

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, February 8, 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, Associate Director  
Steven Chappell, SRCD  
Tim Edmunds, SRCD  
Kent Hansen, Associate Director  
Michal Koller, DWR  
Kelli Perez, SRCD  
Dean Podolsky, SRCD  
Bruce Wickland, SRCD  
Larry Wyckoff, DFW

**1. Call to Order** ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:~~03~~05 PM.

**2. Public Comments** ~ No Public Comments

Closed Session was moved to the end of the meeting.

**3. Open Session** ~

**a) Approval of the January 11, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes** ~

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 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 January 2017** ~ Mr. Chappell reported the January 2017 General Fund vendor claims noting an error on the summary total due to a duplicate listing of one vendor claim in the amount of \$2,386.84, thereby reducing the total of the General Fund vendor claims to \$46,317.76. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$46,317.76 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the January 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$7,616.32. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$7,616.32 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the January 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$16,945.80. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$16,945.80 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 16/17 Budget Summary Review** ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed for the Board the revenue and expenditures for each of the departments of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund for the second quarter of fiscal year 2016-2017.

**5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report** ~ Mr. Rocha reported for DFW GIWA starting off with the pig hunt applications are due in by February 14 @ 4:00 pm. This will be the first year that applications can be submitted on line. The pig hunts are planned for March 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, April 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23, 2017. Mr. Rocha also stated that due to the GIWA exterior levee flood damages and extensive flooding the GIWA is closed to all public use. GIWA staff with the assistance of two CDCR inmate crews placed close to 5,000 sandbags using approximately 100 tons of sand and 1400 linear feet of plastic, over a 5 day period. Their efforts paid off allowing them to hold off further levee erosion on the worst damaged sections of levee until the dredge barge arrived to build those levees back up under an Emergency Permit.

**6. Department of Water Resources Report** ~ Mr. Michal Koller distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and reviewed for the Board the Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for January and the beginning of February 2017, noting the low salinity readings, amount of precipitation, and the current high Delta outflows. Mr. Koller provided a DWR facilities update for Roaring River Distribution System stating that 13 locations were sandbagged and/or plastic sheeting placed to stabilize the levee and prevent further erosion. Morrow Island Distribution System had a large tree fall into the ditch which was removed. Precipitation is currently at 210% of average. Mr. Chappell discussed repairs needed to Roaring River levees and the inability of DWR to get repairs

completed to flood damaged levees, before the facility is needed to deliver water to the managed wetlands in the fall of 2017.

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

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

Mr. Chappell reported the following: Drought Response will not be triggered for a third year (due to the flood conditions and low salinities), the 2017 PAI Grant Cost Share application packages were mailed out to landowners after the January Board meeting. Water Managers have already taken several landowner phone calls with questions about proposed 2017 PAI projects.

**b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~** Mr. Chappell stated that on January 19, he attended a SMP Principals meeting and nothing else to report other than the progress of several tidal restoration projects moving forward. DWR sent out a letter requesting proposals for tidal restoration projects. DWR is either in or has closed escrow on the purchase of three properties on Bradmoor Island, Overlook, Flying D, and Wildwing Duck Clubs.

**c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~** Mr. Chappell reported that SRCDD has been actively working with the Corps on getting approvals on several urgent and unforeseen requests under the RGP3. Five applications went directly to the Corps for emergency dredging under Emergency RGP 5. The January RGP3 maintenance application package was sent to the Corps at the end of January. Mr. Chappell also discussed the Letter of Permission for the 2017 Dredging Program and prepayment of the Water Board fees for 100,000 cubic yards allocated, of which we have only used 29,879. Some discussion ensued.

**d) Water Manager Program Update ~** Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including: assisting landowners with flood damage permitting, portable pump installation on four clubs for flood control, processing the January maintenance application package, exterior work notifications to NMFS, writing and editing newsletter articles, water management, RWQCB staff support, gate monitoring prep and reporting, mailing out the PAI Cost Share applications, salmon and rail restriction letters and spring burn notifications..

**e) Lower Joice Island Update ~** Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Caretaker's activities on LJI which included facility and grounds maintenance, flood fighting, and pond level maintenance, equipment and solar power system maintenance, boat and tractor maintenance, and hauling supplies. Mr. Wickland also reported that Mr. Witherspoon has been providing support to the SFSU zooplankton sampling crew. The post season meeting and walk thru with the LJI Hunt Group has been scheduled for 2/23/17.

**f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~** Mr. Chappell reported attending two Pacific Flyway Center meetings, one was with the architect and the other was with the full Flyway Center Committee. At this meeting there was discussion of seasonal wetlands located on the project site, and if so mitigation will be needed. Also discussed, hiring an environmental consultant to provide the required CEQA documents. Mr. Chappell also attended a meeting with UC Davis Fisheries Lab to discuss a Proposition 1 Grant they were awarded from DFW. The focus of the Study is the Primary Productivity of the tidal Sloughs and how managed wetland may contribute to the support of native fish food web and populations in the upper Suisun Slough area. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Chappell also stated that he was asked to submit an application to sit on an advisory committee for the San Francisco Restoration Network. Mr. Vaccarella discussed a television show segment he watched on the Pacific Flyway Center. 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 discussed an article published in the CSDA magazine on prefunding pension contributions. Currently our surplus funds held by the County earn between 1 and 2 percent interest. Mr. Connolly stated, **it** might be beneficial to discuss this further with the County Treasurer. Some discussion ensued.

**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))**

**10. Reconvene ~** Mr. Vaccarella stated there was no action taken.

**11. Adjourn ~** Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.