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Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 3rd day of December, 2013 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 Hannigan, Spering, Thomson, Vasquez and Chair Seifert. Chair Seifert presided. Also present were County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Linda J. Seifert, James P. Spering, John M. Vasquez, Erin Hannigan 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:

- 1 [13-0996](#) Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Solano County representatives: Marc Fox, Charmie Junn, Darrell Murray, Fran Buchanan, and Georgia Cochran
Employee organizations: Teamsters, Local 150 for Unit 1 (Attorneys); Solano Probation Peace Officer Association for Unit 12 (Probation Employees) and Unit 15 (Probation Supervisors); Solano County Sheriff's Custody Association for Unit 13 (Correctional Officers); Teamsters, Local 856 for Unit 14 (Correctional Supervisors); Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21 for Unit 19 (Executive and Senior Managers)
- Conference with Labor Negotiators:
[In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority representatives: Bruce Heid and Marc Fox](#)
[Employee organization: SEIU Local 6434, In Home Support Services Unit](#)
- Potential Litigation: One case
- Conference with Real Property Negotiators (GC & 54956.8)
Property: 1500 Solano Avenue, Vallejo, California (APN 0057-165-050);
County Negotiators: Michael Lango, General Services Director and Keith Hanson, Real Estate Services Manager; Negotiating Party: Fred Sessler;
Under negotiation: Price and terms
- Attachments: [A - Memorandum](#)

RECONVENE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:05 a.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted there were no reports from Closed Session.

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 [13-0974](#) Receive a presentation from First 5 Solano/County Administrator on the selection of Venis Jones Boyd for "Employee of the Month Parking" for December 2013

 Received and Filed

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello requested that the Board of Supervisors add the following item to the agenda as an urgency item:

Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation to Patricia Crittenden for her years of service to Solano County.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board added the following matter to the Board of Supervisors' agenda for December 3, 2013 by a 5-0 vote:

Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Patricia Crittenden for her years of service to Solano County.

PRESENTATIONS

- [13-1021](#) Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation to Patricia Crittenden for her years of service to Solano County

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2013-237 and plaque of appreciation to Patricia Crittenden for her years of service to Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 13-237

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for December 3, 2013 as presented. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Seifert 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. William Hampton, Suisun City, noted that he felt that government pensions, healthcare contributions, retirement contributions, and accumulated Compensation Time Off pay-outs were a burden to the taxpayer and that government employees should assume those costs.

B. Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, expressed concern regarding salaries of State government officials and members of the Board of Supervisors.

C. George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, expressed concern regarding government salaries. In addition, Mr. Guynn felt that a member of the public was mistreated when he failed to provide his name for public comment during the Board of Supervisors' meeting on November 26, 2013.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that the Board was owed an apology for making light of a serious public forum. Mr. Bunting noted that an agency was entitled to have reasonable regulations and that comment cards allowed speakers to be tracked and noted in the minutes of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Seifert 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, noted that he felt the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy should be under the Sheriff's Office and not the County Administrator's Office, weed abatement should be conducted by the fire districts on an annual basis, and commented on landfill passes.

County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello noted that the County Administrator implemented the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy in consultation with the Sheriff's Office and that in her role as Director of Office of Emergency Services, she was the highest appointed official and that by Board Ordinance, she also Chaired the Safety Committee and security plans were developed in consultation with police and fire as well.

B. George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, expressed concern regarding the generation of Public Facilities Fees due to the lack of construction and noted that he did not feel that a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy was necessary if employees were being treated properly.

C. David Marianno, unincorporated Suisun, encouraged the Board to preserve Gomer School located in the Suisun Valley.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, to approve the following Consent Calendar items.

Aye: 5 - Linda J. Seifert, James P. Spering, John M. Vasquez, Erin Hannigan and Skip Thomson

3 [13-0972](#) Review and accept the FY2012/13 Public Facilities Fee Annual Disclosure

Attachments: [A - Description of PFF](#)
 [B - Current PFF Summary](#)
 [C - PFF Collections and Disbursements](#)
 [D - PFF Agency Balances](#)
 [E - 180 Day Review](#)

Received and Filed

4 [13-0940](#) Adopt a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy amending the 1997 County Workplace Security Plan

Attachments: [A - Policy](#)
 [B - Brochure: Maintaining Safety in the Workplace](#)

Adopted

- 5 [13-0975](#) Approve a contract amendment with Occlink to implement modifications to the County's Workers' Compensation program in the amount of \$150,000 for a total contract amount of \$195,000 and extending the term to December 31, 2014; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract

Attachments: [A - Contract Amendment](#)

Approved

- 6 [13-0960](#) Adopt a resolution ratifying the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) governing board's resolution accepting the redirection of the Health Realignment funds outlined in AB85, resulting from the expansion of the MediCal program effective January 2014

Attachments: [A - AB85/SB98 Changes to Health Realignment](#)
 [B - Resolution](#)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 13-235

- 7 [13-0984](#) Authorize the Director of Resource Management to solicit proposals and to award and execute up to \$300,000 in contracts for environmental services for various federal aid projects

Approved

- 8 [13-0992](#) Accept a report on the weed abatement program and illegal dumping activity occurring throughout unincorporated Solano County; and Direct the Department of Resource Management to pursue additional proactive measures relative to illegal dumping

Received and Filed

- 9 [13-0976](#) Approve appointment of Ann Edwards as the Welfare-to-Work/Food Stamps/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Representative to the Board of Directors of the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County for a term to expire on June 30, 2015

Attachments: [A - WIB Bylaws](#)
 [B - Application Submittal](#)
 [C - WIB Membership Roster](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 10 [13-0973](#) Receive and consider the report on the Nexus Analysis for Solano County Public Facilities Fee Update; Conduct public hearing regarding the proposed Public Facilities Fee; and Adopt resolution establishing modified Public Facilities Fee amounts effective February 3, 2014

Attachments: [A - PFF Ordinance](#)
 [B - Nexus Analysis for PFF Update](#)
 [C - STA Letter](#)
 [D - Resolution](#)
 [E - PowerPoint](#)

Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator, noted that California Government Code section 66000 et seq. required local agencies that collected Public Facilities Fees (PFF) evaluate the assumptions that justified the collection of the PFF every five years. Ms. Huston noted that in June, 2012, Solano County entered into an agreement with Economic and Planning Systems, Inc. to conduct the County's five-year review and based on that review, new fee amounts were proposed. Ms. Huston noted that adoption of the new fee amounts would help assure that the County was able to build facilities in future years that were necessary due to growth within the County.

Tepa Banda, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc., provided an overview of the rationale for the fee update and noted that the Mitigation Fee Act defined appropriate uses and necessary nexus findings for development impact fees. It was noted that the PFF could only fund capital facilities and infrastructure and not operations and maintenance or existing deficiencies. Mr. Banda noted that there were changes over the past five years which included changes in facility requirements, future population forecasts, and current land uses. As a result, it was recommended that the proposed PFF be decreased for residential units and remain the same for nonresidential units. It was noted that residential fees outside the County Library System, specifically the Cities of Benicia and Dixon, and the incorporated area within the Dixon Public Library District had a lower fee level.

It was noted that existing Countywide Public Protection, Courts, Health and Social Services, Library, and General Government would continue to be funded; while Sheriff's Patrol and Investigation would be eliminated; and Transportation would be added for regional roads and road improvements (Solano Transportation Authority), county roads, and transit projects.

Mr. Banda noted that demographic assumptions changed over the past five years and it was now anticipated that the population growth in the County would be approximately 65,166 or 14% over the next 20 years and that there would be approximately 27,965 new jobs or 17%.

Jason Moody, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc., noted that the new PFF Transportation Fee Component included two parts: A) funding for debt service on the North Connector and Vanden Road projects which would increase assessment for a single family residential unit by \$27; and B) Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) for regional transportation

facilities which had a maximum allowable assessment of \$8,282 for a single family residential unit; however, in order to maintain fees at a historical level, the recommended fee was \$1,500 for a single family residential unit and \$433 per 1,000 sq. ft for nonresidential land uses.

Chair Seifert opened the hearing to the public and comments were received from Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, who noted that he would support deferring the proposed new rates until a later date and requested further clarification regarding the allocation for public protection.

Ms. Huston noted that the fee proposed was lower than the current fee and noted that the fee for Sheriff's Patrol and Investigation was eliminated as it could only be collected on new population in the unincorporated area and that number was very low. However, Public Protection included the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Probation Department and the Courts.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that he supported the addition of the transportation fee component as there was city centered growth in Solano County and funding was scarce to maintain the roads in the unincorporated area between the cities.

Supervisor Spering noted that the transportation fee component was important due to the federal government eliminating earmarks and the State of California limiting its investment in transportation projects. Supervisor Spering noted that infrastructure, streets and gutters were important in maintaining property values and maintaining the property tax base. Supervisor Spering further noted that Solano County was the only county in the Bay Area that did not have a transportation tax which put Solano County at a disadvantage for attracting state and federal dollars for projects requiring a local funding match. Supervisor Spering noted that the proposed road projects were connector roads between the cities and that it was important to protect that infrastructure.

Chair Seifert noted that Public Facilities Fees were a responsible manner in which to collect fees to build new community facilities and felt it was important to adjust those fees on a regular basis to maintain a funding level to address the needs of the community.

At the conclusion of the public hearing and Board discussion, the Board took the following action:

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Hannigan, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2013-236 clarifying the fee to be charged under the County Public Facilities Fee Ordinance. Authorized staff to negotiate an agreement with the Solano Transportation Authority to coordinate the expenditure of the Regional Transportation Impact Fees. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 13-236

Attachments: [A - Strikethrough Ordinance](#)
 [B - Clean Ordinance](#)
 [C - Grand Jury Request for Increased Per Diem.pdf](#)

On motion of Supervisor Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board directed that the proposed ordinance amending Solano County Code Chapter 2, relating to Grand Jurors' compensation for services be read by title only and waived further reading by unanimous vote.

Chair Seifert invited members of the public to address this matter and a comment was received by Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, who noted that he supported the per diem rate for specified meetings and sessions but questioned the total budget of the Grand Jury.

It was noted that the total budget of the Grand Jury included charges for their suite and administrative support.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Board took the following action:

A motion was made by Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, to approve introduction of an ordinance amending Solano County Code Chapter 2, relating to grand jurors' compensation for services. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

12 [13-0990](#)

Public hearing to consider a proposed 10 month and 15 day extension to the Interim Ordinance prohibiting any commercial renewable energy facility and wireless communication facilities in unincorporated Solano County, and to consider modifying the Interim Ordinance to prohibit wireless communication facilities exceeding 200 feet in height (agl); Read the proposed ordinance by title only and waive further reading by majority vote; and Adopt an ordinance approving a 10 month and 15 day extension to the interim ordinance adopted as an urgency measure on November 5, 2013 (4/5 vote required)

Attachments: [A - Ordinance](#)
 [Correspondence](#)

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board read the proposed Interim Ordinance prohibiting any commercial renewable energy facility and wireless communication facilities in unincorporated Solano County and modifying the Interim Ordinance to prohibit wireless communication facilities exceeding 200 feet in height (agl) by title only and waived further reading by unanimous vote.

Bill Emlen, Director of Resource Management, noted that at the Board of Supervisors' meeting of November 5, 2013, the Board adopted as an urgency measure an interim ordinance prohibiting the establishment of any commercial wind turbine generator, commercial solar energy facility or wireless communication facility within the unincorporated territory of the County. It was noted that this action was in response to possible impacts on Travis Air Force Base's radar operations and the new C-17 Assault Landing Zone resulting from new proposed commercial-scale wind and solar energy development, as well as wireless communication facilities in the County. Mr. Emlen noted that the interim ordinance would expire in 45 days by statute;

therefore, the Board was being requested to adopt an extension of 10 months and 15 days or until October 18, 2014. Mr. Emlen noted that as part of the recommendation, the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) had determined that wireless communication facilities below 200 feet above ground level (agl) and collocations did not conflict with proposed Travis Land Use Compatibility Plan updates.

Mr. Emlen stated that the County had been committed to green energy and alternative energy and had been at the forefront of green energy development noting that, in the Wind Resource Area alone, over 700 wind turbines had been constructed over the past few years. Mr. Emlen noted that the County fast-tracked many of those projects to meet funding and tax credit deadlines.

Mr. Emlen noted that at this time, potential expansion of the Wind Resource Area could create a conflict with Travis Air Force Base and their mission which was also an important commitment to Solano County. In addition, the County was becoming aware of potential commercial scale solar projects that have raised concern regarding its impact on agriculture which was another strong component of the County's General Plan.

Chair Seifert opened the hearing to the public.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed extension to the Interim Ordinance: 1) Jack Batson, Citizens Committee to Protect Travis; 2) William Hampton, Suisun City; 3) Karin MacMillen, Fairfield; 4) David Marianno, unincorporated Suisun; 5) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City; and 6) Roberto Valdez, Vacaville; as they felt that it was important to limit development surrounding Travis Air Force Base (TAFB) to protect TAFB and its mission, to protect the economy of Solano County, and to protect agriculture.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed extension to the Interim Ordinance: 1) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo; 2) Britta von Oesen, Gestamp Solar; 3) Barry Syarella, Sol-Agra; 4) Javier Carlos, Fairfield; 5) Michael Weber, Vacaville; 6) Steve Carter, Vallejo; 7) John Spann, Vallejo; 8) Daniel Jacobs, Fairfield; 9) Dan Broadwater, IBEW Local 180; and 10) Heather Childress; who supported wind and solar energy, felt that projects should be considered on a case by case basis, that CEQA review would adequately determine if there was an impact to TAFB, jobs would be eliminated, and that a pilot program be allowed for projects outside the sphere of influence of TAFB.

As there was no one further who wished to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Emlen noted that it was not unusual to take a pause when there were accelerated trends unfolding, such as solar power on agriculture land, which was not addressed in the General Plan and that the affects of glare and glint on TAFB would not be the only component of

the study. Mr. Emlen noted Ryer Island had prime agriculture soil and that Ryer Island was also being studied under the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Mr. Emlen clarified that the County was focusing on large scale solar, wind, and wireless communication projects during this time and would continue to work with individuals on smaller scale projects.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that he felt Solano County had done its part to support alternative energy with the installation of approximately 700 wind turbines and that there were conflicts with large scale solar projects to agriculture and a need to review. Supervisor Vasquez noted that a moratorium, at this time, was not a ban but a time out to assess impacts and consequences as the current trends were not part of the discussion during the 2008 General Plan Update. Supervisor Vasquez noted that TAFB was important to the Solano County community and the nation and that Solano County had benefitted from their training and involvement in the community as retirees.

Supervisor Spering noted that he felt that it was appropriate to take a time out to review the issues at hand as a whole which in turn would provide certainty to where projects should move forward. Supervisor Spering expressed concern that if there was not a plan in place that there would be incremental impacts to TAFB and agriculture which had a tremendous economic benefit to the community.

Supervisor Thomson noted the importance of protecting TAFB and its mission. Supervisor Thomson noted that the new Assault Landing Zone was an important mission for TAFB and that it was important to ensure that the land use surrounding TAFB was compatible with their mission. Supervisor Thomson noted that he felt that wind turbines and commercial solar projects were different in terms of impacts to TAFB and expressed support for a solar farm pilot project under the peer review of UC Davis. Supervisor Thomson noted that time was needed to study incremental impacts to TAFB and agriculture and to determine where projects should be located. Supervisor Thomson requested that during the Joint Land Use Study, that the solar farms be an area studied first as an area that may benefit agriculture land as well as the County as a whole. Supervisor Thomson noted that he would not support wind turbines as he felt they were detrimental to the mission of TAFB.

Supervisor Hannigan noted that she supported taking a step back and looking at the implications of the proposed projects going forward on agriculture and TAFB.

Chair Seifert noted that she felt it was important to conduct an complete analysis of land use projects that were being proposed and

noted the importance of protecting TAFB and its mission noting its economic importance to the Solano County community.

Deputy County Counsel Jim Laughlin noted that a moratorium would only prohibit projects from being approved but that the County would have the ability to accept applications and begin the Environmental Impact Review process.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Board took the following action:

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2013-1747 approving a 10 month and 15 day extension to the interim ordinance adopted as an urgency measure on November 5, 2013. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Ordinance Book)

Enactment No: Ordinance 13-1747

13 [13-0995](#)

Receive a report on the community outreach efforts regarding development of regulations for the siting of medical marijuana dispensaries in the unincorporated areas of the County; and Direct staff to either draft an ordinance to regulate medical marijuana in unincorporated areas of the County or to amend the existing ordinance to remove the sunset provision to permanently prohibit medical marijuana operations

Attachments:

[A - Public Notification](#)

[B - Summary of Online Survey Results](#)

[C - Summary of Community Meetings](#)

[D - Summary of Meetings with City Staff & City Law Enforcement](#)

[E - H&SS - Public Health MMD Position](#)

[F - Summary of Other Agency Permitting Regulations](#)

[G - County Counsel Comments](#)

[H - Letter from Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board](#)

[I - Sphere of Influence Map](#)

[Correspondence from Solano County Law Enforcement Administrators Assoc](#)

[Correspondence from M. Max Del Real](#)

[Powerpoint](#)

[Correspondence from the City of Fairfield](#)

[Correspondence from the City of Rio Vista ATOD Alliance](#)

[Correspondence from the City of Dixon](#)

[Correspondence from the City of Rio Vista](#)

[Correspondence from the City of Vacaville](#)

Bill Emlen, Director of Resource Management, noted that on October 8, 2013, staff reviewed a preliminary list of locations where medical marijuana dispensaries could potentially be located in the unincorporated area of the county based on existing commercial zoning policies. It was noted that staff was directed to conduct public outreach in the various communities which they had concluded and were providing information to the Board which was received during the

public outreach process.

Mr. Emlen noted that community meetings were held between October 29 and November 7 in Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, Vallejo, and Winters. Mr. Emlen noted outreach efforts that were conducted to inform the public of the community meetings; reviewed the format of the meetings conducted; and provided examples of the issues that were discussed.

Mr. Emlen reported that those in favor of regulating medical marijuana dispensaries requested that they be sited away from residential areas and operated like a pharmacy with controlled substances. It was further noted that medical marijuana dispensaries would provide safe access to medication and that sales tax generated could be used for law enforcement purposes.

Mr. Emlen reported that those in favor of banning medical marijuana dispensaries did not feel that they were an appropriate use in rural areas, would burden law enforcement and impact other services, and would have negative impact to nearby properties. In addition, concern was expressed about security and public safety around storefronts.

Mr. Emlen noted that County staff also met with Planning Directors, Law Enforcement, and representatives from the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Committee as well as staff from Benicia, Suisun City, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. Mr. Emlen noted that six of the seven cities in Solano County had a ban on medical marijuana dispensaries and concern was expressed that dispensaries would be located on their borders or in their Spheres of Influence; law enforcement expressed concern regarding the challenges and adequacy of patrol in the rural areas; and letters of opposition were received from the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista and Vacaville as well as the Solano County Law Enforcement Administrative Association.

Mr. Emlen noted that staff met with the County Department of Health and Social Services and determined that 94 Medical Marijuana Identification cards had been issued in Solano County and did not justify a medical marijuana dispensary based on their criteria of one dispensary per 100,000 patients and given the number of dispensaries that existed in the City of Vallejo. Mr. Emlen noted that in speaking with medical marijuana patients, their concerns were to have a safe location for purchasing their medication. In addition, meetings were held with the Planning Directors; the Agriculture Advisory Committee who expressed concern regarding the cultivation of medical marijuana as an agricultural activity and concern for vandalism and odor; and the City-County Coordinating Council. Mr. Emlen noted that other outreach efforts included a survey on the County's website with 134

responses with results indicating 53% of the respondents were in favor of regulating medical marijuana dispensaries and 47% were in favor of continuing the ban. Mr. Emlen noted that the survey was not a scientific survey or a controlled survey. In addition to the online survey, approximately 173 copies of the survey were hand delivered to staff with all 173 indicating support of the County's continuation of the ban.

Mr. Emlen noted staff was seeking direction from the Board to either draft an ordinance to regulate medical marijuana in unincorporated Solano County or to amend the current ordinance to permanently prohibit medical marijuana operations by deleting the July 29, 2014 sunset provision. Mr. Emlen noted that issues to be further evaluated included: 1) Mobile dispensaries similar to food trucks; and 2) Cultivation of medical marijuana.

Chair Seifert invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter.

Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo; William Hampton, Suisun City; George Gynn, Jr., Suisun City; Max Del Real, California Capital Solutions in Sacramento; Robbie Waters, former Police Chief and City Council member, Sacramento; Mike Tomada, owner of dispensary in Vallejo; and G. Michael Kimmel, Fairfield; expressed support for medical marijuana dispensaries as they felt if properly regulated and controlled would: provide medical relief to patients; eliminate criminal activity associated with marijuana; stabilize cost; regulate the quality; provide a safe environment for purchases; provide compassion; generate tax revenue; provide jobs; and control over who purchases.

Raymond Courtemanchi, Fairfield; Susan Hogue, unincorporated Vacaville; Dilenna Harris, Vice-Mayor of the City of Vacaville; Jon Cox, City of Dixon Police Chief and Solano County Law Enforcement Administrators Association; Ed Dadisho, City of Suisun City Police Chief and representative to the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Committee; Curtis Hunt, City of Vacaville City Council; and David Marianno, unincorporated Suisun; expressed opposition to medical marijuana dispensaries as it would not be advantageous to those in the community who were undergoing rehabilitation; residents in the unincorporated area would be negatively impacted; the low number of patients with medical marijuana cards did not warrant the risk of medical marijuana dispensaries and the impact to law enforcement agencies; those requiring medical marijuana did not have issues with obtaining; impact on crime and the quality of life; need to limit youth access to marijuana; secondary impacts including violence; dispensaries were not operated by medical professionals; and dispensaries were an urban issue.

As there were no other public comments, Chair Seifert invited members of the Board to comment.

Supervisor Hannigan noted that it was important to provide education to the public regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and felt that public fear was generated with unregulated dispensaries. Supervisor Hannigan noted that regulations could include limiting the number of dispensaries, location, hours of operation, and security. Supervisor Hannigan noted that medical marijuana cards were also distributed by doctor offices and felt that the number of residents with cards were much greater than the number of cards distributed by the County. Supervisor Hannigan noted that she felt that medical marijuana dispensaries were an urban issue and that the City of Vallejo had been the only city expressing interest in providing a regulatory framework for dispensaries creating an undue burden on law enforcement for the entire county. Supervisor Hannigan noted her interest in staff bringing back a report to the Board regarding cultivation of marijuana in terms of the legality of cultivation and the risk associated with the cultivation to both life and property. Supervisor Hannigan suggested that the County offer assistance to collaborate with the City of Vallejo upon their request to establish a regulatory framework for medical marijuana dispensaries within the city limit of the City of Vallejo.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that he would support the prohibition of medical marijuana dispensaries in the rural area of Solano County as it was an urban issue.

Supervisor Spering noted that he felt that medical marijuana dispensaries were an urban issue and that he would support the City of Vallejo if they requested the County's assistance in collaborating toward establishing a regulatory framework. Supervisor Spering noted that he felt it was important that those with a medical purpose for medical marijuana have legal access to obtain. Supervisor Spering further noted that the cities in Solano County, with the exception of the City of Vallejo, took action to ban the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in their communities and that the Board had taken action to ban as well to eliminate dispensaries on their peripheries.

Supervisor Thomson noted that he had information from his constituents that those needing medical marijuana were unable to obtain. Supervisor Thomson noted that medical marijuana was not for recreational use and felt that it was important that dispensaries be regulated by stringent requirements. Supervisor Thomson noted that he felt that tax revenue generated from the dispensaries would cover the cost of law enforcement and that research conducted in Los

Angeles indicated that there was less crime in the vicinity of medical marijuana dispensaries than there was in the vicinity of banks.

Chair Seifert noted that the full board supported the public outreach efforts in which it was noted that the community was split in supporting and opposing medical marijuana dispensaries. Chair Seifert noted that she felt public safety was of importance and that unregulated dispensaries created an insecure and unsafe environment for businesses and residents. Chair Seifert noted that while she supported the legitimate use of medical marijuana by patients in need, there did not appear to be a good location in the County and would support the City of Vallejo's efforts to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries to provide a safe environment for patients to access medical marijuana.

Chair Seifert noted that she would support a county ban on medical marijuana dispensaries and encourage the City of Vallejo to access County resources being offered.

Supervisor Thomson did not oppose assisting the City of Vallejo in developing regulations but did not support financial assistance as they had received \$750,000 in tax revenue from the existing medical marijuana facilities. Supervisor Thomson noted that he would support utilizing mobile dispensaries and requested that staff be directed to review and report back to the Board on this matter.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Board took the following action:

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Hannigan, the Board amended the current ordinance to permanently prohibit medical marijuana operations by deleting the July 29, 2014 sunset provision and making other technical changes; Authorized outreach to the City of Vallejo to advise them of the County's support should they request assistance in addressing regulatory issues; and Directed staff to return to the Board in two months with a new ordinance and a report regarding mobile dispensaries and legal cultivation of medical marijuana including risks involved with indoor and outdoor grows and existing research. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.

East Vallejo Fire Protection District:

- 14 [13-0988](#) Conduct Quarterly Meeting of the East Vallejo Fire Protection District Board of Directors; and Receive presentation from the Vallejo Fire Chief on the fire protection services being provided to the East Vallejo Fire Protection District

Attachments: [A - PowerPoint](#)

The Board sitting as the Board of Directors of the East Vallejo Fire Protection District held its Quarterly Meeting.

Ron Prince, Fire Chief for the City of Vallejo, provided an update of the City of Vallejo's capacity to continue to provide fire protection services to the East Vallejo Fire Protection District noting an increase to their budget and staff. Chief Prince noted that their capacity to provide fire and emergency medical services increased with the opening of a fire station and the addition of an engine company to the downtown fire station. Chief Prince reported that in 2012, there were 12,515 calls for emergency services with 700 of those calls from the East Vallejo Fire Protection District. Chief Prince reviewed their paramedic services program as well as the operation of their State of the Art Emergency Communications Center which had recently been updated and included a GIS mapping system and vehicle locator providing for more efficient response times. Chief Prince noted that they provided education to the public in disaster preparedness.

Fire Marshal Vince Sproete, provided an overview of their fire prevention program which included fire investigation, new construction and plan review, fire inspection, complaint handling, public education, and weed abatement through code enforcement, and hazardous material abatement. Mr. Sproete noted that new changes would include weed abatement services reverting back to the fire department as requested by the residents of the East Vallejo Fire Protection District.

Supervisor Spering noted the importance of focusing on weed abatement and code enforcement issues.

Chair Seifert noted that priority issues were weed abatement and code enforcement to serve the community better and to make people feel more secure in their home.

Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, noted that felt it was the Board's duty to provide weed abatement and code enforcement to residents of the Homeacres area of unincorporated Vallejo.

As there was no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS

Chair Seifert invited members of the Board to make comments and reports on meetings. Chair Seifert thanked the Solano County Facilities Team for the holiday decorations in the County Government Center.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to the Board of Supervisors meeting of December 10, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk of the
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By _____
Jeanette Bellinder, Chief Deputy Clerk