual reimbursement of costs per ownership for the Preservation Agreement Implementation (PAI) Fund 50/50 Cost Share Grant Program ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed for the Board the criteria developed to administer the Preservation Agreement Implementation (PAI) 50/50 cost share grant and recommended the following: There will be no limitation on annual reimbursement of costs per ownership for the initial year of the 50/50 cost share program for permanent improvements of managed wetland infrastructure that meet the eligibility of the 50/50 cost share program. There will be no reimbursement for leach cycle expenses in the 2016 Program. Guidelines for leaching expense cost share will be developed for the 2017 program year implementation. For Board Consideration: Of the 2016 (PAI) Cost Share Grant Program Application Packages, incorporating the criteria for the 50/50 cost share ~ Mr. Chappell then reviewed the PAI grant application packages for the 50/50, 75/25, and Joint-use facilities improvements cost share programs, including the 2016 criteria as previously proposed. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the PAI Grant application packages and the developed criteria as proposed, and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) 2015 Suisun Marsh Plan ~ Mr. Chappell updated the Board on the Tule Red Mitigation Project, a discussion with the Regional Board on wetland fill issues, and a letter from BCDC to the Project Manager stating more public access is needed as part of their proposed project. Some discussion ensued.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that the May application package was submitted to the Corps. SRCD received dredging applications for the 2016 dredging season totaling 13,600 cubic yards.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, pump installation, Phragmites program coordination, assistance to landowners with water diversion monitoring and reporting requirements, Suisun Marsh Field Day setup and cleanup and fish screen battery maintenance and flow meter readings.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility, grounds, equipment, and solar power system maintenance, haul supplies, levee mowing, irrigation of north and south ponds, and habitat evaluation.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ On June 7, Mr. Chappell attended a meeting on the proposed Pacific Flyway Center and updated the Board on the proposed project. Approval for the project now depends on the general public vote approving the annexation of the proposed site into Fairfield City limits, which will be on the November ballot. On May 25, Mr. Chappell attended a Delta Conservancy Board Meeting where they approved the first round of Proposition 1 grant applications. The District anticipates partnering with DU for the second round of grant applications to submit a grant application to survey water control structures and property elevations for Suisun Marsh clubs to meet the 30 day drain cycle.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

- a) Agency Committee** ~ Mr. Lenk gave an status update on the Delta Levee and Habitat Advisory Committee proposed projects submitted for grant funding. Mr. Lenk also reported that Restore the Delta, along with San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties filed a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Water District for land acquisition in the Delta.
- b) Legal Committee** ~ Mr. Waters reported on 10 anti-gun bills headed for the senate next week.
- c) Personnel Committee** ~ No Report
- d) Finance Committee** ~ No Report
- 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))
This agenda item was canceled.

10. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.