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Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

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Tuesday, May 13, 2014

8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 13th day of May 2014 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

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved the addition of the following item to the Closed Session Agenda:

Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

Property: Real property on Beechcraft Road, between Beechcraft Road and the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville, California (APN: 0133-210-550); Agency negotiators: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator, Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator, Michael Lango, General Services Director, Keith Hanson, Real Estate Manager, and David Daly, Airport Manager; Negotiating parties: Kirk Hawkins, Chris King, Scott Sheldon, Karl Higgins and Krassimir Piperkov. Under negotiation: Price and terms. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session at 8:31 a.m.

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Conference with Labor Negotiators:

Solano County representatives: Marc Fox, Birgitta E. Corsello, Nancy Huston and Darrell Murray. Employee organizations: Teamsters, Local 150 for Unit 1 (Attorneys); Teamsters, Local 856 for Unit 14 (Correctional Supervisors); SEIU Local 1021 for Unit 2 (Nurses), Unit 5 (Health and Welfare Employees), Unit 7 (Regulatory, Technical & General Services Employees), Unit 8 (General Services Supervisors), Unit 9 (Clerical Employees) and Units 82, 87, 89, and 90 (Extra Help Employees)

Existing Litigation: Property Reserve, Inc. v. Superior Court (Dept. of Water Resources)

Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case

Initiation of Litigation: One case

Public Employment Appointment: Director of Health and Social Services

Attachments: [A - Memorandum](#)

RECONVENE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:00 a.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

County Counsel Dennis Bunting advised that there were no reports from Closed Session. Chair Seifert noted that the Board would return to Closed Session after the morning 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 [14-0333](#) Adopt and present resolutions proclaiming the week of May 12, 2014 as Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Week and recognizing the four high school JROTC units in Solano County (Supervisor Spering)

Attachments: [A - Fairfield ROTC Resolution](#)
 [B - Jesse Bethel ROTC Resolution](#)
 [C - Vanden ROTC Resolution](#)
 [D - Armijo ROTC Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Hannigan, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2014-72 recognizing Fairfield High School's 32nd Cadet Group Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program in Solano County, Resolution 2014-73 recognizing Jesse Bethel High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program in Solano County, Resolution 2014-74 recognizing Vanden High School's 20011 Cadet

Group Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program in Solano County, and Resolution 2014-75 recognizing Armijo High School's 71st Cadet Group Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2014-72, Resolution 2014-73, Resolution 2014-74 and Resolution 2014-75

- 3 [14-0326](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing May 18-24, 2014 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Solano County (Chair Seifert)

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

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2014-76 recognizing May 18-24, 2014 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2014-76

- 4 [14-0348](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing Vacaville High School award winning Robotics Team (Supervisor Vasquez)

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

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2014-77 recognizing the Vacaville High School Robodogs Award Winning FIRST Robotics Team. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2014-77

- 5 [14-0334](#) Adopt and present a resolution proclaiming the week of May 17 to May 23, 2014 as National Safe Boating Week in Solano County (Supervisor Spering)

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

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2014-78 proclaiming the week of May 17 to May 23, 2014 as National Safe Boating Week in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2014-78

- 6 [14-0290](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the month of May 2014 as Foster Care Awareness Month in Solano County (Supervisor Hannigan)

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

On motion of Supervisor Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2014-79 recognizing the month of May 2014 as Foster Care Awareness Month in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2014-79

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) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on the Brown Act.

B) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on the Brown Act, the Public Information Act, closed session and the budget.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no other additions to or deletions from the Solano County Board of Supervisors' agenda for May 13, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for May 13, 2014. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Francisco Corpuz, Vallejo, commented on Item 9 and invited the public to a Memorial Day event in Vallejo.

B) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on Item 11 regarding contributions allocated to District 4.

C) Robert Mattison, Vallejo, commented on Item 14 regarding the Vallejo Veterans Hall.

D) Jess Malgapo, Vallejo, commented on Item 14 regarding Vallejo Veterans Hall.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7** [14-0327](#) Receive and file the Meeting Attendance Reports from the members of the Board of Supervisors as required for compliance with Government Code Section 53232.3(d) regarding per diem reimbursements

Attachments: [A - 2014 Appointments](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Received and Filed

- 8 [14-0328](#) Approve the minutes of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' meeting of May 6, 2014
Attachments: [A - Minutes - May 6, 2014](#)

 Approved
- 9 [14-0320](#) Adopt a resolution recognizing Monday, May 26, 2014 as Memorial Day in Solano County
Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

 Adopted
 Enactment No: Resolution 2014-80
- 10 [14-0332](#) Adopt a resolution recognizing Dixon Family Services for thirty years of dedicated service to Dixon children and families
Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

 Adopted
 Enactment No: Resolution 2014-81
- 11 [14-0335](#) Authorize the County's contribution of \$2250 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 4 to benefit American Legion Auxiliary Unit 165 for Girls State (\$200); 4-H SET (\$200); scholarships to Vacaville High School Robotics (\$200); Dixon Teen Center after school program (\$200); Dixon Family Services Social Worker intern program (\$250); Vacaville Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club "Goals for Graduation" (\$200); Will C. Wood Music Boosters student scholarships (\$200); Buckingham Charter Magnet High School, Visual Media Arts Program (\$200); Dixon Lions Club student Eye Care Exams and Glasses (\$200); Dixon Rotary, dictionary purchase for schools (\$200); Dixon Future Farmers of America scholarship (\$200)
Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

 Approved
- 12 [14-0325](#) To complete the implementation of the County's compliance program the Board approved in the FY2013/14 Adopted Budget, Adopt a resolution to amend the Alphabetical Listing of Classes and Salaries to add four new titles and establish salary ranges for the classes of Compliance and Quality Assurance Manager, Deputy Compliance and Quality Assurance Manager, Compliance and Quality Assurance Analyst, and Compliance and Quality Assurance Analyst (Entry) and to delete the classification of Compliance Officer; and Adopt a resolution to amend the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions to reclassify one allocated Compliance Officer in Health and Social Services to Compliance and Quality Assurance Manager, one Compliance Officer in Human Resources to Deputy Compliance and Quality Assurance Manager in Health and Social Services, and delete one

allocated Compliance Officer in Human Resources

Attachments: [A - Resolution amending List of Classes and Salaries](#)
[B - Resolution amending Numbers and Classifications](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2014-82 and Resolution 2014-83

- 13 [14-0329](#) Accept the Quarterly Review of the Statement of Assets of the Solano County Treasury as of March 31, 2014

Attachments: [A - Treasury 3rd Qtr Report](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Accepted

- 14 [14-0321](#) Approve a Notice of Completion for the Vallejo Veterans Hall HVAC Retrofit and Reroofing Project at 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, constructed by Galaxy Construction Services, Inc. of Pleasant Hill, CA for a total project cost of \$441,551

Attachments: [A - Notice of Completion](#)
[B - Project Cost](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 15 [14-0331](#) Approve the following First 5 Solano contracts: Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District for up to \$93,788 for pre-kindergarten academy services for the term ending June 30, 2015; Approve a contract amendment for up to \$75,000 with the Interfaith Council of Solano County for housing services for the term ending June 30, 2015; Approve contract amendments totaling up to \$146,864 with Children's Nurturing Project, EMQ Families First, Solano Family and Children Services, and Youth and Family Services to provide early childhood mental health services for the term ending August 30, 2014; and Authorize the County Administrator to sign all agreements

Attachments: [A - 2014-801 Fairfield-Suisun USD Contract](#)
[B - 2012-309 Interfaith Council Third Amendment](#)
[C - Children's Nurturing Project Fourth Amendment](#)
[D - EMQ FamiliesFirst Fourth Amendment](#)
[E - Solano Families and Children's Services Fourth Amendment](#)
[F - Youth and Family Services Fourth Amendment](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 16 [14-0345](#) Authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to develop a General Order, Conditional Waiver or other appropriate method to facilitate approval of wastewater discharges at small wineries and small food processors by their agency

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

Approved

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 17 [14-0309](#) Receive the FY2013/14 Third Quarter Financial Report and consider taking the recommended actions contained in the Report

Attachments: [A-1 - FY1314 Third Quarter Budget Assumptions](#)
 [A-2 - FY1415 Budget Assumptions](#)
 [B - Financial Position of County Departments](#)
 [C - General Fund Department Summary](#)
 [D - Other Funds Summary](#)
 [E - Internal Service & Enterprise Funds Summary](#)
 [F - Appropriation Transfer Requests](#)
 [G - Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston provided the Board with an overview of the FY2013/14 Third Quarter Financial Report.

Supervisor Hannigan asked about the number of Medi-Cal recipients in the county. Ms. Huston noted that there are approximately 89,000 recipients within the county and the number is growing due to Affordable Care Act changes and declines in income.

Supervisor Spering asked about projecting CalPERS medical rates. Ms. Huston noted that they are working on a five-year forecast for the General Fund that includes looking at worst case scenarios. She further noted that recommendations in the report include the need to move any one time funding to the CalPERS reserves in order to help mitigate increases in CalPERS pension rates.

Director of Human Resources Marc Fox noted that CalPERS is very open about making actuarial assumptions regarding pensions that they publish annually as part of their rate setting process. He further noted that the County's consultant, Bartel and Associates, will prepare a calculation for the County based on the CalPERS assumptions and other related factors, in order for the County to forecast increased costs.

Chair Seifert noted that Bartel and Associates will make a presentation to the Board at the June 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Chair Seifert then clarified that the listed assumptions are informational only and that decisions would be made on these assumptions during the budget hearings in June.

Chair Seifert 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 on balancing the budget and pensions.

B) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on budgets for the Board offices and the County's consultant for property taxes.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello advised that her department has hired a consultant to create an economic model that will use data from the Assessor/Recorder's database along with property information from the marketplace in order to create an accurate and timely analysis to forecast property tax growth within the county. She further noted that the cost of this consultant is approximately \$16,000.

Ms. Huston advised that the property tax model consultant is EPS and they have been hired to provide a five-year forecast on property tax.

Supervisor Vasquez asked whether this forecast will also help the cities. Ms. Huston confirmed this and noted that the forecast will be done by city.

Ms. Corsello advised that the County Administrator's Office does not currently have a budget officer and that current staff workloads have been increased in order to provide support for the budget process. She further advised that once the model is in place, it will be a much easier process to provide an update on an annual basis.

Supervisor Thomson asked if the forecast will provided a more accurate portrayal of what's really happening in the community.

Ms. Corsello advised that it will provide better accuracy and a more timely report that can be considered as part of the budget process.

C) Joanne Godreau, representing SEIU 1021, commented in opposition to extensions for limited term positions.

Ms. Huston advised that many times the County uses limited term position for hiring individuals who can later be moved into full time positions dependent on how well they do.

Supervisor Thomson commented that entry level positions could be used the same way.

Mr. Fox advised that for the specific positions of Eligibility Benefit Specialists, the Board did approve to convert a number of the positions from limited term to regular full time positions. He further noted that past concerns and direction given to staff has been to allow limited term positions in order to allow for changes in revenue and funding sources. He also noted that it is always at the Board's discretion on whether to fill positions as limited term or permanent term positions. Lastly, he noted that there is also some turnover within the positions.

Supervisor Thomson commented that turnover is going to other counties, with limited term employees being trained in Solano County and then leaving to take positions outside of Solano.

Ms. Corsello noted that Solano County has a very good training program that not many other counties have that attracts individuals from other counties.

At the request of Ms. Corsello, Health and Social Services Director Ann Edwards noted that the department does have a number of vacancies that the department can move folks into once they are trained. Ms. Edwards advised that the department is making efforts to focus on retention.

In response to Supervisor Hannigan's question concerning limited term periods and benefits, Mr. Fox noted that an individual will maintain their date of hire as their seniority date. Ms. Corsello also noted that limited term employees have all the same benefits and programs available to them as permanent employees.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that the current policy is prudent for planning for recessions and preventing job losses.

Supervisor Sperring commented that using limited term positions was a budget strategy and that other counties retention rates are similar. He commented that this strategy may need to be revisited during the budget process.

Supervisor Thomson noted that there should be a good retention program in place to keep trained employees and asked that limited term positions be used as a last resort.

In response to questions and comments from Chair Seifert about limited term employees moving to permanent positions, Ms. Edwards noted that she would follow up on the status of the current vacant permanent positions.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the probationary period changing from 6 months to 1 year.

Supervisor Thomson made a motion to support the staff recommendations as long as the use of limited term positions comes back for discussion at the June budget hearings.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved Resolution 2014-84 amending the List of Numbers and

Classifications of Positions within Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.**Enactment No: Resolution No. 2014-84****18** **[14-0330](#)**

Receive an informational report on the history and use of Project Labor Agreements by Solano County; Review County 2004 Board Adopted Policy and reaffirm the use of Project Labor Agreements for use with the Adopted Capital Improvement Plan; and consider giving direction to the Department

Attachments:[A - Board PLA Actions](#)[B - County Projects With PLA](#)[C - Other County PLA Thresholds](#)[D - Anticipated Projects](#)[E - Legal Requirements](#)[F - PLA Case](#)[G - Letter to Trades Council and Response](#)[F - Resolution 2004-035](#)[Minute Order](#)[Letter from Napa-Solano Counties Building and Construction Trades Council](#)[Letter from Sheriff Ferrara](#)

Director of General Services Mike Lango introduced the item. Deputy Director of General Services Kanon Artiche provided the Board with an overview of the history and use of project labor agreements (PLAs) by the County.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that in the previous year the Board asked staff to work on efforts to reach out to local businesses that may be qualified to participate and compete for projects.

Mr. Artiche noted that the department maintains a bidders list of over 100 companies, 20% of which are located locally, that receive information on county projects. He further noted that the department continues to make efforts to reach out to local businesses in order to engage them and direct construction work to locally qualified firms.

Supervisor Sperring asked about provisions in the policy for exceptions on projects under \$10 million and whether or not the Board can decide to use a PLA on a project that is under \$10 million.

Mr. Artiche advised that the Board can contemplate a lower threshold amount for PLA requirements and that the Board does have the ability to direct staff whether or not to use a PLA on any project.

Ms. Corsello advised that the larger the project, the greater the possibility to have apprentices and draw from a larger base of available workers. She further noted that an advantage of using a PLA is to allow the next generation of laborers to be apprentices.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that Resolution 2004-035 speaks to a

threshold range of \$1 - 10 million that gives the Board room to choose whether or not to use a PLA on a project in that range and that a project over \$10 million would be required to have a PLA.

Deputy County Counsel Bernadette Curry noted that in 2007, the Public Contract Code changed in regards to design build statutes, bringing about the direction from the Board to have a \$10 million threshold for the PLA to apply to all construction projects and not just those projects delivered by the design-build method. She further noted that it was directed that projects between \$1 - 10 million would be analyzed by staff and a recommendation brought forward to the Board for a decision on whether to use a PLA.

In response to comments and questions from Supervisor Vasquez regarding staff work with trade councils, Mr. Lango noted that the department staff does engage in specific analysis associated with appropriateness of using a PLA on a project within the threshold. Mr Artiche noted that past practice by staff has included discussions with the trades council when analyzing a project.

Chair Seifert commented that the number one goal should be to make sure projects come in on time, on budget and provide opportunities to employ the local workforce. She further commented that reducing the threshold would benefit and help achieve this goal.

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

A) George Guynn, Jr., commented on using PLAs and rejection of PLAs by school districts.

B) Richard Markuson, representing the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Air Condition Trade Association, the Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors of California and the Western Electrical Contractors Association, commented in opposition to the current PLA policy.

C) Kevin Coleman, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 180, commented on union labor and support for lowering the threshold for PLAs.

D) Dave Harrison, representing Operating Engineers Local 3 and the Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council, commented in support of PLAs and lowering the threshold for PLAs and hiring local businesses.

E) Troy Metrangelo, representing Painters Local 376 from Vallejo, read a letter from Ben Espinosa, President of the Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council, and commented in support of PLAs.

Supervisor Hannigan asked about specific requirements in the County's policy regarding a local hire requirement.

Ms. Curry advised that the law does not allow a local hire requirement provision, however the County has tried to address this in a provision in the actual PLA that utilizes a local referral process.

In response to questions from Supervisor Hannigan regarding exceptions for projects and PLAs, Mr. Artiche noted that there were projects under \$10 million that had PLAs such as the renovation of the old library and some of the veteran halls. He further noted that staff works with a variety of organized labor and open firms to deliver best quality project they are authorized to deliver.

Chair Seifert asked what the largest project was that was done without a PLA. Mr. Artiche noted that the juvenile detention facility was constructed prior to the adoption of the PLA policy. Ms. Corsello commented that the project was around \$18 million.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the success of using a PLA to build the current County Administration Center. He also commented on government subsidizing employees and the need to ensure that people are spending money in the community. Lastly, he commented in support of lowering the PLA threshold if it will help achieve this.

Supervisor Spering noted that small local contractors living and working within the county are often forgotten in the discussion because they are not able to compete with projects using a PLA. He further commented on the need to make sure the threshold is not too low so that these contractors are not excluded and are considered.

Chair Seifert asked for a reasonable threshold range.

Supervisor Spering asked for the threshold to be lowered to between \$2-3 million.

Supervisor Thomson suggested lowering the threshold to \$2 million, monitoring it and changing it later if needed.

Supervisor Spering made a motion to lower the PLA threshold to \$3 million.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that the motion was to lower the threshold to \$3 million but anything over \$1 million can still be decided by the Board.

Chair Seifert noted that the direction is to change Item 1 on the current resolution from \$10 million to \$3 million and all else would remain the same.

Ms. Corsello noted that the \$3 million project cost being indicated on the resolution is the amount pertaining to construction costs.

Supervisor Spering changed his motion to indicate a threshold of \$2.5 million instead of \$3 million. Chair Seifert clarified that the motion was to lower the threshold to \$2.5 million and include a sunset clause that this be reviewed again in two years.

Supervisor Vasquez asked if public art fell under this policy. Ms. Curry noted that it did not.

Ms. Curry noted that the \$2.5 million will be for construction costs only and at the next Capital Improvement Plan annual update, a new resolution will be presented to clarify that the PLA policy applies to all construction delivery methods and delete the specific reference to Public Contract Code section 20133.

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board reaffirmed the use of Project Labor Agreements for use with the Adopted Capital Improvement Plan and gave direction to staff to amend the threshold from \$10 million down to \$2.5 million, provide an annual update and to review the policy every two years. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

19 **[14-0336](#)**

Consider accepting an award of \$23,037,000 in bond financing from the Board of State and Community Corrections' SB1022 Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program for the Educational/Vocational Training Center Project to rehabilitate adult offenders at the Claybank Campus in Fairfield; Consistent with current County policy, authorize staff to negotiate a Project Labor Agreement with the Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council for the Project based on the AB900 Stanton Correctional Facility Project Labor Agreement; and Delegate signing authority to General Services Director and Sheriff for SB1022 financing and capital project agreements, amendments and modifications to agreements that fall within the established project budget

Attachments: [A - SB1022 Award Letter](#)
[Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board accepted an award of \$23,037,000 in bond financing from the Board of State and Community Corrections' SB1022 Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program for the Educational/Vocational Training Center Project to rehabilitate adult offenders at the Claybank Campus in Fairfield; Consistent with current County policy, authorized staff to negotiate a Project Labor Agreement with the Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council for the Project based on the AB900 Stanton Correctional Facility Project Labor Agreement; and Delegated signing authority to General Services Director and Sheriff for SB1022 financing and capital project agreements, amendments and modifications to agreements that fall within the established project budget. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

20 **14-0353**

Board discussion and direction to staff on whether or not to pursue implementation of Vehicle Code section 9250.14 relative to increasing Vehicle Registration Fees by from one dollar to two dollars per registered vehicle within Solano County

Attachments:

- A - Solano County Resolution 93-106
- B - Financial Accounting of Vehicle Registration Fees
- C - Top 50 Areas for Vehicle Thefts
- D - Prosecutions of Auto Theft Cases in Solano County
- E - AB 767 (Levine) Vehicle Registration Fees

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Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Officer Michelle Heppner provided the Board with an overview of local vehicle theft rates and information on current legislation that allows counties to increase vehicle registration fees.

Supervisor Vasquez asked whether high theft rates increase insurance rates for residents and Ms. Heppner noted that it does.

Supervisor Thomson advised that he brought this item forward in order to present an opportunity to increase the prosecution rate for theft of vehicles. He noted that the Vallejo-Fairfield area is 8th highest in the nation and 7th highest in the state for vehicle thefts. He then noted that many vehicles are stolen and used for more crimes. He further noted that the prosecution rate is very low due to limited resources and suggested increasing the vehicle registration fee to increase prosecution rates.

Supervisor Hannigan commented that she has ridden along with the Vallejo Police Department and is aware of the stolen vehicle issues, especially relating to crime. She further commented that there is a need for local law enforcement agencies to collaborate on this issue.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting clarified that the proposed increase is a fee and not a tax as it would be exempt under Proposition 26. He further noted that any funds collected would be limited to deterrence of auto theft with no other funds to supplant with it, therefore it would be considered dedicated funding.

Supervisor Sperring asked if any of the collected fees would be allocated to local law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Tom Farrara advised that it is very rare to catch people in a stolen car and that most are recovered after being abandoned. He noted that investigating and pursuing vehicle theft is a specialized area requiring special training and expertise. He noted that he has discussed this fee with local law enforcement chiefs and they are supportive.

Supervisor Thomson noted that his recommendation would be to dedicate the fee increase to the Sheriff's Office and not to redirect any of the current fee being collected. He further noted that he would like to make a recommendation that this item come back before the Board on June 3rd through the public notice process.

Chair Seifert noted that staff will come back to the Board on June 3, 2014 with alternatives and a recommendation on this proposal.

Chair Seifert 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 on the proposed fee increase, prosecution of vehicle thefts, and mortgage fraud fees.

Supervisor Thomson noted that he would like to see an annual update on this issue.

Chair Seifert noted that the Board would not be recessing to Closed Session after all and instead would be recessing for a break and returning to regular session at 1:30 p.m.

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RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.

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[14-0338](#)

Receive a continuing review of issues and focus areas for comments on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and related Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS)

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

Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen introduced the item.

Contract Analyst Roberta Goulart provided the Board with an overview of the issues and focus areas of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

BAE Urban Economics Consultant Matt Kowta continued to provide the Board with information on the BDCP relating to agricultural impacts and socio-economic impacts.

Supervisor Vasquez asked about whether any study had been done on impacts to the farmworkers and loss of farmlands or retraining farm workers. Mr. Kowta noted that there has been very limited assessments on these type of impacts. He further noted that his company has been working on a study of Cache Slough, but that it's only a small piece of the overall project area.

Chair Seifert commented on attending a working group meeting with the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA). She also noted that a focus needs to be made on unintended consequences the BDCP may have.

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

A) Russ Lester, Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee, commented in opposition to the BDCP.

B) Moira Burke, Dixon, commented in opposition to the BDCP.

C) Albert Medvitz, Rio Vista, commented on the BDCP and enhancing the Delta.

D) Roberto Valdez commented on the BDCP.

E) Ryan Mahoney, Solano County Farm Bureau, commented in opposition to the BDCP.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that critters do not know where the fence lines are and that the discussion on safe harbor in the BDCP will not be realistic. He further noted that protecting farmlands has been a priority and something that has been done well.

Chair Seifert commented that there is a need to work collectively with a common voice for this issue.

F) Gayle Vaughan, Tidal Marsh Docent at Rush Ranch, commented on the BDCP.

Executive Director of the Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCP) Steve Chappell provided the Board with an overview of the BDCP relating to impacts on the Suisun Marsh.

Supervisor Thomson thanked staff and the presenters for the information.

Chair Seifert commented on the process, collaboration with other agencies and protecting the county's interests.

Mr. Emlen noted that the initial section of the comment letter will address legalities of the BDCP and the potential impacts on the county.

Supervisor Vasquez asked about protection under 2009 legislation.

Solano County Water Agency General Manager David Okita commented on the 2009 legislation being more focused on planning aspects and not protections. He commented that there are different parties that have authority to change different standards and there are also many moving parts to the process.

Supervisor Sperring commented on the SRCD's impacts and comment process relating to the BDCP.

Mr. Chappel noted that the SRCD Board will be discussing the BDCP at their next meeting and have not formally taken a position yet.

Supervisor Sperring commented on the need to educate the public on the

impacts and how to solicit their support.

Chair Seifert noted that staff would be back with a draft comment letter for the Board to review in June. Mr. Emlen confirmed that staff would bring a draft letter back that includes all of the discussed concerns.

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Receive a status report on the range of water bond bills being considered by the State Legislature; Adopt Water Bond Principles to guide the County's evaluation and advocacy efforts; Reaffirm support for SB 848 (Wolk); and Consider supporting a broad coalition of counties focused on development of a balanced 2014 water bond

Attachments: [A - Water Bond Principles](#)
[B - Water Bond Bills Summary](#)
[C - Broader Coalition Request Letter](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen provided the Board with a report on the range of water bonds being considered by the State Legislature.

State Legislative Advocate Paul Yoder continued to provide the Board with further information on water bond legislation.

Supervisor Hannigan asked about whether the proposed principles are a balance and whether the different water bonds should be weighted or ranked in order to better compare them.

Chair Seifert noted that a revised set of principles was provided by the working group and distributed yesterday.

Mr. Emlen noted that the sum total of the principles listed are a balanced approach.

Supervisor Hannigan asked if there was a threshold of dollars to reach when looking at water bonds or should the Board be looking for another bond that addresses more concerns at a higher threshold of funding.

Mr. Yoder noted that Senator Wolk's bill has the best language in her water bond to address the Delta and BDCP.

Supervisor Thomson noted that someone will have to pay this bond back. He also noted that Senator Wolk has worked very hard to come up with a reasonable number. He then made a motion to adopt the water bond principles.

Supervisor Sperring questioned if adopting these principles would be considered a measuring stick on whether the Board is supporting a water bond or not. County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that it would be.

Supervisor Vasquez commented about a new water bond by Jerry Meral referencing Solano and Yolo counties and the Delta.

Ms. Corsello commented on the water bonds and election process.

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

A) Roberto Valdez commented on Senator Wolk's water bond.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Hannigan, the Board adopted the revised Water Bond Principles to guide the County's evaluation and advocacy efforts, reaffirmed support for SB 848 (Wolk) and approved supporting a broad coalition of counties focused on development of a balanced 2014 water bond. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS

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

A. Supervisor Thomson noted that he had misspoken earlier in the meeting about probation steps and noted for the record that these were in fact merit steps.

Chair Seifert noted that the Board would be adjourning to Closed Session with no expected report out.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 3:27 p.m. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be June 3, 2014 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
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