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Friday, December 27, 2024

10:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 A.M.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 27th day of December, 2024 in special session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 10:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Hannigan, Brown, Williams, Vasquez, and Chair Mashburn. Chair Mashburn presided. Also present were County Administrator Bill Emlen and County Counsel Bernadette Curry.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors continued with the Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on matters listed on the agenda. There was no public comment.

REGULAR CALENDAR

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

County Administrator/Office of Emergency Services:

1 [25-11](#)

Adopt a resolution ratifying and continuing a Proclamation of Local Emergency due to damages to levee infrastructure caused by King Tides and December 2024 Winter Storms

Attachments: [A - Proclamation of Local Emergency](#)
[B - Resolution](#)

Emergency Services Manager Robyn Rains presented the item and gave a brief summary of the storm damage affecting several reclamation districts.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding levee maintenance, Ms. Rains stated levees are classified as special districts, each with its own board responsible for monitoring, managing, and repairing any identified issues.

Suisun Resource Conservation District Executive Director Steven Chappell stated the Resource Conservation District includes 13 reclamation districts, which are local government agencies responsible for levee maintenance. Mr. Chappell further stated the Resource Conservation District holds the necessary permits, including a regional general permit for the marsh area, which covers routine levee maintenance and storm damage repairs.

Supervisor Williams commented on preparing for the impacts of climate change.

In response to Supervisor Hannigan's question about how the reclamation districts will prepare for climate change and the future condition of the levees, Mr. Chappell stated the limitation in the marsh is that the levee's footprint can only be expanded so much before it becomes a mitigation project rather than just maintenance. Mr. Chappell further stated the current permits allow for maintenance of existing structures and keeping pace with sea-level rise.

A brief discussion period was held regarding planning and preparations for climate change.

In response to an additional question from Supervisor Hannigan on whether the materials used for storm damage control are environmentally friendly, Mr. Chappell stated the visqueen plastic sheeting used to protect the damaged areas is removed after repairs are completed, and most of the burlap sandbags are biodegradable.

In response to Supervisor Williams' question about how long the districts will have to wait for funds to make repairs, Ms. Rains stated the signed proclamation has been submitted to the Governor for review and to declare an emergency; however, approval for funding is not guaranteed.

Supervisor Williams requested staff keep the Board informed throughout this process and thanked staff for their work.

In response to Chair Mashburn's question about preparations for the upcoming King Tide and concerns about potential damage to other levees, Ms. Rains stated there is no reliable forecast for that specific three-day event. Mr. Chappell stated several factors affect the severity of the King Tide. Mr. Chappell further stated that individuals who have experienced flood damage are currently using sandbags and visqueen to redirect the water and prevent additional damage.

Chair Mashburn remarked on the importance of safety and the dangers associated with these events.

On motion of Supervisor Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Williams, the Board adopted Resolution 2024-217, ratifying and continuing a Proclamation of Local Emergency due to damages to levee infrastructure caused by King Tides and December 2024 Winter Storms. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2024-217

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:26 A.M. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be January 7, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

BILL EMLN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By _____
Veronica Lake, Deputy Clerk

