

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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  
                                  Dennis Becker, SRCD Associate Director  
                                  Tim Edmunds, SRCD  
                                  Mike Frost, Frost Construction  
                                  Jeff Galef, DWR  
                                  Michal Koller, DWR  
                                  Kelli Perez, SRCD  
                                  Dean Podolsky, SRCD  
                                  Melissa Riley, CDFW  
                                  Katie Smith, CDFW  
                                  Lisa Wohn, Wohn Ranch

**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 September 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 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 September 2016** ~ Mr. Chappell reported the September 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$122,029.32. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$122,029.32 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the September 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$79,387.61. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$79,387.61 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the September 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$26,230.26. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$26,230.26 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report** ~ Ms. Lauren Barthman-Thompson read the DFW report on activities at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. Waterfowl banded this summer totaled 1,002, with 978 being Mallard, 11 Gadwall, 9 Wood ducks, 3 Cinnamon teal, 1 American greenwing teal. These numbers do not include the pre-season rocket net banding which added an additional 228 birds. The GIWA elk hunting season wrapped up with 79 of the 81 tags issued being filled. GIWA staff was unsuccessful at reinstalling the pump at Pond 11 and are acquiring an emergency diver to help on their second installation attempt. Staff is optimistic that the ponds will still be flooded for opening day. The Island Slough project had a setback when one of the new installed interior flood pipes failed and almost washed out, repairs are being made today, after which flood up will resume.

**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 September and beginning of October, an update on DWR Suisun Marsh facilities maintenance activities and status Roaring River Distribution System, Morrow Island Distribution System (MIDS), and Goodyear Slough Outfall (GYSO). Mr. Koller also reported the reservoir levels and current precipitation totals. Some discussion ensued.

**7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports** ~

**a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update and PAI Grant Program:** – Mr. Chappell stated that he participated in a Principals conference call on October 20. On August 5, SRCD convened the SMPA 2016 PAI Technical Review Committee and completed a site inspection of each proposed project. The Technical Review Committee determined that the proposed projects in the attached 2016 PAI Project Summary were consistent with the funding criteria eligible for program participation, and recommended

them for funding. Those recommendations were then sent to DWR and the Bureau for confirmation of project funding, and SRCD received their formal approval this week. A draft Landowner Agreement for the Preservation Agreement Implementation Fund has been reviewed and edited by County Counsel.

**b) Suisun Marsh Plan** ~ Mr. Chappell stated he attended the September 19 Tule Red tidal restoration ground breaking ceremony. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> tidal restoration project that has been initiated under the 2013 Suisun Marsh Plan. Also in attendance were Director of DWR, DFW and Secretary of Resources. Some discussion ensued.

**c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update** ~ Mr. Chappell stated we are nearing the end of the Marsh construction season. On Tuesday, September 20, 2016 the Corps and Regional Water Quality Control Board conducted an audit of select authorized maintenance activities completed in the 2015-2016 work season. The activities the Corps and RWQCB selected focused on exterior levees and the tidal side of the levees, which included exterior pipe replacements, rip rap placement, brush boxes and dredging. Mr. Chappell stated that SRCD staff will be sending out a letter to the landowners requesting their 2016 actual work reports. Mr. Chappell also gave an update to the Board on the 2016 Dredging Program. Some discussion ensued.

**d) Water Manager Program Update** ~ Mr. Chappell reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, pump installation and operation, PAI project assistance, dredging project administration pre and post photos, low DO study (sampling elevation survey, sonde deployment, data download), fall flood up coordination with SCMD, SRCD website maintenance, GIS data collection and map updates, annual fish screen flow meter maintenance, and chemical use reporting.

**e) Lower Joice Island Update** ~ Mr. Chappell reported on the caretaker's maintenance activities on LJI which included fish screen removal, maintenance, and reinstallation, exterior levee repairs, bulkhead installation, facility and grounds maintenance, equipment and solar power system maintenance, hauling supplies, and finishing up pest weed control spraying. Also Mr. Chappell reported on the mobilization and delivery of the recently purchased excavator to Lower Joice Island. Dredging attempt was unsuccessful due to excessive water depth at proposed permitted dredging site, and SRCD conducted the preseason walk through with the Hunt Group. Some discussion ensued.

**f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations** ~ Mr. Chappell stated that included in your Board Package is a flyer in support of Measure T which is for the Pacific Flyway Center that is on the ballot and needs to get a 50% of Fairfield voter approval to move forward. Both he and Mr. Waters attended the September 28 Delta Conservancy Board meeting. Mr. Chappell stated he is scheduled to meet with DWR's Deputy Director on October 19 to discuss potential Suisun Marsh actions identified in the recently developed Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy. Some discussion ensued.

## **8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~**

**a) Agency Committee** ~ Mr. Lenk reported on a Delta Levees meeting, and the status of RD #2127 maintenance projects.

**b) Legal Committee** ~ No report

**c) Personnel Committee** ~ No report

**d) Finance Committee** ~ Mr. Chappell reported that the audit for Fiscal Year 15/16 has started.

**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 3:19 PM.**