

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Chappell, SRCD
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Cliff Feldheim, CDWR
David Jappert, PHLF District Manager
Melissa Riley, CDFW
Orlando Rocha, CDFW
Bud Tonnesen, Family Club
Bruce Wickland, SRCD
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 2:05 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the July 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 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 July 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the June 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$100,330.14. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$100,330.14 and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the June 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$8,042.75. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$8,042.75 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the June 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$16,625.60. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$16,625.60 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Amended Vendor Claim Summary for May 2016 - General Fund ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the amended May 2016 Vendor Claim Summary for the General Fund. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the amended May 2016 General Fund Vendor Claim Summary in the amount of \$56,750.25 and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

c) For Board Review & Consideration SRCD FY 2016/2017 Budgets ~ Mr. Chappell previously presented the draft SRCD Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budgets and proposed changes at the June Board Meeting. Mr. Chappell presented the revised FY16/17 budgets and asked the Board for their consideration of approval. Some discussion ensued, after which Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the FY 2016/2017 SRCD Budgets as presented and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

d) Suisun Conservation Fund Financial Review ~ Mr. Connolly presented to the RCD Board the minutes from the last SCF Trustee's meeting, and then reviewed the unaudited financial statements of the Fund, stating that the grants to Suisun RCD for LJI operating expenses, investment advisor fees, plus investment losses, for a decrease in the Fund of \$147,523 for the year. Mr. Connolly also projected his calculations regarding future investment returns and the expected life of the Fund. Some discussion ensued about forming a sub-committee to study the long term financial viability of LJI. Mr. Lenk and Mr. Connolly volunteered to participate and Mr. Chappell will head the sub-committee.

5. Potrero Hills Landfill Expansion (PHLF) Update ~ David Jappert, General Manager for PHLF gave a Power Point presentation on the landfill operations and expansion plans. The presentation highlighted the required regulatory permits for this Landfill to operate, biological monitoring, discussed the new 8 megawatt power plant, and the time frame of when Phase II of the landfill's expansion would be constructed and

operational. Some discussion ensued.

6. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Rocha reported 676 nests (418 mallard, 229 gadwall and 29 other) found by USGS waterfowl nest searching crews on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. USGS has fitted 80 birds with transmitters, and are now busy fitting transmitters on post breeding birds while banding. The elk calving season is well under way; 62 calves have been counted. The first elk hunt is scheduled for August 6 and hunting will continue through September 30, 2016, 83 tags were issued for the 2016 hunt season. Mr. Rocha reported that a duck stamp funded project will be starting soon at Island Slough to replace all ageing water control structures. The NAWCA and duck stamp projects ongoing on GIWA should be finished before the start of elk season. DFW staff is busy repairing blinds at hunting units on GIWA in preparation for an August 1, flood up date for early migrating waterfowl.

7. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Cliff Feldheim distributed to the Board the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet. The packet contained Suisun Marsh salinity conditions, Delta outflow, update on DWR Suisun Marsh facilities and maintenance activities at Roaring River Distribution System, and Morrow Island Distribution System (MIDS) and Goodyear Slough Outfall (GYSO) update. Mr. Feldheim made a presentation on recent waterfowl research activities and managed wetland habitat conditions. These study results will provide new information learned from waterfowl use and movements from the transmitters fitted waterfowl. Some discussion ensued.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update – PAI Grant Program

Administrative Amendments~ For Board Consideration: Clarification to the previously approved grant guidelines. Mr. Chappell reviewed a memo regarding issues / questions raised as a result of landowners submitting initial PAI Grant applications. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the clarifications to the grant guidelines as presented, and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) 2015 Suisun Marsh Plan ~ Mr. Chappell updated the Board on the Tule Red Mitigation Project and discussed Regional Water Quality Control Board concerns about proposed wetland fill issues. Mr. Chappell also discussed a letter from BCDC stating that more public access is needed as part of their proposed project. SRCD is concerned with BCDC's desire to expand public access that is inconsistent with the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan. Some discussion ensued.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that the June RGP3 package was submitted to the USACE. The LOP 2016 Dredging permit applications have been submitted. Regional Water Quality Control Board has approved the 401 permit and the Corps has said they should have the authorization back by the end of the month. The dredging window opens August 1, 2016. Some discussion ensued

d) For Board Review Draft SRCD Record Retention Policy and Procedures ~

Mr. Wickland reviewed a draft Record Retention Policy and Procedures, some discussion ensued.

e) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, pump installation,

Phragmites Program coordination, assistance to landowners with water diversion monitoring and reporting requirements, and annual fish screen maintenance, LOP Dredging Program application package submittal, landowner notification letter regarding the fall burn season, PAI Grant, [and](#) Shoot and Social flyer.

f) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility, grounds, equipment, and solar power system maintenance, haul supplies, and levee mowing. Some discussion regarding the status of the Draft LJI Hunt Group Lease Agreement, and the Hunt Group's request of additional boat parking.

g) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell stated the Pacific Flyway Center has requested of a letter of support from SRCD ~~for~~ the development of the Pacific Flyway Center. The Board directed Mr. Chappell to draft a letter in support of the concept and vision of the Pacific Flyway Center in the western Suisun Marsh. Some discussion ensued.

h) Consider Rescheduling August 10, 2016 Board Meeting ~ Mr. Chappell stated that he would not be able to attend the August 10, Board Meeting and Mr. Waters said the same,

[and](#) asked the Board to consider rescheduling it. Some discussion occurred and a motion by Mr. Lewis to move the August 10, Board Meeting to August 17, was made and Mr. Connolly seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

9. 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

10. Closed Session ~ 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – One case –Potential Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c))
This agenda item was canceled.

11. Reconvene ~ N/A

12. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.