

MINUTES

SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2026 AT 2:00 PM
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tony Vaccarella
H. Kent Hansen
Dick Vanderkous

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Becker, SRCD
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Kevin Clark, DWR
Tim Edmunds, SRCD
Desmond Mackell, SRCD
Caitlin Perez, SRCD
Kelli Perez, SRCD
Fred Riedel, SRCD
Brock Riggs, SRCD
Orlando Rocha, DFW
Jamel Stewart, DWR
Jeff Taylor, SRCD
John Telfer, SRCD

1. **Call to Order** ~ Mr. Vaccarella called the Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
2. **Public Comments** ~ Mr. Vaccarella asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.
3. **Open Session** ~ Mr. Vaccarella opened the Board of Directors meeting for June 10, 2026. Mr. Vaccarella asked for consideration of agenda Item 3a.
 - a) Approval of the May 13th, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes ~ Mr. Vaccarella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of May 13, 2026. A motion was made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mr. Vanderkous; all were in favor and the motion carried.
4. **Financial Reports** ~
 - a) Approval of Vendor Claims for May 2026 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the May 2026 SRCD General Fund vendor claims totaled \$76,023.03. Expenses included regular SRCD office and general fund operations, SRCD salaries, and reimbursable contract expenses. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2026 Lower Joice Island vendor claims totaled \$12,352.89. All expenses were normal LJI operational and salary expenses. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2026 Water Managers Program vendor claims totaled \$40,793.47. All expenses were Water Managers operational and salary expenses. Mr. Chappell reported the May 2026 Special Revenue vendor claims totaled \$6,612.59. This diesel purchase expenses will be reimbursed through the 2026 Portable Pump Program. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hansen moved to approve the vendor claim summaries as presented. Mr. Vanderkous seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.
 - b) Board Review of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Draft Budgets ~ Mr. Chappell provided the Board with draft budgets for the 26/27 fiscal year on June 4th. Mr. Chappell reviewed next fiscal year's projected revenues and expenses for the General Fund, Water Manager Program and Lower Joice Island. Mr. Chappell reviewed SRCD General Fund Grant budgets, stating that several grants have ended over the past year and this current fiscal year, so projected grant revenues will be lower than FY 26/27. SRCD is currently looking for new grant opportunities. Discussion ensued. Final FY 26/27 Budgets will be presented at the July Board meeting for adoption.
5. **Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report** ~ Mr. Orlando Rocha presented the DFW report.

Joice Island Pig Hunts: The 2026 Joice Island Wild Pig Hunts have concluded. A total of 11 pigs were successfully harvested out of 44 hunters making the average

for the season 0.25 pigs per hunter. This is less than the previous 2025 season of 0.36 average. Hunters faced challenges such as ponds being not as assessable for hunting due to excess flooded land. However, many hunters saw pigs, missed on pigs, or could not recover their pigs. Of the successful hunters, one harvested two pigs, and nine harvested one pig each. The average hours per hunter this season was 13.9 hours and the average hours per successful hunter was 17.2 hours. This is an increase of effort from 2025 where the average hours spent by a successful was 11 hours. Period 1 (March) saw 2 pigs harvested with a 12.5% success rate, period 2 (April) saw 6 pigs harvested with a 50% rate, and period 3 (May) saw 3 pigs harvested with an 18.8% success rate.

Pheasant Surveys Seven pheasant surveys were completed this year with a total of 1,449 total crows heard. This year's yearly average crows per station was 11 crows, which is higher than the previous two years. Our highest count survey heard a total of 328 crows with an average of 15.6 crow per station.

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Our technician position was just filled. He comes to us from the Nutria eradication team and we are excited to work with him. Staff on the wildlife area continue to mow, disc, and spray.

Big game draws are complete, and results came out last night! We've issued 16 cow tags, 12 bull tags, and 10 spikes tags for a total of 38 tags which is the same as previous years. Staff have conducted more elk surveys with 12 surveys completed now. Staff have observed 16 calves now which has doubled from the previous month, I expect the calf count to more than double by the end of this month as well.

Nest searching by USGS continues on the island weekly. GIWA continues to have the most nest on the ground in the state, as of the last update which went through May 29. Nest searching crews found 159 total nest, 103 Mallard and 56 Gadwall nest. Crews will be back out this Thursday to do another check and talking with their crew lead they expect to find 30-50 more nest at least. We should see a jump in Gadwall nest since they nest later than mallards.

Two projects are starting soon, a duck stamp project in Pond 11 to reconnect swales and replace all the water control structures. The second project is a NAWCA project in pond 16A and B that will remove an old levee and ditch that is no longer used. I'm looking forward to this project as it should improve hunting in this pond by connecting the bisected pond and give the birds more room to work in the middle of the pond.

Plans for waterfowl and pheasant brood surveys, more elk surveys, and duck banding are underway.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Jamel Stewart presented the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet.

The Progressive Daily Mean salinities in the Marsh for May 2026 ranged from 2.3-10.0mS/cm. Salinity monitoring station S-97 remained offline while Cygnus was at 9.8 mS/cm. At the end of May, the net Delta outflow was 10,929 cfs. As of June 8th, salinities in the Marsh ranged from 1.7-9.9 mS/cm, and Delta outflow had decreased to 9,035 cfs. There are no Suisun Marsh salinity standards for the month of June.

Environmental staff completed an environmental clearance extension and conducted a survey for upcoming levee maintenance and mowing at Roaring River Distribution System. DFD staff continued maintenance work and are repairing a damaged turnout. Materials have been ordered to replace railing and outer posts. The expected completion date will be no later than June 11th.

No maintenance or surveys were performed at Morrow Island Distribution System this month. Environmental staff completed an environmental clearance survey for floating debris removal from in front of the inlet at Goodyear Slough Outfall. The Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates are in Open Position as control season ended May 31st. DFD staff repaired a velocity transducer between May 18-20th.

California reservoir capacity as of June 8th ranged from 68-96% of average in the northern Sierra and 77-97% in the southern Sierra. For the new water year, precipitation year to date was 98% of average for the northern Sierra and 89% for the Southern Sierra.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

- a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement ~ Mr. Chappell attended the June 9th Environmental Compliance Applicant Team meeting. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell attended the SMPA 5-year review on May 20th and will attend the meeting on June 11th. Discussion ensued.
- b) 2025 PAI Program Update ~ Mr. Chappell provided an update on the PAI program. The technical review panel met on June 4th. There were 3 additional projects approved and 5 projects still outstanding. Mr. Mackell has been in contact with all the landowners who have applied incomplete application to discuss next steps and additional needed information.
- c) Suisun Marsh Plan Update ~ There have been no changes with the Suisun Marsh Plan Implementation. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell attended Principle's meetings on May 14th and will attend the June 11th meeting. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell attended the Adaptive Management Advisory Team (AMAT) meeting and Suisun

Marsh Tour on May 12th. Mr. Chappell participated in the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy team on June 5th. Discussion ensued.

- d) USACE Permits ~ RGP 3 and RGP 47 updates~ Mr. Chappell reported that SRCD continues to administer the RGP 3 and RGP 47 permits. The April 2026 RGP 3 package was submitted May 1st and was approved. The May package is prepared, but waiting on the USACE to provide a secure link to upload the monthly package. The 2026 RGP 47 dredging permit was submitted on June 1st to BCDC. 14 clubs have applied for dredging this year. Discussion ensued.

- e) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Mackell presented the Water Manager Program update.

All three Water Managers continued with wrapping up the spring 2026 portable pump program, servicing the equipment, and compiling billing for landowners. The team completed gate monitoring inspections at the end of May for Delta Smelt and submitted the final report.

Mr. Taylor completed the exterior work notifications for March and April and has the May package ready to send (pending USACE). He submitted the dredging package to RWQCB and BCDC on 6/2/2026 and has submitted the water quality proposal for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 monitoring. He completed the annual vegetation monitoring requirements for the mitigation restoration site at Club 423 on 6/9/2026.

Mr. Edmunds compiled general maintenance work requests, dredging applications, and BCDC for clubs in his district. He completed a survey drone flight over phragmites along Goodyear Slough and is working to incorporate new flight mapping software into our drone spray program for this year's work. He prepared the boom truck for its annual safety certification, which was conducted, and the vehicle passed.

Mr. Riggs helped put together the May RGP 3 package, conducted pre-construction photos and vegetation inspections for exterior work, submitted BCDC permits for new construction projects, and worked with the few remaining landowners in his district who have not yet completed their annual water diversion reports. Mr. Riggs has also drafted this summer's SRCD Newsletter, which will be mailed out by the end of the month.

- f) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Mackell presented the Lower Joice Island update. Mr. Mouton replaced the UTV's water pump, fixed electrical issues with the UTV and tractor, and mowed the levee. He continued dirt work to prep for levee repairs in the south until the dozer got stuck. He worked with mechanics to repair our excavator, performed oil changes on the generator, boat, and UTV, pruned palm trees at the

clubhouse, managed water for DWR's fish food study, sprayed phragmites, and monitored a flare-up in the north.

- g) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell reported the SCF Fun Shoot is scheduled for July 31st. Mr. Chappell provided a tour for the May 22nd WEF Tour at Rush Ranch. On June 5th, Mr. Chappell participated in a meeting with RCIS. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell will attend the June 18th Delta Restoration Forum with the SRCD drone. Mr. Chappell has been asked to sit on a technical review panel for Solano Land Trust.

9. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

- a) Agency Committee ~ No report.
- b) Legal Committee ~ No report.
- c) Personnel Committee ~ Annual staff reviews are scheduled for June 25th
- d) Finance Committee ~ No report.
- e) Associate Director's Committee ~ Ms. Kelli Perez has made a request to become an SRCD Associate Director. Mr. Vanderkous made a motion to approve, Mr. Hansen seconded, and the motion carried.

- 10. Adjourn** ~ A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Vanderkous, seconded by Mr. Hansen; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.