

MINUTES

SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 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
Mike Lewis
Dick Vanderkous
John Eudy

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Becker, SRCD Assoc. Director
Steven Chappell, SRCD
Phil Choy, DWR
Desmond Mackell, SRCD
Caitlin Perez, SRCD
Fred Riedel, SRCD Assoc. Director
Melissa Riley, DFW
Orlando Rocha, DFW
Jamel Stewart, DWR
Kathy Su, DFW
Jeff Taylor, SRCD
John Telfer, SRCD Assoc. Director
Randy Weinrich, DFW

1. **Call to Order** ~ Mr. Vaccarella called the Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:05 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 February 11, 2026. Mr. Vaccarella then asked for consideration of agenda Item 3a.
 - a) Approval of the January 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes ~ Mr. Vaccarella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of January 14, 2026. A motion was made by Mr. Vanderkous and seconded by Mr. Lewis; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. **Financial Reports** ~

- a) Approval of Vendor Claims for January 2026 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the January 2026 SRCD General Fund vendor claims totaled \$92,916.04. Expenses included regular SRCD office and general fund operations, SRCD salaries, and reimbursable contract expenses. Mr. Chappell reported the January 2026 Lower Joice Island vendor claims totaled \$11,989.64. All expenses were normal LJI operational and salary expenses. Mr. Chappell reported the January 2026 Water Managers Program vendor claims totaled \$29,183.15. All expenses were Water Managers operational and salary expenses. Discussion ensued. Mr. Eudy moved to approve the vendor claim summaries as presented. Mr. Vanderkous seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.
- b) Fiscal Year 24/25 Audit Update ~ Mr. Chappell presented a draft of the FY 2024/2025 Audit provided by Fechter & Company. Mr. Hansen participated in a call with the auditor, Mr. Chappell and Ms. Perez. Mr. Chappell reported the draft audit to be a clean audit. The auditor plans to present the final audit for adoption at the March Board Meeting. Mr. Chappell asked the Board to review the draft audit and let him know if there were any questions before the presentation of the final audit at the next Board meeting. Discussion ensued.
- c) Board Consideration of Resolution No. 2526-3: Mr. Chappell reported on a new technical support grant with the California Department of Water Resources for the DWR Technical Support for the DWR Fish Restoration and Suisun Marsh Programs. Mr. Chappell read the draft Resolution; there were no proposed amendments by the Board. Mr. Lewis moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Eudy. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Mr. Orlando Rocha presented the DFW report.

Waterfowl Season- Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (GIWA)

- For the 2025-2026 waterfowl season, Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (GIWA) welcomed 4,596 hunters who harvested 7,395 ducks and 235 geese. The average was 1.66 birds per hunter.
 - GIWA saw the lowest number of waterfowl harvested and the lowest number of hunters in the last five seasons.
 - This is the second lowest average in the last five seasons.
- The top five species at GIWA were Green Wing Teal (1,813), American Wigeon (1,800), Northern Shoveler (1,690), Mallard (560), and Northern Pintail (477).
 - Last season, 2024-2025, top five species were Northern Shoveler (2,908), American Wigeon (2,552), Green Winged Teal (2,208), Mallard (828), and Gadwall (485).
 - This year, Northern Pintail was in the top five instead of Gadwall.

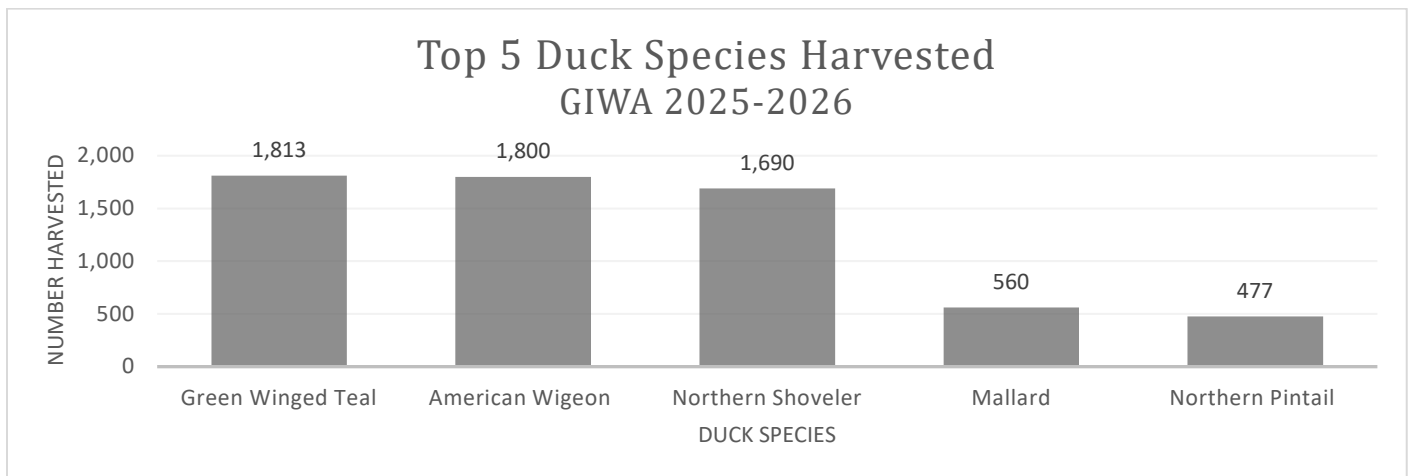


Figure 1: The top five species of ducks harvested on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. The most harvested was Green Winged Teal, followed by American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, and Northern Pintail, respectively.

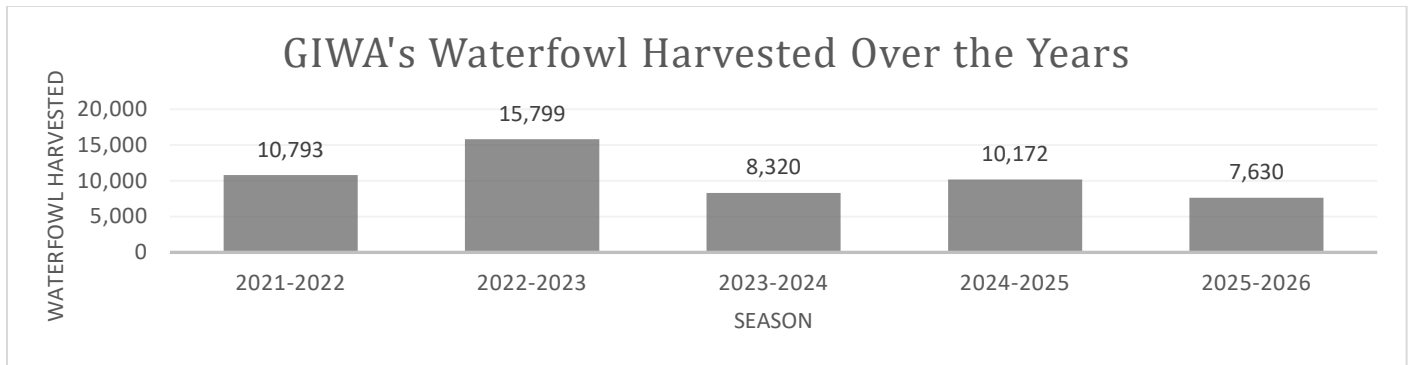


Figure 2: The number of waterfowl (ducks and geese) harvested in the last five waterfowl seasons at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. Last season, 2025-2026, had the lowest harvest in recent seasons.

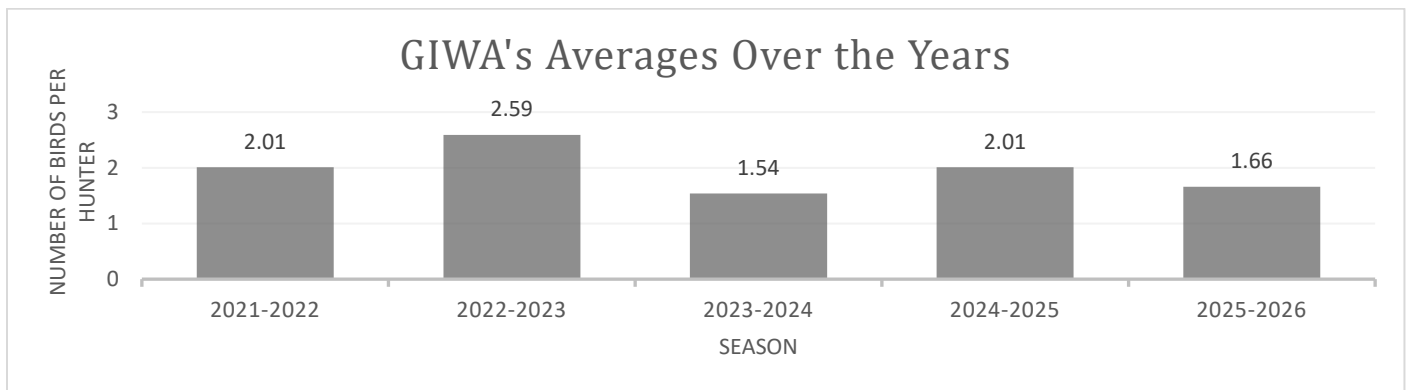


Figure 3: The average number of waterfowl per hunter over the last five years at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. Last season, 2025-2026, had the second lowest average.

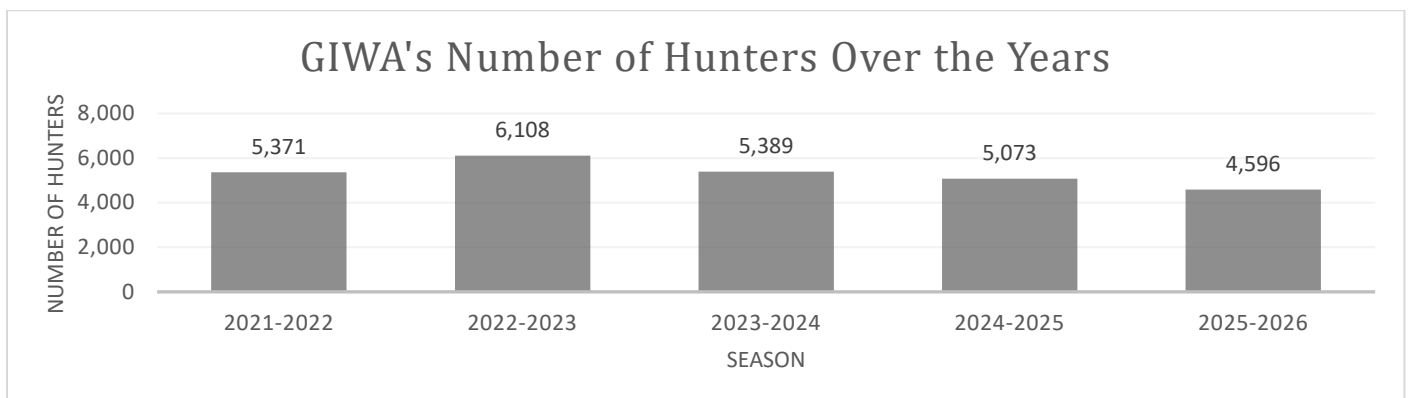


Figure 4: The number of hunters Grizzly Island Wildlife Area hosted in the last five years. Last season, 2025-2026, has the lowest number of hunters

- Between GIWA and Type B areas, Joice Island had the highest average this season, followed by GIWA, Goodyear, West Family, and Island Slough, respectively.

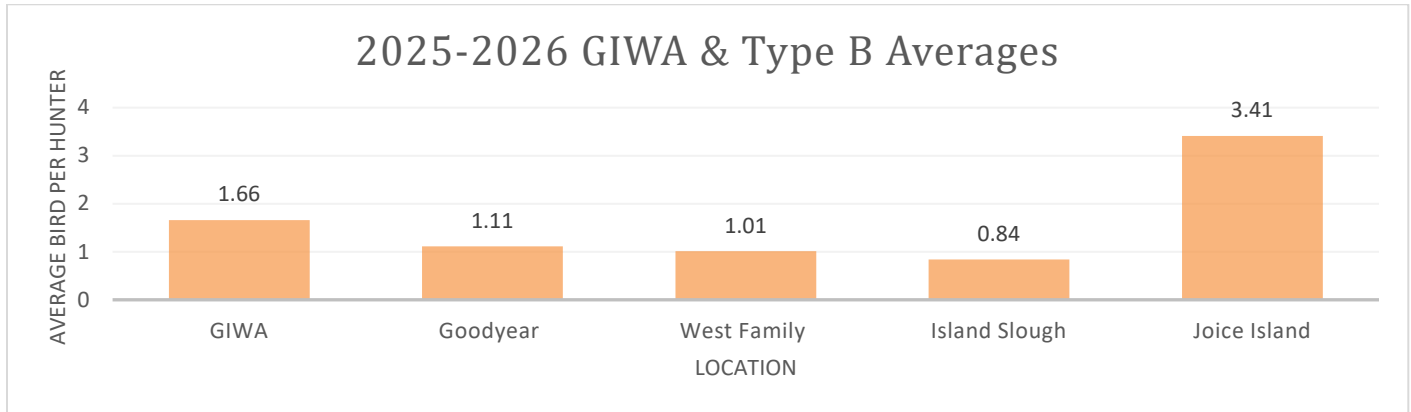


Figure 5: The average number of waterfowl per hunter across Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Goodyear, West Family, Island Slough, and Joice Island.

Mr. Rocha presented similar hunting results for 25/26 season at the Goodyear, West Family, Island Slough, and Joice Island units.

Joice Island Pig Hunt

- Joice Island Wild Pigs Hunts are currently open online for applications through our online licensing website. The season will run March through May with 3 periods, totaling 53 opportunities. Each hunt consists of 2 hunt days on the weekends. Last season, 53 hunters successfully harvested 19 wild pigs.
 - Applications for Period 1 close February 14th.
 - Applications for Period 2 close March 14th.
 - Applications for Period 3 close April 11th.

GIWA Staff

Staff are preparing for the work season, cleaning up work areas, making sure equipment is running and waiting for this bit of bad weather to pass so they can begin mowing levees. We are making our summer work plan and filing permits like other landowners now that the season is over.

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

The Progressive Daily Mean salinities in the Marsh in January ranged from 0.2-

5.1mS/cm. Salinity monitoring station S-97 remained offline while Cygnus was at 3.1 mS/cm. At the end of January, the net Delta outflow was 60,276 cfs. As of February 9th, salinities in the Marsh ranged from 0.2-5.6 mS/cm, and Delta outflow had decreased to 26,616 cfs. The current Suisun Marsh salinity standards for the month of February are 8.0 mS/cm for Eastern Stations and Western Stations.

Environmental staff prepared an RGP3 application for routine maintenance at Roaring River Distribution System. Staff also conducted site inspections ahead of urgent and unforeseen repairs as well as an urgent and unforeseen application for levee maintenance. Delta Field Division staff repaired erosion from washouts and overtopping from January 7-31st.

Environmental staff prepared an RGP3 application for routine maintenance. Environmental and CDFW staff conducted surveys for California Ridgway's rail at both Morrow Island Distribution System and Goodyear Slough Outfall.

The Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates continue to tidally operate.

California reservoir capacity as of February 9th ranged from 53-84% of average in the northern Sierra and 52-101% in the southern Sierra. For the new water year, precipitation year to date was 109% of average for the northern Sierra and 96% for the San Joaquin area.

Mr. Phil Choy announced that the State Water Resource Control Board was considering a new Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP) for the San Francisco Bay / Sacramento Delta Watershed. This WQCP includes salinity standards for the Suisun Marsh and Mr. Choy confirmed there were no recommended changes for the Suisun Marsh. Mr. Chappell, pointing to the SRCD Board package and referenced the Dec. 2025 draft WQCP in the package stating, Section 5.4.5.1, Suisun Marsh - "The State Board is not proposing any changes to the Suisun Marsh narrative objective. Modifications are proposed to the existing Suisun Marsh salinity objectives to update those requirements to be consistent with existing conditions. Specifically, stations S-35 and S-97 provide western Suisun Marsh salinity information and have been in continual use as monitoring stations." Mr. Chappell confirmed that with no changes in the Suisun Marsh salinity objectives, SRCD did not submit a comment letter to the State Board hearing process.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

- a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement ~ Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell will attend the February 17th Environmental Compliance Applicant Team meeting. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell also attended the SMPA 5-year review meeting on January 8th and will attend February 12th. Discussion ensued.

- b) 2025 PAI Program Update ~ Mr. Chappell provided an update on the PAI program. 2026 Program notice was sent out to landowner on February 2nd. The 2026 program will be a single solicitation with a deadline of April 10, 2026, and prioritize project funding with the longest useful life priority as defined in the program guidelines.
- 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 January 8th and will attend February 12th meeting. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mackell attended the Adaptive Management Advisory Team (AMAT) meeting on February 10th. Discussion ensued.
- d) USACE Permits ~ RGP 3 and RGP 47 updates~ SRCD staff have worked hard to get the 2025 year-end compliance reporting completed. SRCD continues to administer the RGP 3 and RGP 47 permits. There have been 5 urgent and unforeseen permits requested since January 1st, 2026, due to the recent storm damage. There was a January 2026 RGP 3 package submitted and approved within 1 week. The 2026 RGP 47 dredging permits application package was released to landowners in early February to allow ample time to obtain authorization from BCDC this year. Discussion ensued.
- e) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Mackell presented the Water Manager Program update.

Mr. Taylor sent out mailings for work permit applications, PAI Grant solicitations, the Lepidium Program letter, and notices for the Spring Salmon and Ridgeway's Rail closures. He has been assisting landowners with the new CalWATRS diversion reporting system as we aim to get everyone to report by the March extension deadline. He has been coordinating our upcoming Spring Salmon and Delta Smelt monitoring activities, which starts on February 21st. The annual Incidental Take Permit report was finished and sent to CDFW on January 30th and Mr. Taylor sent requested tidal restoration report updates to DWR. He serviced our trucks and performed minor repairs, and completed the spring DO water quality download.

Mr. Edmunds completed the last trip of the winter run Chinook Salmon diversion restriction checks. He has also met regularly with landowners to assist them with their new CalWATRS diversion reporting system. He repaired a damaged fish screen, serviced and installed a drain pump as part of our pump share program, and renewed our County OID spray permit to prepare for this year's invasive plant programs. He serviced SRCD equipment, including seasonal maintenance of our trucks.

Ms. Collins continued to provide administrative support, including grant and budget tracking, payroll submissions, and updates to our landowner database as needed. She has updated our website to provide current information for landowners,

including the 2026 PAI application and permit restriction letters (Rail, Spring Salmon). She has taken the lead on composing our triannual newsletter and completed our February edition, including writing articles, draft editing, and mailing.

- f) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Mackell presented the Lower Joice Island update.

Mr. Mouton installed a new balance Management system on the Island's Solar system, installed a new water pump for the clubhouse, installed a new water heater in the club house, managed propane deliveries, and repaired our ATV and is working on repairing Dozer blade attachment. He has assisted the hunt group as they wrapped up the season and prepared for our end of season walkthrough on February 25th. The property is currently on drain as of this week and will begin a flood cycle before the spring salmon diversion closure on February 21st.

- g) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell gave a presentation on the Suisun Marsh on February 4th at Paradise Valley Retirement Community. Mr. Chappell reported the Spring Landowner Workshop is scheduled for April 22nd.

8. 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 Director's Committee ~ No report.

9. Closed Session ~ Real Property Negotiation: (Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8) Lower Joice Island in unincorporated Solano County. District Negotiator: Steven Chappell & Megan Callaway – Deputy County Counsel

10. Reconvene ~ Report of action from Closed Session (if applicable). Mr. Vaccarella reported there was nothing to report from the closed session.

11. Adjourn ~ A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Vanderkous, seconded by Mr. Eudy; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.