

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 AT 2:00 PM  
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS  
675 TEXAS STREET  
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Tony Vaccarella  
Arnold Lenk  
Jim Waters

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steven Chappell, SRCD  
Tim Edmunds, SRCD  
Mike Frost  
Michal Koller, DWR  
Kelli Perez, SRCD  
Bruce Wickland, SRCD

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

**2. Public Comments** ~ No Public Comments

**3. Open Session** ~

**a) Approval of the September 13, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes** ~

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 Board meeting was made by Mr. Waters and seconded by Mr. Lenk; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**4. Financial Reports** ~

**a) Approval of Vendor Claims for September 2017** ~ Mr. Chappell reported the September 2017 General Fund vendor claims total as \$94,751.91. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the September General Fund vendor claims for \$94,751.91 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the September 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$13,699.14. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the September 2017 LJI vendor claims for \$13,699.14 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the September 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total as \$29,865.23. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the September 2017 Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$29,865.23 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**b) For Board Consideration ~ To Establish Property #129, Billable Acreage for USACE Permit Administration & SRCD Program Support Fees** ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed for the Board a request from property #129 to establish billable acreage as 102 acres from a total 454 acre parcel, most of which is being farmed for oat hay, the remaining is either existing wetlands or being developed into seasonal wetlands as the Grizzly Bay Preserve mitigation bank. After some discussion, the Board declined the landowner's request. Mr. Lenk made a motion to accept property #129 billable acreage as the entire 454 acre parcel and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion..

**5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report** ~ Mr. Chappell read Fish & Wildlife report provided by DFW Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (GIWA). The elk hunting season is complete with four animals short of the 87 tags issued. The junior pheasant hunts are available to apply for online; flood up of the Wildlife Area is almost finished except for pond 11, due to a pump issue that they are trying to resolve. GIWA staff is busy touching up levees and low spots to prepare for upcoming winter weather. The USGS crew recently had a successful shot with the rocket net on Joice Island, which resulted in the capture and banding of 140 pintails.

**6. Department of Water Resources Report** ~ Mr. Michal Koller distributed and reviewed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet. Starting with the Suisun Marsh salinity conditions for the month of September and early October then he provided an update on

the Suisun Marsh facilities operations, maintenance, and repairs. Mr. Koller reported the current reservoir storage levels and precipitation. Some discussion ensued.

## **7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~**

**a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update ~** Mr. Chappell reported attending an Adaptive Advisory Team Meeting on October 12, and a Principals Meeting on October 19. In early November the Benthic Monitoring Team is meeting as required in compliance with the Biological Opinions for the Dredging Program under the Suisun Marsh Plan.

**b) PAI Grant Program Update ~ For Board Consideration ~ Amend Administration of PAI Project Reimbursements Procedures ~** Mr. Chappell asked the Board to consider amending administration of the PAI Project Policy and Procedures regarding project reimbursement and authorize the District to reimburse landowner upon completion of an element of an approved project, but only if that element is functional and could be a standalone project. Mr. Waters made a motion to approve amending the Policy and Procedures for administering PAI Project reimbursements as presented and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**b) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~** Mr. Chappell stated on Friday September 15, SRCD hosted the Delta Stewardship Council's Science Panel for a tour of the Suisun Marsh to look at proposed tidal wetland restoration sites and managed wetland operations. SRCD would like to thank CWA for use of Grizzly Ranch.

**c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~** Mr. Chappell reported that the USACE, and RWQCB completed an audit inspection of the 2017 managed wetland completed work activities and approved levee maintenance activities under the LOP Dredging Permit. The audit inspection was completed on September 26th and went well. Mr. Chappell stated the USACE posted the 30 day Public Notice for comments on the renewal of our RGP 3 which expires at the end of December 2017.

**d) Water Manager Program Update ~** Mr. Wickland reported the Water Manager's work activities this past month, which included water management of MIDS, RRDS, King Cut, Frost Lake, and FSSD. Low DO Grant Project support, fish screen maintenance, LOP dredging project support, GIS database update, fall flood up coordination, NMFS notifications and post construction photos of exterior work projects. Also our new Water Manager Phelan McKinney starts with the District on October 16, 2017.

**e) Lower Joice Island Update ~** Mr. Wickland reported on the LJI Caretaker's activities which included facility and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, herbicide application, and supporting excavator and dozer operation with fuel, and building bulkheads. Our previous caretaker's last day of employment was 9/26/17 and our new caretaker started with the District on 10/9/17. Mr. Wickland also wanted to thank the gentlemen who helped SRCD find the LJI low ground pressure dozer; they are Tad Bowers with St. Germain, Steve Belcher club #934, and Tony Bettencourt with Blueline Rental.

**f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~** Mr. Chappell stated that October 21, is the 2017 Waterfowl season opener.

**8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~**

**a) Agency Committee** ~ Mr. Lenk discussed articles in the Board Package regarding financing the proposed Twin Tunnels.

**b) Legal Committee** ~ No report

**c) Personnel Committee** ~ Mr. Chappell read an amendment to the SRCD Employee Handbook, recommended by the Personnel Committee for the Health Program section, removing the 6 month review period requirement and changing it to the first of the month following employee's date of hire, before the District would cover 100 % of the employee's health plan premium up to a maximum of either Blue Shield HMO Access Plus or Anthem Blue Cross HMO Traditional. Mr. Waters made a motion to accept the recommendations' of the Personnel Committee 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

**9. Adjourn ~ 3:30 PM**