

SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016
AT SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533 @ 2:00 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Becker, SRCD Associate Director
 Steven Chappell, SRCD
 John Cropper, Cropper Accountancy
 Tim Edmunds, SRCD
 Mike Frost, Frost Construction
 Michal Koller, DWR
 Kelli Perez, SRCD
 Katy Perry, Cropper Accountancy
 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 2:04 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Comments

3. Open Session

a) Approval of the January 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2016 Board meeting was made by Mr. Waters and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for January 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the January 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$52,063.37. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$52,063.37 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the January 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$6,150.65. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$6,150.65 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the January 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$14,883.48. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$14,883.48 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) For Board Consideration ~ Draft 13/14 & 14/15 FY Audit Presentation ~ Cropper Accountancy ~ Mr. John Cropper and Ms. Katy Perry presented to the Board the draft 2014/2015 and draft 2013/2014 fiscal year audits. Discussion ensued.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Chappell read the written report provided by DFW. Starting with the 2016 GIWA waterfowl harvest numbers, which, are slightly down from the previous season. The five most harvested ducks are Northern Shoveler (2,606), American Wigeon (2,476), Green-winged Teal (1,565), Ruddy Duck (669), and Northern Pintail (648). For the upcoming Joice Island pig hunt the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area office received well over 1,000 applications, compared to approximately 600 received the previous year. Hill Slough Wildlife Area had a levee breach that flooded Grizzly Island Road briefly and it has been repaired. Hill Slough also had an exterior pipe fail and it is being replaced next week.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller provided the monthly DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet and reviewed the information for the Board noting that DWR is planning to do maintenance on the Roaring River Distribution System fish screens from June 15 to September 30, 2016. Discussion ensued.

7. Bay Conservation & Development Commission ~ Duck Club Management Plan Update ~ this presentation was postponed.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) Revised Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that at the end of January we received a signed 2015 SMPA contract from DWR, which includes funding in the Preservation Agreement Implementation Fund Cost Share programs. Mr. Chappell reviewed with the Board the draft grant application and program

guidelines for the joint-use facilities, the 50/50 and 75/25 cost share programs. Discussion ensued.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported having a Suisun Marsh Principals call on February 4, 2016, and said the role of the Principals Group is moving into program implementation, environmental compliance, and Adaptive Management.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that the RGP3 2016 maintenance permit application package was mailed out to landowners in January. Water quality data has been collected and put into a draft compliance report. The 2016 LOP Dredge Program applications packages were also mailed out in January. On February 1, the Benthic Monitoring Team met to discuss the 2015 sampling design as a condition of the LOP. Discussion ensued.

d) State Water Resource Control Board's – Draft Emergency Regulations for Measuring and Reporting the Diversion of Water Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that new Emergency Regulations were adopted in January, requiring the Suisun Marsh landowners to measure and report water diverted to the managed wetlands. The Delta Water Master is going to work with SRCD to develop a strategy for measurement or an alternative plan for compliance to meet the requirements of the new regulations. Also, the Delta Water Master has agreed to make a presentation at our Spring Landowner Workshop on April 20, 2016. Discussion ensued.

e) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, pump and equipment maintenance, pump installation, water quality monitoring draft report, and assist drafting the PAI Fund grant application.

f) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Hunt Group waterfowl hunting results, as well as the work activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility and grounds maintenance, solar power system maintenance, hauling supplies, equipment maintenance, and setting the club to drain.

g) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ On February 18, Mr. Chappell stated he was asked to be part of a panel at the Bay Conservation Development Commission regarding California Water Fix (the twin tunnels) and its effects on the Suisun Marsh. Also Mr. Chappell discussed a January 21, meeting he attended on the Pacific Flyway Center, which he said looks to be going forward, and all proposed construction will be in the Secondary Marsh. On January 27, Mr. Chappell attended a Delta Conservancy Board Meeting.

9. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Lenk shared a newspaper article regarding the twin tunnels.

b) Legal Committee ~ No report.

c) Personnel Committee ~ Mr. Lewis stated the draft personnel policy update is needed to strengthen the Drug and Alcohol Abuse section and changes in health care insurance requirements.

d) Finance Committee ~ No report

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

The next two items were heard out of agenda order.

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

11. Reconvene ~ Mr. Tony Vaccarella stated that there was nothing to report.

12. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.