MINUTES

SPECIAL LOWER JOICE ISLAND STUDY SESSION
SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019 AT 1:00 PM
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Chappell, SRCD
                Kelli Perez, SRCD
                John Takekawa, SRCD
1. **Call to Order** ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Directors called the Lower Joice Island special study session to order at 1:00 PM.

2. **Public Comments** ~ None.

3. **SRCD** ~ Mr. Chappell opened the study session, stating the Lower Joice Island Study Session is intended for informational purposes only, and he and Mr. Takekawa prepared a PowerPoint presentation addressing the following agenda items.

   a) **Meeting Objectives** ~ Review the history of the Island and background of property acquisition and establishment of the Stewardship Fund.

   b) **Review Established LJI Facilities and Habitat Priorities** ~ Mr. Chappell provided a brief summary of Board approved facilities and habitat priorities.

   c) **Accomplishments and Improvements of the past 20 years** ~ Mr. Chappell presented a list of accomplishments and facility improvements and habitat enhancements completed over the years.

4. **Discussions ~**

   a) **Strategic Planning for Lower Joice Island's Potential Future Uses and Short- and Long-Term Priorities** ~ Mr. Chappell discussed that SRCD has owned Lower Joice Island for 20 years and SRCD should begin the process of looking for potential short and long-term future uses and management responsibilities of the Island. Staff provided a list of potential options including sale of the Island, tidal restoration of some or all the Island, or the continued operation of the entire Island as a managed wetland. The Board asked several questions about the original wishes of donors, what existing obligations exits from the original acquisition, and what happens to the endowment if the Island is sold? Mr. Connolly stated that the current endowment is limited and projections of how long the endowment could sustain LJI is uncertain.

   b) **Next Steps** ~ Mr. Chappell was directed to continue to work with the Lower Joice Island subcommittee (comprised of Mr. Lenk and Mr. Connolly), to address questions and report back to the full Board at a future SRCD Board Meeting. Mr. Chappell reported that DWR has initiated an appraisal of the Island. When the appraisal is complete the information will be provided to the Board.

5. **Adjourn** ~ 2:01 PM