

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016
AT SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533 @ 2:00 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tony Vaccarella, President
Arnold Lenk
Mike Lewis
Jim Waters

OTHERS PRESENT: Laureen Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Mike Frost, Frost Construction
Michal Koller, CDWR
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Jeff Taylor, SRCD
Bruce Wickland, SRCD
Larry Wyckoff, CDFW

1. Call to Order ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ None

3. Open Session

a) Approval of the March 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 Board meeting was made by Mr. Waters and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for March 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the March 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$41,260.91. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$41,260.91 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the March 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$6,716.03. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$6,716.03 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the March 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$19,759.56. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$19,759.56 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) FY 15/16 Third Quarter Budget Summary Review ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the 3rd quarter revenue and expenses of the General Fund. Starting with Lower Joice Island, Fish Screens, Mosquito Abatement, Pest Weed Control, DWR Support and the Drought Response Fund. Mr. Chappell also reviewed departments under the Special Revenue Fund, Water Managers, and Pump Program.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Ms. Lauren Thompson read the GIWA report provided by Mr. Rocha. The report contained the following information about GIWA activities over the past month. USGS has begun waterfowl nest searching on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area noting that with all the spring rain, nest conditions are much improved over last year with mallard and gadwall nests most prominent. Also, as part of their project, USGS is looking at nest predation and hoping to capture skunks and raccoons to fit with telemetry equipment. On April 10, they trapped and fitted a female raccoon with a collar and are looking forward to the data that it will provide. There are 82 tags proposed for the 2016 Tule elk season on GIWA. This year for fund raising, instead of having an auctioned elk tag, DFW will raffle the tag. With raffle tickets going for \$5.97 each and no limit on how many times you can enter. For more information, visit the CDFW website. The Joice Island pig hunt continues and pig harvest is down this year with only 4 pigs taken so far. GIWA staff, along with CWA, conducted a 25 acre burn in ponds 5 - 8 in preparation for a NAWCA project to improve water conveyance.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller provided the monthly DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and reviewed the information for the Board. Included in the packet was a DWR Suisun Marsh facilities update stating that the 2016 maintenance activities planned at Roaring River Distribution System drain gate replacement have been postponed. However the maintenance activities at Morrow Island Distribution System and the Goodyear Slough Outfall are on schedule. The

salinity in the Suisun Marsh is still low; the Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates will continue to remain in the open position. Discussion ensued regarding the postponement of the Roaring River Distribution System maintenance activities.

7. Bay Conservation & Development Commission ~ Agenda item was canceled and will be rescheduled.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) Revised Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that he participated in the monthly Principals call on April 7. As a result of that conference call and the March 11, Adaptive Management Team Meeting, Mr. Chappell is going to recommend that the Principals meet in person every other month. Mr. Chappell discussed SB 854, and new requirements regarding prevailing wages on public works projects over one thousand dollars. How this new law will affect both the District and landowners on the upcoming cost share programs.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell included this report as part of the Revised Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that the March package of applications was submitted to the Corps and as of today we've only received two 2016 dredging applications. There is still time to submit applications prior to the May 8 deadline.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, pump installation and operation, pump parts storage container customization, office painting, water quality monitoring, meet with the Delta Water Master, assist landowners with diversion monitoring and reporting requirements, WQ sonde replacement, GYSO debris accumulation monitoring, Lepidium program coordination, and Frost Lake drain investigation.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility and grounds maintenance, solar power system maintenance, boat and tractor maintenance, levee mowing, completing second drain/re-flood, SFSU sampling crew support, annual weed control, and LJI Habitat Committee tour.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ On March 23, Mr. Chappell attended Delta Conservancy Board meeting. He also attended two meetings on the Pacific Flyway Center, which is moving forward. However, due to the size of the project the property site is going to have to be incorporated into the city of Fairfield in order to provide sewer and water. On March 22, Mr. Chappell, along with the DFW, met with National Marine Fisheries regarding our permit administration issues for the RGP, LOP and all of our compliance reporting. Also as a reminder the Landowners Workshop is set for next Wednesday April 20, 2016 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

9. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Lenk discussed a meeting on the Delta Levee Habitat committee.

b) Legal Committee ~ No report.

c) Personnel Committee ~ For Board Consideration Personnel Policy amendment ~ Mr. Lewis presented the a small amendment to the personnel policy and then made a motion to adopt the Personnel Policy as presented and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all

were in favor and the motion carried.

d) Finance Committee ~ No Report

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

10. Closed Session ~ Canceled

11. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.