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Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

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Tuesday, February 26, 2019

8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 26th day of February 2019 in regular session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 8:30 A.M. Present were Supervisors Brown, Spering, Vasquez, Thomson and Chairwoman Hannigan. Chairwoman Hannigan presided. Also present were County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.

ROLL CALL

Erin Hannigan, Monica Brown, James P. Spering, John M. Vasquez and Skip Thomson

CLOSED SESSION

The Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session at 8:31 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

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Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

Property: APN: 0051-010-600, 3378 Sonoma Blvd., Vallejo, California; Agency negotiators: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator, Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator, Michele Harris, First 5 Solano Executive Director, Megan Richards, First 5 Solano Deputy Director, Megan Greve, General Services Director; Negotiating parties: Scott Gallagher; Under negotiation: Price and terms.

Property: APN: 0057-140-010, 1328 Virginia Street, Vallejo, California; Agency negotiators: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator, Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator, Megan Greve, General Services Director, and Dave Daly, Interim Assistant General Services Director; Negotiating parties: Debbie Peralez, Child Start, Inc. Under negotiation: Price and terms.

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: California Department of Water Resources v. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER of the State Water Project Water Supply Contract Amendments for Continued Service and the Terms and Conditions Thereof (the Contract Extensions)

Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation: One case

Attachments: [A - Memorandum](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

RECONVENE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:13 A.M. All members were present and Chairwoman Hannigan presided.

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

County Counsel Dennis Bunting announced that by unanimous vote, the Board had authorized County Counsel to enter the County into the existing litigation of the California Department of Water Resources v. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER of the State Water Project Water Supply Contract Amendments for Continued Service and the Terms and Conditions Thereof (the Contract Extensions).

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.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2 [19-152](#) Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Correctional Officer Jeffrey Smith upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office with over 20 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Chairwoman Hannigan)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Chairwoman Hannigan, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-32 honoring Correctional Officer Jeffrey Smith upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office with over 20 years of dedicated public service to Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-32

- 3 [19-177](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the month of March 2019 as National Women's History Month (Chairwoman Hannigan)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-33 recognizing the month of March 2019 as National Women's History Month. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-33

- 4 [19-144](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing International Women's Day on March 8, 2019 (Supervisor Brown)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Chairwoman Hannigan, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-34 recognizing International Women's Day on March 8, 2019. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-34

- 5 [19-135](#) Receive a presentation from First 5 Solano/County Administrator's Office on the selection of Gene Ibe for "Employee of the Month" for March 2019

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Received

- 6 [19-151](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the month of March 2019 as Social Work Recognition Month in Solano County (Supervisor Thomson)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-35 recognizing the month of March 2019 as Social Work Recognition Month in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-35

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the history of the Employee of the Month program and acknowledged former Supervisor Duane Kromm as part of the effort to start the program.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on matters not listed on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The following comments were received:

A) Gaylene Robitaille, Vacaville, commented on the Tiny Shelter Project.

B) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on remarks made at the last board meeting concerning the appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

C) George Guynn, Suisun City, commented on remarks made at the last board meeting concerning Regional Measure 3 and procedures for the Solano County City Selection Committee.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the passing of Regional Measure 3 and the importance of being at the table concerning funding.

Supervisor Spering commented on Supervisor Thomson's efforts concerning the Tiny Shelter Project and on the importance of the community being willing to work on these types of efforts. He noted that residents dismissing the project at the forefront was very disingenuous and urged the personal attacks on Supervisor Thomson to stop.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that Items 23 and 24 would be moved after Item 27 due to time constraints.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Chairwoman Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for February 26, 2019 as amended. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Thomson commented on Item 9 and requested that amendments be included in the staff report in the future.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on items listed on the Consent Calendar. The following comments were received:

A) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on Item 8 regarding the item type.

B) Ryan Batjiaka, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, commented on Item 21 noting San Francisco's commitment to working with Solano County to ensure use of bio solids for soil amendments.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District's use of biosolids on Hwy 37.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by 5-0 vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7 [19-167](#) Receive and file the Meeting Attendance Reports from the members of the Board of Supervisors
- Attachments:* [A - Appointment List](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Received and Filed
- 8 [19-139](#) Authorize the County's contribution of \$1,500 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 5 to benefit Faith in Action Solano
- Attachments:* [Minute Order](#)
- Approved
- 9 [19-140](#) Receive the 2018 Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission
- Attachments:* [A - 2018 Civil Service Commission Annual Report](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Received
- 10 [19-141](#) Adopt the Side Letter Agreement to the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Solano and the Skilled Craft and Service Maintenance Employees, Stationary Engineers Local 39, representing Unit 10, by amending the Department of General Services standby rate and the standby hours
- Attachments:* [A - Side Letter](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted

- 11 [19-142](#) Adopt the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") aligning the Agricultural Biologist/Weights and Measures Inspectors classification series pay with that of the Environmental Health Specialist series
- Attachments:* [A - Amendment](#)
 [Adopted Amendment](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted**
- 12 [19-162](#) Accept the Auditor-Controller's Internal Audit Division's Report on Second Follow-Up Review to the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Internal Control Review Report
- Attachments:* [A - IHSS Second Follow Up Review Report](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Accepted**
- 13 [19-164](#) Accept the Quarterly Review of the Statement of Assets of the Solano County Treasury as of December 31, 2018
- Attachments:* [A - Treasury Review Report Q2](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Accepted**
- 14 [19-159](#) Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a facility sublease for, and ratifying all previous actions with respect to, the Solano Jail Project, known as the Rourk Vocational Training Center at 2456 and 2458 Claybank Road in Fairfield; and Authorize the County Sheriff to execute the sublease and any other documents necessary to effectuate this intent
- Attachments:* [A - Resolution](#)
 [B - Facility Sublease](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Executed Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution 2019-36**
- 15 [19-132](#) Approve a plaque of appreciation honoring Nancy J. Vitavec, Librarian, upon her retirement from the Department of Library Services with over 16 years of dedicated public service to Solano County
- Attachments:* [Minute Order](#)
- Approved**

16 **[19-143](#)**

Approve a contract with Caminar, Inc. for \$694,766 to provide supported employment and educational services utilizing the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model for individuals with psychiatric disabilities and co-occurring challenges for the period beginning February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and any subsequent amendments including changes to terms and conditions, scope of services and modifications to contract limits within budgeted appropriations

Attachments: [A - Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Approved

17 **[19-153](#)**

Approve a contract with Hilltop Recovery Services to provide residential substance use disorder treatment services from February 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, equal to the aggregate dollar value of the Service Authorization Letters to be executed between Solano County and Hilltop within budgeted appropriations; Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute contract amendments that are within budgeted appropriations; and Authorize the Director of Health and Social Services to execute any amendments which are technical or administrative in nature and have no fiscal impact.

Attachments: [A - Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Approved

18 **[19-111](#)**

Approve a contract from February 26, 2019 through June 30, 2019 with Caminar Inc. for mental health case management services for mentally ill inmates returning to the community not to exceed \$480,954; Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract and any amendments including changes to terms and conditions, scope of services, and modifications to contract limits not to exceed \$75,000; and Authorize the Sheriff to execute contract amendments which are technical and administrative in nature and remain within budget appropriations

Attachments: [A - Contract](#)
 [Executed Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Approved

19 **19-113**

Approve an agreement with the City and County of San Francisco to receive \$55,491 in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative for the period of November 1, 2018 through February 28, 2020; Authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement; Approve an Appropriations Transfer Request of \$55,491 to recognize unanticipated grant revenue and related appropriations to enhance the ability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorist activity in the Solano Operational Area (4/5 vote required); Approve fixed asset purchases totaling \$55,491 for a forward-looking infrared (FLIR) camera system and a centrifuge; and Adopt a resolution under the 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative authorizing the Sheriff and his designees to take action necessary to accept and administer this grant and to sign associated modifications, contracts and reimbursement forms

Attachments: [A - Agreement](#)
 [B - Resolution](#)
 [Executed Resolution](#)
 [Executed Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-37

20 **19-133**

Approve a 3 year contract for an amount not to exceed \$364,320, with an option for two additional years, with Team Legal, Inc. to provide service of process of legal documents from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022; and Authorize the Director of Department of Child Support Services to execute the contract and subsequent amendments to extend the term as outlined in the agreement

Attachments: [A - Contract](#)
 [Executed Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Approved

21 **19-160**

Accept the 2018 Annual Biosolids Land Application Report from the Department of Resource Management

Attachments: [A - 2018 Biosolids Land Application Report](#)
 [B - 2018 BACWA Report to Solano County](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Accepted

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 22** **19-101** Approve the reappointment of Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools, as the Member at Large to the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, for a term to expire on March 2, 2023

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 25** **19-171** Receive an update from staff and the County's State Legislative Advocate on the status of legislation that is of interest to the County and on items discussed at the Board's Legislative Committee on February 4, 2019 and its recommendations

Attachments: [A - Federal Summary from Legislative Committee](#)
 [B - Federal Budget Update](#)
 [C - State Legislative and Budget Update](#)
 [D - Draft Support Letter - Mare Island Naval Cemetery Transfer](#)
 [E - Support Letter - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area A](#)
 [F - Resolution - FSSD Enabling Act](#)
 [Executed Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Officer Michelle Heppner introduced the item. She provided an overview of S. 127 (Feinstein D-CA) Mare Island Naval Cemetery Transfer.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that she would like the letter to include the adequate funding concerning restoration for the Mare Island Naval Cemetery.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the need for restoration of Mare Island Naval Cemetery.

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved a support position on S. 127 (Feinstein D-CA) Mare Island Naval Cemetery Transfer and directed staff to include "adequate funding" language in the support letter. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided an overview of HR.357 (Garamendi D-CA-3) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Act. She advised that Senator Feinstein had submitted SB 47 as a companion bill.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the designation of the Delta Protection Commission to oversee this legislation.

On motion of Chairwoman Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved a support position on HR.357 (Garamendi D-CA-3) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Act. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided an overview of ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. She noted that this legislation was deferred to the March legislative meeting in order to receive more information on the legislation.

Ms. Heppner provided an overview of a proposed resolution supporting Fairfield Suisun Sewer District and amending Chapter 303, Statutes of 1951 (the Enabling Act) to provide collection, treatment, and disposal for sewage to the cities of Fairfield and Suisun City.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) Nora Dizon, Fairfield, commented on impacts of the proposed resolution on the community and advised that the Cordelia PSA area already had issues with roads, traffic, and school capacity.

B) Duanne Kromm, Fairfield, commented in opposition to the proposed resolution noting issues with the ability of the sewer district to handle the sewage and noted that AB 530 was already in the state legislature concerning materials that could be hauled to the landfill that would allow for on-site processing of materials.

Supervisor Brown commented in opposition to the resolution, noting that the Fairfield-Suisun taxpayers should not have to pay for the sewer system that was going into Middle Green Valley.

Supervisor Spering commented on the mitigation of impacts on the area that were already happening and noted that the landowners would be paying for all the costs of the system. He noted that the General Plan identified and included this project and was approved by the voters. He commented on the ability to improve agriculture in the area and noted that the General Plan prevented further growth. He then commented on the legislation, noting that the language was from Cal Recycling and that it was very successful in many communities. He advised that there would be plenty of time for the Orderly Growth Committee to meet with legislators about the legislation and for the public to provide input.

Supervisor Thomson commented that it was a unanimous vote by both cities and that he was supportive but not of the bill.

Supervisor Spering noted that there was one no vote on the Suisun City Council vote.

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2019-38 in support for amending the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District Enabling Act. Supervisor Brown voted no. So ordered by 4-1 vote. (See Resolution Book)

State Legislative Advocate Karen Lange provided an overview of state activities, the Governor's proposed budget and legislation of interest to the County.

Supervisor Brown requested that Ms. Lange check with other states concerning what they were seeing in tax declines for March and April.

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-38

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19-157

Receive the FY2018/19 Midyear Financial Report and consider taking action on the recommendations contained in the Report

Attachments: [A - FY2018/19 MY Financial Report](#)
[B - FY2018/19 MY Projections - General Fund](#)
[C - FY2018/19 MY Projections - Other Funds](#)
[D - FY2018/19 MY Projections - ISF](#)
[E - GF Year-End Fund Balance MY Projection](#)
[F - FY2018/19 MY Appropriation Transfer Requests \(ATR\)](#)
[G - Position Resolution](#)
[H - Budget Preparation Assumptions](#)
[Adopted Resolution](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston introduced the item.

Budget Officer Ian Goldberg provided an overview of the FY2018/19 Midyear Financial Update.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the history of retirement rates. Mr. Goldberg noted that the next agenda item would cover this.

Ms. Huston noted that staff could bring back more details on employee and employer rates at budget hearings.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Ms. Huston provided information on mandatory overtime as a result of vacancies. She noted that staff was looking at the costs of overtime in the Sheriff's Office. County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that the County Administrator's Office was continuing to look at the number of staff required to meet standards and the different types of hiring methods to assist with vacancies. She noted that a lot more overtime was being utilized due to hiring challenges.

Supervisor Spering commented on the importance of monitoring overtime and asked about leave payout projections.

Ms. Huston provided information on leave payout projections paid from the General Fund, noting that an annual projection was forecasted for the payout.

Ms. Corsello noted that the leave payout was a manageable projection and advised that it was based on whether someone had informed the department of their impending retirement and a look at the number of individuals in the retirement age group.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Ms. Corsello noted that the leave projections were getting better and she then provided information on the challenges of finding qualified individuals to fill vacancies.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on past impacts to departments due to retirements that resulted in the need for the leave payout projection.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the number of correctional officers working in administrative positions. He suggested creating a new position that would cover the requirements of the position in order to free up correctional officers.

Sheriff Tom Ferrara provided information on correctional officers that were working in administrative positions, noting that reporting requirements enforced the need for correctional officers to work in the positions. He then provided information on past vacancies and on current challenges of finding qualified individuals.

Supervisor Thomson commented on Probation vacancies and asked about public safety concerns.

Chief Probation Officer Chris Hansen noted that the majority of vacancies were in the Juvenile Hall and advised that public safety officer vacancies were only down three positions. He noted that it was a constant recruitment process and that it was challenging to find qualified individuals.

Ms. Corsello advised that Probation and the Sheriff's Office were both conducting background checks and that Human Resources would be conducting Livescan of fingerprints to help move along recruitments. She also advised that continuous recruitments were being conducted more frequently and that Human Resources staff was doing more recruiting of open positions. She noted that the challenge was that the County was competing with everyone to find qualified individuals in the low unemployment market.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board received and accepted the FY2018/19 Midyear Financial Report; Approved Appropriation Transfer Requests (ATRs) recognizing revenues and transfers in various departments; Approved adjustments to existing appropriations in various departments; Adopted Resolution No. 2019-39 amending the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions within Solano County; Approved fixed asset purchases in the amount of \$30,000 for a commercial mixer and \$17,000 for a search and rescue drone in the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, \$39,044 for x-ray sensors in the dental clinics in Health & Social Services and \$21,115 for a ballot counter and server rack in Registrar of Voters; Affirmed

initial budget assumptions for FY2019/20; and Confirmed the FY2019/20 Budget Hearings from Tuesday June 18, 2019 through Friday June 21, 2019. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-39

27 [19-158](#)

Approve ATR increasing appropriations of \$6 million in the respective funds for an additional payment to the CalPERS Public Safety Plan unfunded liability account funded by Pension Obligation Fund and the General Fund CalPERS Rate Reserve (4/5 vote required)

Attachments: [A - Link to June 23, 2018 BOS Agenda Item](#)
[B - Pension Liability](#)
[C - PERS Misc Valuation](#)
[D - PERS Safety Valuation](#)
[E - Safety Plan Amort Base](#)
[F - CalPERS Rate & Cost History](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston introduced the item and provided an overview of the request to approve an Appropriation Transfer Request to increase appropriations of \$6 million in the respective funds for an additional payment to the CalPERS Public Safety Plan unfunded liability account funded by Pension Obligation Fund and the General Fund CalPERS Rate Reserve.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City commented in support of eliminating unfunded liabilities.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board approved an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) increasing appropriations of \$6 million in the respective funds for an additional payment to the CalPERS Public Safety Plan unfunded liability account funded by Pension Obligation Fund and the General Fund CalPERS Rate Reserve. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

23 [19-90](#)

Receive a presentation from the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services on interoperable communications, recent wildfire events, grant programs, public alerting and staffing changes

Attachments: [A - Presentation](#)
[B - Minute Order](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Chairwoman Hannigan left the meeting. Vice-Chair Brown presided over the remainder of the Board meeting.

Emergency Services Manager Don Ryan provided an update on the Office of Emergency Services (OES).

Assistant Emergency Services Manager Robyn Raines provided an overview of OES FY2018/19 grants.

Sergeant Jackson Harris provided an overview of OES Operations' activities and programs.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of OES Communications' activities and programs.

In response to comments from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Ryan provided information on fire radio inoperability activities and needs. He advised that the ultimate goal was to get everyone on the same radio frequency.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello advised that the County was working on an additional tower in Vacaville and Vallejo. She advised that one of the challenges was that the state still required VHF and UHF which had to be maintained by OES as the regional entity.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of emergency notification systems.

Supervisor Brown noted that she didn't always receive emergency alerts even though she had signed up.

Mr. Ryan advised that the notification area could be increased to include more residents nearby.

In response to comments from Supervisor Brown, Mr. Ryan advised that the fairgrounds portion of the fire incident was run by the state and that OES did assist with efforts. He noted that Health and Social Services maintained a list of those patients that had special needs, which OES used to provide assistance to those individuals. He advised that families with individuals that had special needs were recommended to sign up for Alert Solano to help assist responders find those individuals.

Received

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[19-163](#)

Receive a verbal update on the Solano County Farmbudsman Program; and Consider designating a Board member to meet quarterly with the Farmbudsman

Attachments: [A - Background](#)

Senior Management Analyst Chris Rogers introduced the item and provided an overview of the Solano County Farmbudsman Program.

Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board Heather Henry provided an update on the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) concerning the Farmbudsman Program.

Farmbudsman Sarah Hopkins provided an update on the activities of the Farmbudsman Program.

In response to questions from Supervisor Thomson, Ms. Hopkins noted that businesses such as nurseries, small row crops and expansion of soil amendments were increasing. She noted that the needs of the new agricultural businesses centered primarily around regulatory requirements and access to capital.

Ms. Rogers provided information on the request for a board member to meet quarterly with the Farmbudsman.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Sperring, the Board received a verbal update on the Solano County Farmbudsman Program; and Designated Supervisor Vasquez to meet quarterly with the Farmbudsman. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

28 [19-178](#)

Receive a verbal update on Delta Water issues, including the proposed California WaterFix and EcoRestore Programs, as well as the status of known planned ecosystem restoration projects; Consider providing direction to staff on moving forward with the development of the General Plan policy and zoning standards concepts described in the report and attachments that could be applied to the Cache Slough area; and Provide direction on the merits of adopting an interim urgency ordinance intended to slow or prevent ecosystem restoration projects in Cache Slough that would convert agricultural land until a management plan or more comprehensive standards/policies are in place

Attachments:

[A - Cache Slough Location Map](#)

[B - Draft Ag Sustainability General Plan and Zoning Amends](#)

[C - Draft Urgency Ordinance](#)

[Minute Order](#)

Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen introduced the item.

Water and Natural Resources Program Manager Roberta Goulart provided an overview of the proposed California EcoRestore Projects, the Delta Public Lands Strategy and the Cache Slough Complex.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the state's biological opinion about water serving central and southern California and the Ninth Circuit Court's ruling that something had to be done. He noted that it was unfair that Solano County would take a hit for everyone else and that there was a need to address cumulative impacts.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that Rio Vista had asked the County for assistance with looking at impacts of the program on its city.

Mr. Emlen advised that cumulative impacts to other neighboring agricultural lands were significant.

Supervisor Thomson asked if there was an update on the floodwall study.

Ms. Goulart advised that the Solano County Water Agency had taken the lead on the study and that it was in process. She advised that she was not sure that it would be as comprehensive as it needed to be. She then commented on the importance of looking at cumulative and regional impacts and noted that Rio Vista would be looking more broadly at options available for its protection.

Ms. Corsello advised that the County's Marine Boat Patrol had responsibilities in the area and that property owners had a vested interest in making sure properties were secure and safe. She noted that County staff were often involved with assisting the Coast Guard with ships and rescues and that there were issues of illegal dumping that staff got involved in. She advised that if the state controlled these areas the County would not have a willing partner that would be actively involved

In response to comments from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Emlen provided information on the Williamson Act process for the properties in the area. Ms. Goulart noted that staff would be looking at fees going forward and wanted to get a fee structure in place before the properties were turned over to the state.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the interim urgency ordinance, noting the need to be strategic about when to make it effective. He noted that ag land was becoming an easy target for the state. He noted that millions of dollars of in-lieu fees were still owed to the County from the state and commented on the need for the state to pay property taxes on the properties. He then commented on the ability to receive more in property taxes as a result of additional value on the property if there was a change in ownership for the property. He noted that he was not sure if the same could happen for a change in use.

Mr. Emlen advised that staff could incorporate this into the permit process.

Ms. Goulart provided an overview of considerations for the future.

Mr. Emlen advised that the agenda item's attachments provided were not intended to be final texts and were intended to give the Board a flavor of where staff was going. He noted that staff needed direction from the Board today.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the need to look at all the tools in the toolbox and to be ready to respond to anything that the state puts forward. He requested that staff share the property owners concerns with the Board.

Supervisor Spering requested that staff put together a timeline on decisions that the Board needed to make and what the period of time it covered.

Mr. Emlen advised that with the Board's direction, staff would pursue the policy language, zoning and other tools.

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board directed staff to move forward with the development of specific Cache Slough General Plan policies and zoning standard concepts described in the report and attachments addressing proposed ag conversion ecosystem restoration projects in the Cache Slough region, to include both General Plan policies and zoning standards specifically addressing the Cache Slough area with the intent of providing greater clarity as to how such projects might be considered and the type of mitigation that would be required. So ordered by 4-0 vote.

Supervisor Vasquez complimented staff on the work and commented on the need to talk to people out in the area that understood what a levee change would do to their levee.

Approved

29 19-137

Review the Board of Supervisors' approved regular meeting calendar for 2019 in response to Supervisor Brown's request to revisit the November 26, 2019 Board meeting date

Attachments: [A - 2019 Calendar](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Supervisor Brown noted that November 26, 2019 was two days before Thanksgiving and requested that the Board meeting be moved to November 19th instead.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello advised that November 12th was an option as well.

Supervisor Brown commented that she preferred November 19th because the 12th followed a three day weekend.

Supervisor Vasquez asked if one meeting held in December would be enough.

Ms. Corsello advised that one meeting was needed for sure and requested that staff be given until August to determine if a second meeting in December was needed.

Supervisor Spering noted that he had a conflict on November 19th but was supportive of the meeting being changed to that date.

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board canceled the November 26, 2019 regular meeting and scheduled a meeting for November 19, 2019 in its place. So ordered by 4-0 vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS

Vice-Chair Brown invited members of the Board to make comments or reports on meetings. The following comments were received:

A. Supervisor Spering requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Bobby Dean Stow, a former Solano County Treasurer.

B. Supervisor Spering requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Anthony John Ramos, Sr., an active member of the Suisun City community.

C. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Richard Grant Begell, an active member of the Vacaville community.

D. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Larry Thomas Perkins, an active member of the Vacaville community.

E. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of William Tiedemann, an active member of the Vacaville community.

F. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Michael Joseph Segura, an active member of the Vacaville community.

G. Supervisor Thomson requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Douglas Joseph Ford, an active member of the Dixon community.

H. Supervisor Brown, for Chairwoman Hannigan, requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Dorothy Marie Branch, an active member of the Vallejo community.

I. Supervisor Brown, for Chairwoman Hannigan, requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Guadalupe T. Virtucio, an active member of the American Canyon community.

J. Supervisor Brown, for Chairwoman Hannigan, requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Reba M. Anderson, an active member of the Vallejo community.

K. Supervisor Brown, for Chairwoman Hannigan, requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Lorraine Winders, an active member of the Vallejo community.

L. Supervisor Brown requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Patrick "Pat" McHale, an active member of the Vallejo community.

CLOSED SESSION

The Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session at 12:58 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

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Public Employee Appointment: Public Defender

Public Employee Appointment: County Counsel

Attachments: [A - Memorandum](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)


Vice-Chair Brown announced that by a vote of 4-0, the Board had appointed Elena D'Agustino as the Interim Public Defender effective February 24, 2019.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 1:25 P.M. in memory of Bobby Dean Stow, Anthony John Ramos, Sr., Richard Grant Begell, Larry Thomas Perkins, William Tiedemann, Michael Joseph Segura, Douglas Joseph Ford, Dorothy Marie Branch, Guadalupe T. Virtucio, Reba M. Anderson, Lorraine Winders and Patrick "Pat" McHale. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be March 12, 2019 at 8:30 A.M., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.


ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By 
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk

