

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016 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
 Laureen Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
 Tim Edmunds, SRCD
 Jeff Galef, DWR
 Michal Koller, DWR
 Kelli Perez, SRCD
 Dean Podolsky, SRCD
 Melissa Riley, CDFW
 Bruce Wickland, SRCD
 Lisa Wohn, Wohn Ranch
 Larry Wykoff, 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 October 12, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 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 October 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the October 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$112,761.42. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$112,761.42 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the October 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$22,728.77. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$22,728.77 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the October 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$24,507.48. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$24,507.48 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) SRCD FY 16/17 1st Quarter Budget Summary Review ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the revenue and expenses for LJI, Fish Screen, Pest Weed, ABAG – EPA, Drought Response, DWR Support, Mosquito Abatement, LJI, and the General Fund. Mr. Chappell also reviewed the revenue and expenses for departments of the Special Revenue Fund, Water Manager, Pump Program, and LJI Pest Weed.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Ms. Laureen Barthman-Thompson read the DFW report on activities at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. GIWA staff was successful at reinstalling the Pond 11 pump the week before opener, and even though the pump was set to pump 24 hours per day, DFW was only able to open half of the assigned blinds in pond 11 and the remaining 5 blinds were opened 2 weeks later. With the same amount of hunters as last year, the bird average was 1.66, down from last year's 2.81. The top five birds harvested were Northern Shoveler, Green-winged teal, Mallard, American Wigeon, and Gadwall. The Pheasant opener will be Saturday, November 12, and the Apprentice Planted Pheasant hunt will be held November 19.

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 October and the beginning of November. He also provided an update of maintenance activities at the DWR Suisun Marsh facilities. Mr. Koller reported that Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates (SMSCG) started tidal operation on October 17. The Roaring River Distribution System (RRDS) finished operating for fall flood up on October 20. The fish screens are being monitored and repaired. Goodyear Slough Outfall (GYSO) had floating debris removed from in front of the exhaust gates on October 31, and again November 7. Mr. Koller also reported on the reservoir levels and current precipitation totals. Mr. Chappell discussed a July 2016 report by the Natural Resource Agency called a Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy concerning extinction of Delta Smelt and lists specific actions in the Marsh that can be done to help prevent this. Mr. Koller

provided a PowerPoint presentation on Suisun Marsh Tidal Restoration on State lands.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

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

Mr. Chappell stated that Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement is ongoing which funds the Water Manager Program, the Portable Pump Program, Drought Response Fund, and PAI Grant. He also stated, that not all of the awarded 2016 PAI projects will be completed in this work season, some we will be holding over to next year's work season.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan ~ Mr. Chappell stated he participated in a Principals conference call on October 20, and attended two meetings on public access planning for the Tule Red tidal restoration project in the Suisun Marsh. Some discussion ensued.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated with the work season now over, we are collecting from the landowners their 2016 actual work completed reports. As a requirement of our permit, we then compile and generate one report to send to the agencies. We also started the fall gate monitoring, so far we've had 100% compliance.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, dredging project administration, low DO study (sampling elevation survey, sonde deployment, data download), fall flood up coordination with SCMD, newsletter creation, SRCD website maintenance, annual fish screen and flow meter maintenance, and chemical use reporting.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the caretaker's maintenance activities on LJI which included installation of a new drain gate flap, building a walkway to access water control gate, removal of old dock from caretakers harbor, facility and grounds maintenance, equipment and solar power system maintenance, and hauling supplies. Mr. Wickland also reported the LJI Hunt Group's waterfowl hunting results.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell reported on SB 88. This bill requires all Suisun Marsh water diversions over 10 acre feet to be measured by January 1, 2017. SRCD has drafted an Alternative Compliance Plan for the Marsh. Mr. Chappell asked the Board to review the draft Plan, and stated the District is planning a landowner meeting tentatively set for December 6. Mr. Chappell reported that the Flyway Center's Measure T passed by 72%. Mr. Waters reported on a conference call he participated in regarding how funds generated from the sale of hunting licenses is allocated.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Lenk reported on Prop 53 failing to pass.

b) Legal Committee ~ No report

c) Personnel Committee ~ Mr. Lewis stated annual employee reviews were completed.

d) Finance Committee ~ No report

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 3:32 PM.