

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, March 9, 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: Cody Aichele, BCDC
 Dennis Becker, SRCD Associate Director
 Laureen Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
 Steven Chappell, SRCD
 Mike Frost, Frost Construction
 Terry Huffman, Huffman Broadway Group
 Michal Koller, CDWR
 Kelli Perez, SRCD
 Melissa Riley, CDFW
 Leonard Stefanelli, Volanti Duck Club
 Orlando Rocha, CDFW
 Katie Smith, CDFW
 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 2:02 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ This item was heard out of agenda order. Public comments were heard regarding the proposed Twin Tunnels projects potential negative effect on the Suisun Marsh and appreciation to the Board on their stand against the CA Water Fix and Twin Tunnels project were expressed.

3. Open Session

a) Approval of the February 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 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 February 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the February 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$55,606.62. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$55,606.62 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the February 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$5,636.14. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$5,636.14 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the February 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$19,503.03. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$19,503.03 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) For Board Consideration ~ Draft 13/14 & 14/15 FY Audit ~ Mr. Connolly reviewed for the Board a few minor entries the Auditor's had made on the draft FY 13/14 and 14/15 audits, since the February presentation. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the final 13/14 and 14/15 fiscal year audits, and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Suisun Marsh and Local Watersheds Education Program ~ Ms. Marianne Butler from Solano RCD gave a PowerPoint presentation on the success of the Suisun Marsh and Watershed Explorers Program. For the Suisun Marsh Watershed, 3rd grade students from Crescent and Suisun Elementary schools in Solano County participated. The presentation included a video showing hands-on training in the field and also the classroom. Ms. Butler stated that the Education Program has received financial donations from the Suisun Conservation Fund for the last four years. Solano RCD would very much like to continue providing these educational programs and asked SRCD and SCF for their continued support.

6. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Rocha presented the DFW report of GIWA activities over the past month. Stating USGS continues to trap birds to put a few more transmitters on hen mallards and would like to put transmitters on gadwalls as well before the nesting season begins. USGS has transmitters on Pintail,

and Canvasback. Waterfowl nest searching on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area should start before the end of March. The Joice Island pig hunts started last weekend with the junior hunt where only one pig was taken. The Hill Slough Wildlife Area levee repair is holding and DFW replaced the failed drain structure just before the recent rains.

7. 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 and an update on 2016 maintenance activities planned at Roaring River Distribution System, Morrow Island Distribution System, and the Goodyear Slough Outfall. Discussion ensued.

8. Duck Club Management Plan Update ~ Ms. Cody Aichele from Bay Conservation And Development Commission (BCDC) presented a Power Point presentation on progress made on updating each Suisun Marsh club's management plans. The effort is to move from paper management plans and maps to the digital age and consistent with new regulation requirements and adaptive management strategies. Ms. Aichele has been working with SRCD Water Manager's to accomplish this objective. Ms. Aichele stated that she hopes to have a beta version of the Geo Marsh web platform for landowner comments later this year.

9. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) Revised Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated that both he and Mr. Waters participated in the monthly Principals call on March 3. On March 8, he participated in the Environmental Compliance Advisory Team and the Preservation Agreement's Coordinators meetings. The Coordinators meeting was to discuss outstanding issues with the PAI Program draft grant application and program guidelines. Discussion ensued.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported having a Suisun Marsh Applicants Compliance Team Meeting to discuss any upcoming compliance monitoring and report deadlines. On March 11, he attended an Adaptive Management Advisory Team Meeting.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell reported that the February package was submitted to the Corps and had over 50 club maintenance applications and DFW properties.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including spring water management, pump installation and operation, water quality monitoring final draft report submittal, participate in landowner meetings, newsletter printing and mailing, and chemical use reporting.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Hunt Group waterfowl hunting results by blind, as well as the work activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility and grounds maintenance, solar power system maintenance, hauling supplies, equipment maintenance, levee mowing, and completing first drain/ re-flood.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ On February 11 SRCD participated in the Central Valley Joint venture Board meeting held here in the Marsh. On February 18, Mr. Chappell attended a BCDC Meeting and was asked to be on a California Water Fix and Twin Tunnels panel discussion. On March 14, a meeting is scheduled with the Delta Water-master to interpret the new diversion reporting and measurement regulations from SB88.

10. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

a) Agency Committee ~ Mr. Lenk discussed a couple of newspaper articles regarding the Twin Tunnels. Mr. Waters reported on a DFG Commission Meeting.

b) Legal Committee ~ No report.

c) Personnel Committee ~ For Board Consideration Draft Personnel Policy ~ Mr. Lewis presented the draft personnel policy and made a motion to adopt the Revised Personnel Policy as presented and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

d) Finance Committee ~ Mr. Connolly stated that we need to schedule a SCF meeting to discuss the financial status of the Suisun Conservation Fund.

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

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

12. Reconvene ~ Mr. Tony Vaccarella stated that there was nothing to report out of closed session.

13. Adjourn ~ Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.