

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 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: Lauren Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
Dennis Becker, Associate Director
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Michal Koller, DWR
Dean Podolsky, SRCD
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 December 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2016 Board meeting was made by Mr. Waters with an amendment to reflect that he and Mr. Chappell were not in attendance at December's Board Meeting due to attending other important District business and Mr. Connolly seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for December 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the December 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$46,399.40. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$46,399.40 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the December 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$7,349.28. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$7,349.28 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the December 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$17,262.75. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$17,262.75 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Chappell stated he did not get a report from DFW GIWA, except to say that on Monday January 9 all public hunting and access to fishing areas was closed due to severe flooding. Flood fighting activities have been underway using visqueen and sandbags but all the materials placed were washed away and will have to be reapplied.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and stated that the State Flood Center opened January 7 but has had no requests for emergency help. The Sacramento weir was opened for the first time since 2005. Mr. Koller reviewed the Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for December and the beginning of January and also reported the current precipitation totals being at 203% of average. On January 9th, DWR conducted emergency flood fighting activities (placing visqueen and sandbags) at DWR's Roaring River Distribution System (RRDS) and continued thru today. Mr. Chappell reported information on current flood damages to several properties in the Marsh with continued high tides and more rain to come.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update and PAI Grant Program ~ Board Consideration on 2017 PAI Grant Application and amended guidelines
Mr. Chappell reviewed the draft 2017 PAI Grant application packages and amended Program Guidelines for Board consideration. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the updated 2017 PAI Grant applications and Program Guidelines as presented and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell also requested guidance on any emergency requests for portable pump usage by landowners

for flood fighting activities. After some discussion, Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve an emergency provision for SRCD Portable Pump Program to allow pump usage during a flood to assist in the protection of infrastructure and facilities, and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that on December 15, he attended a Principals meeting.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that SRCD has wrapped up the 2016 work season by submitting the post reports for completed work activities under the RGP3 and LOP permits. The 2017 applications will be going out in the mail as soon as possible. Mr. Chappell also stated he has been actively working with the Corps on getting quick approvals for any emergency permits or urgent and unforeseen requests under the RGP3.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including: water management, submittal of the post work report for RGP3 and LOP, ransomware attack damage control, low DO study equipment retrieval and return, chemical use reporting, RWQCB staff support, gate monitoring, and PAI Program support.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Caretaker's activities on LJI which included facility and grounds maintenance, equipment and solar power system maintenance, boat and tractor maintenance, hauling supplies, and flood fighting. Mr. Wickland also presented the Hunt Group's harvest record and requested setting up the end of season walkthrough. Some discussion ensued.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell reported attending a Pacific Flyway Center Board meeting on January 9, 2017. The land acquisition and land swap with the DFW and working with the City of Fairfield with the land annexation is moving forward.

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 ~ No report

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

9. Closed Session ~ 1. Conference with Labor Negotiators: Agency designated representatives: Directors Tony Vaccarella, Terrance Connolly, Arnold Lenk, James Waters, and Mike Lewis. Unrepresented employees: Executive Director, Operations Manager, Office Supervisor, Water Managers.

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – One case –Potential Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c))

10. Reconvene ~ Mr. Vaccarella reported on Item 1 of the closed session. The Board approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee for SRCD staff salary increases as presented, and no action to report on Item 2.

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.