

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, January 13, 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
 Mike Lewis
 Jim Waters

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Chappell, SRCD
 Tim Edmunds, SRCD
 Mike Frost, Frost Construction
 Paul Garrison, DWR
 Michal Koller, DWR
 Kelli Perez, SRCD
 Dean Podolsky, SRCD
 Orlando Rocha, DFW
 Jeff Taylor, SRCD
 Laureen Barthman-Thompson, DFW
 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 Comments

3. Open Session

a) Approval of the November 18, and December 9, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes ~

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, and December 9, 2015 Board meetings 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 November and December 2015 ~ Mr. Chappell

reported the November 2015 General Fund vendor claims for \$57,261.66, LJI vendor claims for \$5,394.19 and Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$18,503.80. Mr. Chappell then reported the December 2015 General Fund vendor claims for \$62,508.29, LJI vendor claims for \$6,358.23, and Special Revenue for \$32,773.30. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund, LJI, and Special Revenue vendor claims for the months of November 2015 and December 2015 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Second Quarter Budget Summary Review ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the budget summary for the second quarter of fiscal year 15/16 for the General Fund and Special Revenue departments.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife Report ~ Mr. Orlando Rocha reported on CDFW Grizzly Island Wildlife Area waterfowl harvested thru January 10, 2016 as follows: Northern Shoveler 2,414, Green-winged Teal 1,182, American Wigeon 1,845, Ruddy Duck 480, and Northern Pintail 472. The pheasant season final harvest count was 69 wild pheasants and 149 planted pheasants. Mr. Rocha also provided information on the upcoming Grizzly Island Wildlife Area pig hunting opportunities.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller provided the monthly Suisun Marsh briefing packet. Mr. Koller reviewed the information in the packet, noting that DWR is planning to do maintenance on the Roaring River Distribution System fish screens from July 1 to middle of August 2016. Some discussion ensued.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) Revised Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that USBR signed the 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement. DWR's Contract Department completed amending the existing contract and it was sent to Department of General Services for final approved. Mr. Chappell stated staff is now drafting the grant application for 2016 Preservation Agreement Implementation Fund cost share programs for Board approval at the February Board Meeting. Some discussion ensued.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported having a Suisun Marsh Principals call on January 7, 2016.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that he met with a new staff person at State Lands Commission (SLC) where they discussed possibly reducing required SLC reporting documents for the Dredging Program. The Suisun

Marsh Plan Principal Agencies have completed drafting the required Spill Response Plan and will be included with the 2016 USACE maintenance applications mailed to the landowners in January. Some discussion ensued.

d) State Water Resource Control Board's – Draft Emergency Regulations for Measuring and Reporting the Diversion of Water Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported attending a State Board Workshop and providing testimony on the draft diversion measurement regulations. On December 23 SRCD submitted a letter to the State Board reinforcing SRCD comments provided in testimony. SRCD received a letter back from the State Board's Delta Water Master which is included in the Board Package. Draft regulations were released on January 12, 2016. The draft regulations will require the development of a regionally appropriate alternative plan for compliance for the Suisun Marsh diversions. Some discussion ensued.

e) CA Water Fix Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that the DWR and the Bureau of Reclamation filed a petition to change their point of diversion of CA Water Fix project. SRCD will not be providing comment at the initial hearings, but will work with Solano County to ensure Suisun Marsh concerns are included in the Counties efforts and comments. Discussion ensued.

f) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month. Some of these activities include water management, gate monitoring, office roof repair coordination, pump maintenance, Audubon Christmas bird count, WQ monitoring draft report, drafting a PAI Fund grant application, and working with BCDC and ICF on GIS mapping.

g) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on work activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility and grounds maintenance, solar power system, hauling supplies, equipment maintenance, and hunt program management.

h) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell discussed meetings he attended on the Pacific Flyway Center.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Waters reported that Jim Kellog and Jack Baylis resigned from the Fish & Game Commission and the Executive Officer is also leaving the Commission.

b) Legal Committee ~ No report.

c) Personnel Committee ~ Mr. Lewis stated that the Board received a draft revision of the SRCD Personnel Policy for review and discussion.

d) Finance Committee ~ Mr. Chappell stated that at February's Board Meeting the auditor will be presenting FY's 13/14 and 14/15 draft audit.

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

9. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.