

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2017 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: Dennis Becker, SRCD Associate Director
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Bernadette Curry, Deputy County Counsel
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Rhiannon Klingonsmith, DWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Orlando Rocha, CDFW
Katie Smith, CDFW
Lauren Thompson, CDFW
Bud Tonnesen, Family Club
Bruce Wickland, SRCD

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

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the March 8, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ~

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 Board meeting was made by Mr. Lenk and seconded by Mr. Lewis; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for March 2017 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the March 2017 General Fund vendor claims total at \$107,158.37 Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$107,158.37 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the March 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$12,409.66. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$12,409.66 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the March 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$25,028.42. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$25,028.42 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) OES Designation of Applicants Agent ~ SRCD Resolution No. 1617-1 ~ Mr.

Chappell stated that as a FEMA requirement the SRCD Board needs to approve a resolution designating the Executive Director and/or Operations Manager as the applicant's agent to represent the SRCD on all matters pertaining to the LJI FEMA claims. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve SRCD Resolution No. 1617-1 as presented and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

c) California Resource Conservation ~ Financial Assistance Grant ~ SRCD

Resolution No. 1617-2 ~ Mr. Chappell reported that the District submitted an application to California Department of Conservation's RCD Assistance Program for grant funds to help the District become more visible and relevant. SRCD Resolution No. 1617-2 authorizes application submittal for funding and delegates related grant duties to the SRCD Executive Director to enter into this agreement, to sign progress reports and reimbursement claims. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1617-2 as presented, and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

d) Amendment to Fiscal Year 2016/2017 LJI Budget ~ Mr. Chappell asked the Board to approve an amendment to the FY 16/17 LJI Budget to purchase a much needed low ground pressure dozer for LJI. After some discussion Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve an amendment for additional funding to the LJI FY Budget to purchase a dozer and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Rocha from DFW / GIWA reported on the Joice Island Pig Hunt, with 4 pigs harvested to date and 2 hunt periods remaining. Mr. Rocha reported that GIWA continues to run all three pumps full time but have had issues with someone turning them off. Staff is hoping that the extra razor wire hung on the pump exclusion fence will be an adequate deterrent. On a GIWA section of levee recently repaired with dredged spoils has sluffed off into Montezuma Slough. Fish

and Wildlife GIWA staff has started the process to get Dutra back out to address the problem. USGS has begun their nest searching, but are limited to only a few fields around Grizzly Island due to flood waters. To date they have found 12 mallard nests and 3 cinnamon teal nests.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Ms. Rhiannon Klingonsmith distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet. She reviewed for the Board the Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for March and early April 2017 and a DWR facilities update in the Suisun Marsh. She also reported the amount of precipitation for the Northern Sierras at 204% and San Joaquin at 195% as of April 11. Some discussion ensued.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

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

Mr. Chappell reported that on March 16 he attended the SMP Principal's meeting and on March 14 he attended an Environmental Compliance Team meeting and an Applicants Compliance Team meeting. These are quarterly meetings to go over the terms and conditions of our permit, to make sure that all compliance reports are being submitted on time. SRCD takes on the majority of the required compliance report preparation and submittals. As of today, the District has received PAI Grant applications from 20 landowners for a total of 40 proposed managed wetland projects. On March 29 & 30th, the PAI Technical Review Committee, composed of staff from SRCD, DFW, DWR, and CWA, performed proposed project site visits and then compiled proposed project recommendations. The Committee's recommendations will then get forwarded on to the Bureau and DWR for final project approval.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that several tidal restoration projects have been proposed in a DWR Request for Proposal solicitation. DFW has stated that the Hill Slough tidal restoration project and Grizzly Island Road raising may not be completed this year because of concerns from BCDC that the project will not accommodate any future sea level rising or the addition of a bike lane. Some discussion ensued.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that we have received approval for the January and February maintenance application packages. The March package was submitted and is still being reviewed. The 2017 LOP letter for the Suisun Marsh Dredging Program application was mailed out in January with a May 12th application submittal deadline. Some discussion ensued.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including mailing out Landowner Workshop flyers, Phragmites program, Delta smelt restrictions, and Drought Response Fund letters to landowners. Operate and service portable pumps, gate monitoring prep and reporting, PAI project application support, newsletter preparation, EPA grant/ Low DO WQ meeting, installing and servicing three portable pumps, and processing the March maintenance application package.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Caretaker's activities which included facility and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, hauling supplies, and herbicide application for weed control on levee roads. Some discussion ensued.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell and Mr. Wickland attended a FEMA meeting on March 17; Mr. Chappell attended a Delta Conservancy Board Meeting on March 22, and our Annual Landowner Workshop is

scheduled for Friday, April 21 at Rush Ranch. On May 12, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will be holding a workshop from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Rush Ranch to address California Environmental Quality Act Scoping for Water Quality Objectives for Dissolved Oxygen and Mercury and Total Maximum Daily Load for the Suisun Marsh. Some discussion ensued.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ No report

b) Legal Committee ~ No report

c) Personnel Committee ~ No report

d) Finance Committee ~ Mr. Connolly stated that at the May Board meeting he will give a report on the financial position of Suisun Conservation Fund.

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

At 3:22 PM the Board closed the open session.

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

10. Reconvene ~ The Board reported no action was taken.

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.