

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, 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: Steven Chappell, SRCD
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Rhiannon Klingonsmith, DWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Dean Podolsky, SRCD
Jeff Taylor, SRCD
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Orlando Rocha, CDFW
Laureen Barthman Thompson, CDFW
Lisa Wohn, Wohn Ranch
Larry Wyckoff, CDFW

1. Call to Order ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:00PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the May 10th, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ~

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 10th, 2017 Board meeting was made by Mr. Lenk and seconded by Mr. Waters; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for May 2017 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the May 2017 General Fund vendor claims total as \$60,074.36. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$60,074.36 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$ 7,707.77. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the May 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$7,707.77 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$34,038.32. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the May 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$34,038.32 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Review SRCD FY 2017/2018 Draft Budgets ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the draft budgets for fiscal year 17/18 for the SRCD General Fund, Lower Joice Island, Water Managers Program and the SRCD Special Revenue Funds with proposed changes from the previous fiscal year. Mr. Chappell requested that the Board contact him if they had any further questions, when these final Budgets will be presented for approval at the July 12th Board meeting for consideration.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Orlando Rocha provided the DFW Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (GIWA) report. The Wildlife Area is finally drying out and staff is able to get out in the field to complete mowing and maintenance activities. The GIWA elk tag draws are out. This year 87 tags were issued and the season will begin August 5th with the Auction tag hunter and end on September 29th. So far this year DFW has counted 45 calves, with about one more month of calving season left. The USGS crew is very busy now, with 534 waterfowl nests found. USGS crews are also beginning to set out bait traps to begin the summer banding season.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Ms. Rhiannon Klingonsmith distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and reviewed the information starting with the Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for May and early June 2017. She then gave a detail update on Suisun Marsh facilities operations, maintenance and repair update. Some discussion ensued regarding the repairs to Roaring River, landowner access, and estimated schedule for the completion of these flood damage repairs.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement and Board Consideration of PAI Grant Program Clarification of Joint Use Facilities Projects with common water levels ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed a May 30th 2017, memorandum to the Board, which

provides an administrative clarification for the PAI Joint Use Facility (JUF) Program. The clarification provides additional information to the previously approved July 7th, 2016. The JUF administrative procedures to include language to address “a project on one or more properties with common shared water management and/or levels” to be eligible to participate in this cost share program. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the administrative clarification for the PAI Grant Joint Use Facility program and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported attending the May 18th Principals meeting, the June 13th Environmental Compliance Team and the SMP Applicants Compliance Team meetings. Both ECAT and ACT were well attended by the participating Agencies.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that all of the RGP3 landowner maintenance application package up to April 2017 have been approved by the Corps. The May RGP 3 application package was submitted to the Corps for authorization at the beginning of June 2017. On June 5th, SRCD submitted the RGP3 renewal application package to the Corps and Regional Water Quality Control Board. The existing RGP3 expires December 2017. The renewal application is for a new five year permit, for the period of 2018 through 2022. The LOP Dredging Program 2017 application was submitted mid June with 10 properties requesting a total of 11,846 cubic yards of dredging for the 2017 work season.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported on the Water Manager’s work activities this past month including setting up and manning the SRCD booth at the CWA Suisun Marsh Field Day, completing CPR and First Aid re-certification, Phragmites program support, operate and service portable pumps for landowners, RGP 3 renewal support, LOP Dredging application assistance, and meeting participation.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported on the LJI Caretaker’s activities which included facility and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, Lepidium and Phragmites pest weed control. SRCD continues to look for a small dozer to complete exterior levee repair this summer.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell stated the CWA Suisun Marsh Field Day on June 3rd was a success. On Friday, May 12, SRCD Staff attended the Regional Water Quality Control Board Public California Environmental Quality Act scoping meeting for Total Maximum Daily Load development for the Suisun Marsh Water Quality Objectives for Dissolved Oxygen and Mercury. Mr. Chappell stated that he has attended several Reclamation District meetings with FEMA to answer any questions about Suisun Marsh permitting and environmental documents for flood damage repairs. On May 24th, Mr. Chappell and Mr. Waters attended a Delta Conservancy Board meeting. Mr. Chappell reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the land swap with DFW for a portion of the Garibaldi Unit for the construction of the Pacific Flyway Center. Pacific Flyway Center is now moving forward with the preparation of required environmental reviews and document preparation.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Arnold Lenk discussed a newspaper article on the Oroville Dam, the damages and how the history of the State Water Project development has impacted the Suisun Marsh.

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 Legal Counsel – One case –Potential Litigation**

(Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c)) ~ The SRCD Board did not need to meet on this item.

~ 2. **Real Property Negotiations: Property- Lower Joice Island in unincorporated Solano County. District Negotiator: Steve Chappell**

10. Reconvene ~ Closed Session for Agenda Item #2 - Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.