



Solano County

675 Texas Street
Fairfield, California 94533
www.solanocounty.com

Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

*Erin Hannigan (Dist. 1), Chairwoman
(707) 553-5363*

*John M. Vasquez (Dist. 4), Vice-Chair
(707) 784-6129*

*Linda J. Seifert (Dist. 2)
(707) 784-3031*

*James P. Spering (Dist. 3)
(707) 784-6136*

*Skip Thomson (Dist. 5)
(707) 784-6130*

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER - 8:30 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 11th day of August 2015 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 Seifert, Spering, Thomson, Vasquez and Chairwoman Hannigan. Chairwoman Hannigan presided. Also present were County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - John M. Vasquez, Erin Hannigan, Linda J. Seifert, James P. Spering 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 [15-0781](#) Conference with Labor Negotiators:

Solano County representatives: Marc Fox, Jeannine Seher, David Pak, Don Turko, Georgia Cochran, Birgitta E. Corsello, and Nancy Huston. Employee organizations: Teamsters, Local 150 for Unit 1 (Attorneys); SEIU Local 1021 for Unit 2 (Nurses), Unit 5 (Health and Welfare Employees), Unit 7 (Regulatory, Technical and General Services Employees), Unit 8 (General Services Supervisors), Unit 9 (Clerical Employees) and Units 82, 87, 89, and 90 (Extra Help Employees); Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association for Unit 3 (Law Enforcement Employees) and Unit 4 (Law Enforcement Supervisors); Public Employees Union, Local One for Unit 6 (Health and Welfare Supervisors) and Unit 16 (Mid-Management Employees); Stationary Engineers, Local 39 for Unit 10 (Skilled Craft and Service Maintenance Employees); Union of American Physicians and Dentists for Unit 11

(Physicians, Dentists and Psychiatrists); Solano County 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); Solano County Law Enforcement Management Association for Unit 17 (Law Enforcement Management) and Unit 18 (Sheriff's Office Management); Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21 for Unit 19 (Executive and Senior Management); and unrepresented employees

In-Home Supportive Services Authority representative: Marc Fox, Gerald Huber and Birgitta E. Corsello. Employee organization: SEIU United Long Term Care Workers, Local 6434

Attachments: [A - Memorandum](#)

RECONVENE

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

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

County Counsel Dennis Bunting advised that 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.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

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) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on rules of the Board Chambers, past remarks at the August 4, 2015 Board meeting concerning inspectors and the length of the public speaking period.

B) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on Mr. Tipton's remarks, restricting Board member benefits and SB 350 regarding petroleum usage reduction.

C) Mike Lango, Director of General Services, introduced the new Capital Projects Manager, Mark Hummel.

D) Dennis Bunting, County Counsel, introduced new Deputy County Counsels Davina Smith and Peter Miljanich.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no additions to or deletions from the Solano County Board of Supervisors' agenda for August 11, 2015.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Seifert, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for August 11, 2015 as submitted. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on items listed on the Consent Calendar. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2 [15-0782](#) Approve the minutes of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' meeting of July 28, 2015

Attachments: [A - Minutes - July 28, 2015](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 3 [15-0746](#) Approve a contract for the period of August 17, 2015 through November 30, 2015 with Handfield Consulting Group for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to conduct an assessment and analysis of the Solano County Historical Records collection and program; and Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the contract and any necessary amendments to the contract within the established budget

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

Approved

- 4 [15-0791](#) Establish the Measure L Library Sales Tax Measure Independent Oversight Committee to audit the use of library sales tax funds and prepare an annual report; and Appoint five (5) members, with respective alternates, from the County Library Advisory Council and a member representing each of the cities of Benicia and Dixon, to serve on the seven (7) member Oversight Committee, as recommended in the report

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 5 [15-0660](#) Approve a contract with Shabnam Chabi, MD for \$100,000 to provide outreach and recruitment services for health care professionals to include Clinic Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants for the Family Health Services (FHS) Clinics for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement

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

Approved

- 6 [15-0673](#) Accept an increase of \$73,198 in grant funding from California Department of Public Health to support the Nutrition Education and Obesity Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2014/15; Approve a contract amendment with Healthy Cooking with Kids for \$61,712 to provide school-based edible gardens and coordination of the Solano County Food Policy Council for Federal Fiscal Years 2014/15 and 2015/16; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the amendment

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

Approved

- 7 [15-0779](#) Adopt a resolution designating the month of August 2015 as California Safe Digging Month

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

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2015-145

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 8 [15-0764](#) Approve the appointment of Marlon L. Osum to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board, representing District 5, for a term to expire August 11, 2019

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 9 [15-0763](#) Approve the reappointment of Michael Hedrick (Recreational Pilot) and the appointment of Brant Seghetti (Pilot Association Member) to the Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee, for terms to expire June 30, 2019

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 10 [15-0795](#) Receive an update from staff and the County's State Legislative Advocate on the status of legislation that is of interest to the County; Consider sending proposed letter urging Senator Feinstein to support S. 1879; Consider adopting a resolution on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children; and Consider taking positions on SB 260, SBX2 5, SBX2 6, SBX2 7, SBX2 8, SBX2 9, and SBX2 10 that were reviewed by the County's Legislative Committee on August 3, 2015

Attachments: [A - Federal Legislative Update](#)
 [B - Summary of Legislative Action](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [SUPPORT S.1879 Interior Improvement Act](#)
 [OPPOSE SB 260 \(Monning\) Medi-Cal-county organized health systems-pilot](#)
 [SUPPORT SB X2 5 \(Leno\) Electronic cigarettes](#)
 [SUPPORT SB X2 6 \(Monning\) Smoking in the workplace](#)
 [SUPPORT SB X2 7 \(Hernandez\) Minimum Legal Age](#)
 [SUPPORT SB X2 8 \(Liu\) Tobacco use programs](#)
 [SUPPORT SB X2 9 \(McGuire\) Local Taxes-Authorization-Cigarettes and Tol](#)
 [SUPPORT SB X2 10 \(Beall\) Board of Equalization Tobacco Licensing Fees](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Officer Michelle Heppner provided the Board with an overview of legislation of interest to the County.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Fee-to-Trust Reform letter included in the August 3, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting agenda urging Senator Feinstein to support the Interior Improvement Act (S.1879).

Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve the proposed Fee-to-Trust Reform letter included in the August 3, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting agenda urging Senator Feinstein to support the Interior Improvement Act (S.1879). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Vasquez. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of the proposed resolution on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

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 on legislation concerning Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), SB 1879, and SB 350 regarding reduction of petroleum use.

Supervisor Thomson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-146 on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Seifert. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Supervisor Seifert commented on the number of children in Solano County affected by CSEC and the work being done by Chairwoman Hannigan through a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) committee around this issue. She suggested an even stronger position from the County on CSEC.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that one child suffering from CSEC was too many.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SB 260 (Monning) County Organized Health Systems.

Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve a position of opposition to SB 260 (Monning) County Organized Health Systems. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Vasquez. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SBX2 5 (Leno) Electronic Cigarettes.

Supervisor Vasquez asked whether the Prop 10 tax would apply to electronic cigarettes. Ms. Heppner advised that it did not.

Supervisor Vasquez made a motion to approve a support position on SBX2 5 (Leno) Electronic Cigarettes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomson. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SBX2 6 (Monning) Smokefree Workplace.

Supervisor Vasquez asked if the use of smoke rooms in tobacco shops would be eliminated. Ms. Heppner noted that the exemption for smoke rooms would be taken away with this legislation.

Supervisor Thomson made a motion to approve a support position on SBX2 6 (Monning) Smokefree Workplace. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. Supervisors Spering and Vasquez voted no. So ordered by 3-2 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SBX2 7 (Hernandez) Tobacco Products: minimum legal age.

Supervisor Seifert made a motion to approve a support position on SBX2 7 (Hernandez) Tobacco Products: minimum legal age. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Vasquez. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SBX2 8 (Lui) Tobacco Use Programs.

Supervisor Thomson made a motion to approve a support position on SBX2 8 (Lui) Tobacco Use Programs. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Seifert. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SBX2 9 (McGuire) Local taxes: authorization: cigarettes and tobacco products.

Supervisor Vasquez asked if this was an additional tax. Ms. Heppner noted that it would allow counties to collect an extra tax on tobacco products. She further commented on the legislation in regards to city taxes.

State Legislative Advocate Karen Lange provided the Board with additional information on the legislation.

In response to questions from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Lang noted that the legislation did not cap the tax and that it wasn't earmarked for any particular purpose.

Supervisor Thomson commented on healthcare issues and costs related to smoking and noted support for the legislation if it helped decrease these issues.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that there was very little retail in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Supervisor Thomson made a motion to approve a support position on SBX2 9 (McGuire) Local taxes: authorization: cigarettes and tobacco products. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Vasquez. Supervisor Spering voted no. So ordered by 4-1 vote.

Ms. Heppner provided the Board with an overview of SBX2 10 (Beall) Board of Equalization Tobacco Licensing Fees.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Heppner provided information on the use of the fees towards administration of programs.

Ms. Lange also commented that the fees may be used for enforcement programs and administrative costs.

Ms. Heppner noted that the legislation involved funding for groups that were going out to stores to make sure sales to minors were not taking place.

Supervisor Vasquez made a motion to approve a support position on SBX2 10 (Beall) Board of Equalization Tobacco Licensing Fees. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Seifert. Supervisors Spering and Thomson voted no. So ordered by 3-2 vote.

Ms. Lange provided the Board with a status of activities at the state legislature including a health care special session, SB 350 regarding energy policy and reduction, AB 1335 regarding affordable housing, AB 113 regarding redevelopment and the State budget.

State Legislative Advocate Matt Robinson provided the Board with a status of activities at the state legislature including legislation discussed during a transportation special session.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Mr. Robinson provided the Board with information on discussions and legislation surrounding funding to fix roads.

Supervisor Spering asked if there was any discussion happening around cuts to funding for self-help counties.

Mr. Robinson noted that the State and counties would each receive 47.5%, leaving a small amount for counties to leverage.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that support for transportation was in the County's Legislative Platform and asked Mr. Robinson to assist Ms. Heppner with formulating a letter to support an allocation of funds for counties would be beneficial.

In response to a question from Supervisor Seifert, Ms. Corsello commented on speculation of a third special session surrounding the continuing declaration for the drought and extraordinary sessions.

Ms. Lange commented on the likelihood of a third session surrounding the drought.

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2015-146

- 11 [15-0785](#) Consider approving water conservation projects up to \$500,000 as part of ongoing efforts to reduce water use in County facilities, in support of State mandated water reduction requirements

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

Director of General Services Mike Lango introduced the item. Facilities Operations Manager Perry Sauro provided the Board with an overview of the ongoing efforts to reduce water use in County facilities including results of water audits, completed water conservation projects, recommended water conservation projects, recommended landscape projects, recommended building projects and potential water conservation projects for consideration in Capital Improvements Projects (CIP).

In response to questions from Supervisor Spering, Mr. Sauro noted that the \$56,000 was needed to remove decorative squares from the County Administration Center (CAC) and install artificial turf. He then provided the Board with a description of the artificial turf.

Supervisor Spering asked if other replacement options had been explored, such as using decomposed granite.

Mr. Sauro noted that staff had looked at many options for replacement and took into consideration health and safety issues of each.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Mr. Sauro noted that the reason they were looking into the replacement was to conserve water.

Mr. Lango also commented on activities and labor that would be reduced as a result of the replacement.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on potential issues of using decomposed granite or other things that can wear down or detract from the grounds.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Sauro noted that the useful life expectancy on the artificial turf was 10-20 years.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the replacement of the squares and the lawn of the old annex that was re-turfed.

Mr. Sauro commented that the front system of the old annex area was an older system that needed to be replaced

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Corsello noted that the County no longer had an agreement with the City of Fairfield for maintenance of the annex area. She noted that there was an agreement with the downtown district for the space. She then commented on different options that Mr. Sauro's staff had been experimenting with to reduce water use on the lawns.

Mr. Sauro commented on concerns about keeping trees viable and noted that trees are starting to go into dormant state early.

Supervising Groundskeeper Jim Simon provided the Board with information on different practices that the landscapers have tried in order to reduce water consumption around the CAC and County Events Center (CEC).

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Sauro noted that there was a sign on the landscaping where test cases are being worked on that educate the public. He then commented that they could post the information to the County's website as well.

Mr. Lango noted that staff would work with the County Administrator's Office to make more information available on current methods being worked on.

Supervisor Vasquez noted the importance of the area staying viable for the kids and families to play and commented that the artificial turf would provide this.

Mr. Sauro noted that the artificial turf had a natural feel and that he would bring a sample around to the Board offices.

Supervisor Thomson commented on keeping the look of the area green and looking nice and noted a preference for this over brown grass or granite.

Mr. Sauro noted that staff incorporates the concept of ways to save water on any projects that are planned.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the landscaping for the old St. Mary's municipal courthouse in Vacaville.

Mr. Simon noted that they were watering the landscape once a week and doing what they could to keep it alive.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that there were two eucalyptus trees on the property near the parking lot that were showing signs of stress.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on loss of trees.

Mr. Sauro commented on the early turning of trees into dormant states because of the drought.

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

A) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on the cost of water, the cost of turning off outside water faucets, saving costs and upgraded faucets.

Mr. Sauro noted that the two older buildings had water saving fixtures that need to be updated, the rest were not newly constructed and would need to be upgraded. He then noted that ongoing maintenance does include latest and greatest upgrades, Lastly, he noted that shutting off water outside would result in trees and landscape dying and more costs to remove them.

Supervisor Sperring noted the need to keep trees watered.

On motion of Supervisor Sperring, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved water conservation projects up to \$500,000 as part of ongoing efforts to reduce water use in County facilities, in support of State mandated water reduction requirements. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

13 **[15-0770](#)**

Approve the appointment of two Solano County Board Members to a "Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - to - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Joint Transition Committee" with a specially-appointed group of current members of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County

Attachments: [A - WIOA Board Composition](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Executive Director of the Solano County Workforce Investment Board Robert Bloom provided the Board with information on a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - to - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Joint Transition Committee.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that Supervisors Seifert and Thomson were interested in sitting on the committee.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Seifert, the Board appointed Supervisors Seifert and Thomson to a "Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - to - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Joint Transition Committee" with a specially-appointed group of current members of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Supervisor Seifert asked for a change to the appointment for the Lower Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Corridor Management Framework Policy Committee, noting that she would like to transfer her duties to Supervisor Thomson.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that this would need to be put on a future agenda.

Adopted

2:00 P.M.

- 12** [15-0776](#) Conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution approving an update to the Solano County Public Health and Safety Chapter 5 of the 2008 General Plan

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [B - Planning Commission Staff Report](#)
 [C - Planning Commission Minutes](#)
 [D - Planning Commission Resolution](#)
 [E - Summary of PH&S Chapter Update](#)
 [F - Presentation](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Chairwoman Hannigan opened the public hearing.

Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen and Principal Planner Matt Walsh introduced the item.

Michael Baker and Associates representative Jeff Henderson provided the Board with an overview of the proposed General Plan Update including flood related mapping and fire hazard mapping.

Supervisor Vasquez asked what the Wildfire Protection Plan (WPP) was.

Mr. Henderson noted that the WPP showed the zones where areas were most prone to wildfires and laid out strategies that the County would put in place to minimize fire hazards.

In response to questions from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Henderson noted that WPP would be enforced through County code and commented that land use designation in the WPP areas were grazing land.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello commented on requests and feedback received by fire districts in these areas and noted that most were regarding additional water storage tanks, alternative power, different roof materials and extended clearing in those areas. She further noted that standards would be tighter and building requirements would be stricter in the WPP areas.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Henderson noted that there was not an actual plan in place yet for the WPP areas.

Mr. Walsh noted that specifics in standards and building requirements could be hashed out through the WPP plan.

Mr. Henderson provided the Board with examples of goals that the WPP plan could have.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the ability to implement such a plan.

Mr. Henderson noted that objectives in the plan would include funding and priority.

Mr. Henderson continued to provide the Board with information on miscellaneous revisions to General Plan text.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter. There was no public comment.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on ensuring that conversations with agencies had taken place and were memorialized.

Mr. Walsh noted that those conversations would be recorded in the files.

Chairwoman Hannigan closed the public hearing.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board adopted Resolution 2015-147 approving an update to the Solano County Public Health and Safety Chapter 5 of the 2008 General Plan. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution 2015-147

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS

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

A. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of James Elkins, an active member of the Vacaville community.

B. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of NE "Sandy" Sandusky, an active member of the Vacaville community.

C. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Pauline Mae Cole, an active member of the Winters community.

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

E. Supervisor Spering requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Judy Fazio, wife of former U.S. Congressman Vic Fazio.

F. Chairwoman Hannigan requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Mary M. Harriman Jennings, an active member of the Vallejo community.

G. Chairwoman Hannigan requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Buddy Murray, an active member of the Vallejo community.

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. All members were present and Chairwoman Hannigan presided.

14

[15-0778](#)

Receive an oral introduction to groundwater management

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

County Counsel Dennis Bunting introduced the item.

Attorney Tony Rossman provided the Board with an overview of groundwater management including the history behind groundwater law.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on Colorado water courts and asked if California would be better off having those types of courts.

Mr. Rossman provided the Board with history and information on water courts in Colorado. He also commented on the benefits of using an administrative process instead of a judicial process to manage water issues.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on legislation and future approaches to managing water in California.

Mr. Rossman continued to provide the Board with information on Colorado's process, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2014, groundwater basins, and cities and water district maps.

Supervisor Seifert commented on groundwater basins and what the criteria was that constituted a basin.

Mr. Rossman provided the Board with information on the basin priorities and boundaries responsibility of the DWR (Department of Water Resources), noting that the foundation of basin designation should be based on hydrology and that some basins within the state were based off of political boundaries.

Supervisor Seifert commented on basin boundary considerations to look at.

Mr. Rossman commented on basin boundaries and past boundary decisions, noting that it was important for counties to work together concerning basins.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the need for the counties to work together on water use from the basins. He then asked about the likelihood of cities working on their own water plans.

Mr. Rossman commented on state oversight and city water use and noted that the role of the cities was a good question for future analysis. He then continued to provide information on the next steps for the County prior to 2020/2022.

Supervisor Seifert commented on reasons why a well moratorium was not selected in other counties.

Mr. Rossman suggested that the reasons were politically based and commented on legal reasons for not creating a well moratorium.

Supervisor Seifert commented on using cancellation of Williamson Act contracts as a tool to prevent transfers of land.

Mr. Rossman noted that this wasn't something he had looked into yet.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on Williamson Act contracts.

Mr. Rossman then provided information on the recent CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Exemption, funding sustainable groundwater management, Proposition 1, AB 1390 (2015), the Governor's Administrative Proposal and challenging policy issues.

Supervisor Seifert complimented Mr. Rossman on the presentation. She then commented on looking at local county challenges and the need to work together as a collaborative.

Supervisor Vasquez suggested that staff come back to the Board with options on this matter.

Supervisor Seifert noted that it would be helpful to know where the Board was at on the issue and how to empower staff to figure out what the structure would be moving forward in order to work on this matter.

Supervisor Vasquez also complimented Mr. Rossman on the presentation and commented that the task of addressing groundwater was daunting.

Supervisor Spering also complimented Mr. Rossman and staff on the presentation and asked if the references to County referred to Solano County or all county agencies.

Mr. Rossman noted that references to county laws pertained to Solano County and to cities in some respect.

Supervisor Spering asked for an expanded explanation concerning policing powers of cities.

Mr. Rossman noted that cities had the authority to regulate water pumping within their boundaries.

Supervisor Spering asked for examples of policies that the GSA could adopt or what it was they were trying to accomplish.

Mr. Rossman commented that it would be to fix what a sustainable level of groundwater use would be within their jurisdiction. He noted that it could be a matter of soft regulations defining best practices, establishing duties, talking about crop distribution, or possibly hard regulations such as regulating meters on wells, reporting of the water used on wells, etc.

Supervisor Spering asked if individuals would have to come to the county or to the GSA (Groundwater Sustainability Agencies) for a permit.

Mr. Rossman commented that they would go to the GSA for the permit.

Supervisor Spering asked if the County would be the convener of the GSA.

Mr. Rossman commented that there were several options as to who the convener could be and noted that it would be convener authority not the regulatory authority.

Supervisor Spering asked if it would be reasonable for all existing users to establish a baseline water use to manage sustainability.

Mr. Rossman noted that establishing existing use as a baseline would be a logical first step and commented on water users with common law rights to water use.

Supervisor Spering suggested that there would be more cooperation at the beginning if everyone were to establish a baseline use to work from. He then asked about land use and water use authority.

Mr. Rossman commented on the County's ability to regulate groundwater and noted that it would pass to a GSA. He then commented on influencing water use similar to what Kern County had done by trying to change land use designation for land that could have potentially used a lot of groundwater. He also commented on state oversight using the GSA.

Supervisor Spering asked about the effect of groundwater management on housing allocations and noted that there was a certain amount of housing required.

Mr. Rossman commented on the use of groundwater for urban development and housing requirements, noting that housing was a fundamental right.

Supervisor Spering noted that the Housing Element should be part of the discussions for the new GSA.

Mr. Rossman commented on legislation and noted the importance of making sure cities had a seat at the table during discussions. He then commented on agriculture and water availability.

Supervisor Sperring commented on the Regional Transportation Plan and criteria that is a disadvantage to rural counties. He then noted that there needed to be an investment to preserve the unique characteristics of the counties.

Chairwoman Hannigan thanked Mr. Rossman for his presentation.

Supervisor Thomson commented on Supervisor Seifert's suggestion to start formulating a position and noted the need to move slowly and look at whether the County needs to be the lead on this and/or needs a partner. He then noted that he would be thinking about things such as whether the County could tell a farmer what they could or could not grow and the expenses of drilling a well.

Supervisor Seifert commented on data collection, noting a need to find an independent resource to identify the situation here in the County and make sure that data is accurate. She then agreed that things should move slowly but that the Board should empower staff to work with agencies to bring back a plan that will allow for a comprehensive and inclusive process.

Mr. Rossman noted that the sooner a plan was in place, the sooner that the GSA could do the CEQA analysis. He then commented on Kern County regulating what is grown as opposed to regulating well use.

Received

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 4:03 p.m. in memory of James Elkins, NE "Sandy" Sandusky, Pauline Mae Cole, Richard Kenneth Lewis, Judy Fazio, Mary M. Harriman and Buddy Murray. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be August 25, 2015 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 Bellinder, Chief Deputy Clerk