

## Minutes For April 23, 2002

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### SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS" MINUTES

April 23, 2002

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:35 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll. Present were Supervisors Kondylis, Silva, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll. Supervisor Kromm was excused.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:36 a.m. to discuss Meet and Confer: Unit 16, Mid Managers; Local 1280, Probation, Unit 12, with Yolanda Irigon Director of Human Resources. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 9:23 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 9:24 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

### PRESENTATIONS

(Item 7A) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 2002 AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Carroll, the Board acted to approve a proclamation recognizing May 2002 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Solano County. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused. On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kondylis presented the above referenced proclamation to Jean Hughes, American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE) of California, and Local 17 Napa and Solano County's. Ms. Hughes noted a membership of several hundred motorcyclists in Solano County, and thanked the Board.

(Item 7B) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-067 RECOGNIZING GIUSEPPE "JOE" POMIDORO FOR 52 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SOLANO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-067. The Board further acted to authorize a Plaque of Appreciation for Guisepe "Joe" Pomodoro. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kondylis presented Mr. Pomodoro with Resolution No. 2002-067 and a Plaque of Appreciation honoring him upon his retirement for 52 years of service to the Solano County Fair Association.

Mr. Pomodoro thanked the Board for their support, introduced his family, and noted it has been a pleasure to be apart of the Solano County Fair.

Chairman Carroll noted that all of the people in Solano County, both living today and many who are no longer with us, have enjoyed the fruits of Mr. Pomodoro's dedication and labor.

Kim Myrman, General Manager of the Solano County Fair, noted her appreciation to Mr. Pomodoro.

Supervisor Silva noted that it has been a pleasure knowing Mr. Pomodoro all these years, and wished him well in his retirement.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson , the Board acted to approve the submitted Agenda, incorporated herein by reference, with the following modifications:

(Item 7C) Approval of a resolution and plaque for presentation to Randy Kitts for 35 years of service to Solano County, removed from the Agenda.

(Item 14C) Approval of a resolution amending the Allocation List to add 1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse, Limited Term to January 1, 2003, to fill a vacancy created by a military reservist called to active duty for one year, removed from the Consent Calendar.

So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 4-0, Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 12) MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2002, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Clerk of the Board dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 13A) SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO ISSUE 2002-2003 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CASH-FLOW FINANCING PROGRAM, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 13B) COUNTY TREASURERS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2002 – MARCH 31, 2002, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14A) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-068 AMENDING THE LIST AND NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 14B) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAY AREA REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health & Social Services dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and the Chairman authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 15) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,336 FROM THE CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT PROGRAM (CLEEP) HIGH TECHNOLOGY GRANT RE PROGRAM COSTS AND ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 16) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-070 AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO RENEW THE STATE BOARD OF CONTROL, VICTIM COMPENSATION AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS BOARD AS A SEVENTH YEAR PROJECT IN SOLANO COUNTY, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 17) AGREEMENT WITH SMITH AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES RE PLEASANTS VALLEY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Transportation dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by referenced, approve and the County Administrator authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 18) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-071 AUTHORIZING LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION (DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

#### ORDERS

(Item 14C) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-069 AMENDING THE LIST AND NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES), ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health and Social Services dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding a resolution to amend the Position Allocation List to add a limited term Public Health Nurse to fill a vacancy created by a military reservist called to active duty for one year.

Responding to questions and concerns posed by Supervisor Silva in regards to how the Board is going to backfill vacant positions, where the money is going to come from to backfill the position, if a policy is going to be established, and what happened in the Sheriff's Office and other places where employees have been called to active duty, Dr. Thomas Charron, County Health Officer, noted the nurse on military duty receives more pay in the military, than working for the County. The net costs to the County are net

neutral costs, and

Dr. Charron requested that this position be backfilled, especially in these times of Bio-

Terrorism and the other activities that the nurse would have fulfilled.

Supervisor Silva commented that this individual must have a high rank if receiving

more pay serving in the military, responding Dr. Charron indicated that this particular

individual is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Air Force.

Responding to a question posed by Supervisor Silva in regards to how this effects a

policy for the County with all of the others who are on military leave, and has the Sheriff's

Office and others backfilled positions, Assistant County Administrator Darby Hayes, noted

that the Board has not established a policy regarding backfilling positions, and vacant

positions have been reviewed on a case by case basis. In this instance, the cost to the County

is minimal in terms of the county continuing to pay benefits of approximately \$8,500 per

year. Staff decides whether it is critical to fill the vacant position, or if it is a job that other

employees can do on a short term basis. The County has problems recruiting nurses, and it is

in the County's best interest to backfill this position on an extra help or limited term basis.

Supervisor Silva pointed out that he asked for a policy in the past, and if staff is

reviewing positions on a case by case basis, Supervisor Silva would like to see the cases that

have been done, and where the County acquired the money to backfill those positions.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board

acted to adopt Resolution 2002-069 Amending the Allocation List and Numbers and

Classifications of Positions within Solano County (Health & Social Services). So ordered by

a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 20A) PRESENTATION FROM LORETTA HUDDARD-WOLFE RE THE SOLANO

PARTNERSHIP AGAINST VIOLENCE (SPAV) ANNUAL REPORT AND AN UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SPAV, ACCEPTED

Christina Rios-Klein, Chairperson of the Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV), reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Transmittal from the County Administrator's Office dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the Solano Partnership Against Violence Annual Report and the relationship between the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Solano Partnership Against Violence. Ms. Rios-Klein noted SPAV became an official advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors in February 2001. Loretta Huddard-Wolfe, Vice-Chairperson of the SPAV, noted support from the Office of Family Violence Prevention, and that SPAV's major goals over the next year is to increase community involvement in SPAV, to facilitate an ongoing public awareness campaign about the effects of family violence in Solano County, and to develop their structure. SPAV completed a trigger lock program supplying each of the city police departments with 100 trigger locks to be given to individuals whose firearms had been voluntarily taken when a domestic violence situation occurred in the home. The firearm is later returned with a trigger lock, along with information about how to store firearms. Ms. Huddard-Wolfe referred to item five in SPAV's annual report highlighting one of SPAV's accomplishments in 2001 was in the wake of terrorist attacks in Washington and New York of organizing a vigil that took place on the steps of the Old Courthouse on September 15, 2001. The event included speakers Supervisor Skip Thomson, District Attorney Dave Paulson, Health Officer Dr. Thomas Charron, and Pastor Willie Graham. Many County employees and Fairfield Police Department uniformed officers attended the ceremony. Supervisor Kondylis presented Ms. Rios-Klein with certificates for Terry Ray, Kathy Dineen, and Dottie Lee, long term members of SPAV, noting these members have been instrumental in keeping SPAV going. Supervisor Kondylis indicated that the organizational chart, at some point in the future, needs to indicate that SPAV is the over arching special advisor and the Elder Abuse Council and Child Abuse Prevention Council should be rolled into it because the

three are interconnected and relate to family violence. Carolyn Thomas-Wold, Office of Family Violence Prevention, noted SPAV has quarterly coordinated council meetings with the Chairs of all three councils. The councils are beginning to integrate projects and discuss legislation and how they can support each others efforts in family violence prevention as a whole.

(Item 20B) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-072 CLARIFYING THE FEES TO BE CHARGED UNDER THE COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES FEES ORDINANCE, ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's Office dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the fees to be charged under the Public Facilities Fees Ordinance.

Chairman Carroll opened the public hearing. As there was no one that wished to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-072 Clarifying the Fees to be Charged Under the County Public Facilities Fees Ordinance. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 20C) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-073 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-074 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-075 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-076 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-077 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER/COUNTY CLERK, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-078 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-079 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR  
THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-080 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR  
THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-081 ADOPTING REVISED FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR  
THE COUNTY LIBRARY, ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the County  
Administrator's Office  
dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding modified  
user fees for FY  
2002/2003.

Chairman Carroll opened the public hearing. As there was no  
one that wished to speak on  
this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Responding to a question posed by Supervisor Silva regarding the impact  
on restaurants for  
annual inspections, what the cost is today, what the proposed cost is, what the  
risk based food  
inspection program is and is that program going to reduce costs,  
Environmental Health Division of  
Environmental Management Program Manager, Dennis Kalson, noted his  
agency is in charge of the  
food safety program for the County. Environmental Health is in the process of  
implementing a risk  
based food inspection program which will impact fees and cause a shift in  
County resources in order  
to focus more on restaurants that pose a greater risk of food born illness to the  
public. That shift in  
resources will accompany a shift in fees, so that those restaurants which  
handle and process foods  
that pose greater risks will pay a greater proportion of the fees, and less risk  
restaurants will pay  
lower fees. Approximately 40% of the total establishments will see an increase  
in fees. High risk  
establishments fees will increase approximately 15%. Within the new fee

structure, the

Environmental Health Division of Environmental Management is proposing to increase fees by an average of 5% to cover increases in County costs.

Supervisor Silva feels that as long as the County inspects the worst of the worst establishments and the establishments pay for the costs, he can understand the increase in fees, because those types of establishments will require more than one inspection to make sure that they have complied. The restaurants that do an excellent job should not be paying the same fees.

Mr. Kalson clarified that the riskiest places are not the worst restaurants. Restaurants are the riskiest by virtue of the food processes they use. A restaurant may be a very clean, good operation, and usually are in Solano County, but by nature of the foods they handle, the temperature controls, and the variety of menu present a greater risk. Environmental Health is increasing services to high risk restaurants by adding a consultation session where County staff goes in as consultants to identify the factors that can be controlled, and work in partnership with operators to reduce the risk of food born illness which is the overall goal of the program.

Supervisor Kondylis noted the Federal Government is reducing its inspection of food, and there is more food contamination and food poisoning, and feels this program is essential.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-073 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for Agriculture Department, Resolution No. 2002-074 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for Environmental Management Department, Environmental Health Division, Resolution No. 2002-075 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for Environmental Management Department, Planning Services Division, Resolution No. 2002-076 Adopting the Revised Fee Schedule for Environmental Management Department, Building and Safety Division, Resolution No. 2002-077 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk, Resolution No. 2002-078 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for the Transportation Department, Resolution No. 2002-079 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for the

Registrar of Voters, Resolution No. 2002-080 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for the Health & Social Services Department, Resolution No. 2002-081 Adopting Revised Fee Schedule for the County Library. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused. (see Resolution Book)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE SOLANO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Solano County Housing Authority

(Item 21) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE VACAVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM; AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL SECTION 8 VOUCHERS AND FUNDING UNDER US HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTION 8 PROGRAMS, APPROVED

(Minutes regarding this matter of the Solano County Housing Authority are available at the Department of Environmental Management.)

(Item 23A) AMENDMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES IN THE SOLANO COUNTY CHILDREN'S NETWORK BY-LAWS, APPROVED

LEATRICE KNOX, DENISE MCBRIDE DELGADO, ANA DINEEN AND GAYLA REITER APPOINTED TO THE CHILDREN'S NETWORK COUNCIL, APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from The Children's Network Council dated April 23, 2002 incorporated herein by reference, in regards to amending the Children's Network Council By-Laws.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve the amendment to the membership categories in the Solano County Children's Network By-laws, and appointed Leatrice Knox to the Local Child Care Planning Council category; Denise McBride Delgado to the Child Abuse Prevention Council category; Gayla Reiter to the SIDS Advisory Committee category; and reassigned Ana Dineen to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent

Health category. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 23B) MIKE MCCLURE APPOINTED TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to appoint Mike McClure to the Workforce Investment Board. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 23C) ROBIN WEIDMAN, JOYCE FOSTER AND ROSE DANIELS APPOINTED TO THE NORTHERN SOLANO HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

RESIGNATIONS OF ALICE MORRIS, ANNE PUTNEY, BRUCE BURR AND JESSICA BARTON FROM THE NORTHERN SOLANO HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, ACCEPTED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to appoint Robin Weidman, Joyce Foster and Rose Daniels to the Northern Solano Human Services Advisory Board, and to accept the resignations of Alice Morris, Anne Putney, Bruce Burr and Jessica Barton. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 23D) JIM CAMPI AND KEN KINNAMAN REAPPOINTED TO THE ROCKVILLE CEMETERY DISTRICT

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to reappoint Jim Campi and Ken Kinnaman to the Rockville Cemetery District. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 22A) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-082 APPROVING MINOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION NO. S-01-02 OF BRIAN WEST AND ASSOCIATES (PIPPA), ADOPTED

Joe Prutch, Department of Environmental Management, reviewed maps contained in a visual presentation, and reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Environmental Management dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, noting that

the Planning Commission at its March 21, 2002 meeting reviewed and recommended that the Board adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact; and approve the subdivision of 148 acres located at 4142 Cantelow Road into seven lots; two 5-acre rural residential lots and five 21.5+ acre exclusive agricultural lots.

Responding to a question posed by Supervisor Kondylis in regards to comparing the Orderly Growth Initiative in terms of allowable uses with the zoning in the General Plan, Mr. Prutch noted that the Orderly Growth Initiative deals with properties that are General Plan Agricultural. The zoning for part of the subject property is Rural Residential, with the remaining part being Ag, so the zoning is not governed by the Orderly Growth Initiative, it's governed by the General Plan, and is consistent with the Orderly Growth Initiative in the sense that it is not affected by that. The Ag zoned properties will need to be changed in the future to be consistent with the Rural Residential General Plan designation.

Chairman Carroll opened the public hearing.

Sandy DeGeorge noted that her property is located north of subject property and voiced concerns with the proposed road site going from Gibson Canyon Road up Dove Creek Trail which is now a private gravel road and connecting with Peaceful Glen Road. This will impact the wildlife, and the residents of the neighborhood. Mr. Pippo is taking the road to the edge of his property, but the theory is that the road will continue all the way through Dove Creek Trail. Mr. Prutch referred to a visual sketch noting that when Mr. Cassil subdivides his property he will also be required to provide some type of roadway improvements. The design as to where the roadway is going to be located is still not decided, but will be determined when Mr. Cassil has a proposal that will be considered by both the Planning Commission and ultimately the Board of Supervisors because its believed to be a major subdivision. If Mr. Pippo is unable to get the private property owners on Dove Creek Trail to convert the road into a public right-of-way, Mr. Pippo will have to provide a 60 foot wide right-of-way on his own property.

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

closed.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson , the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-082 Approving Minor Subdivision Application No. S-01-02 of Brian West and Associates (Pippo). So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

Supervisor Kromm will be participating on Item 22B remotely from 119 Cannon House Office

Building, Washington, D.C. (Government Code Section 54953)

(Item 22B) BOARD DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING LEGISLATION TO FORM AN OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Director of Environmental Management Birgitta Corsello, reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from her department dated April 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, outlining why this matter of the creation of an open space district is before the Board of Supervisors at this time. Ms. Corsello noted the Board authorized the Agricultural Commissioner Susan Cohen, and herself, with the assistance of Darla Gnezler, Bay Area Open Space Council, Pam Muick, Solano Land Trust, and other individuals to meet with the farming community. The suggestion made by the Agricultural Advisory Committee was to send out postcards, host regional meetings, and to go out into the farming community and invite individuals to attend meetings and make presentations. Community meetings took place on April 10, 17 and 18th. The Solano Land Trust suggested a forth meeting be held in the Vacaville area which is set for April 24, 2002. At each meeting the Agricultural Conservation Easement Plan was presented by Ms. Muick, noting there was no opposition or concerns from the farming community. The Agricultural Conservation Easement Plan will not be adopted by the Board, it a document standing on its own as guidance for the Solano Land Trust as they pursue their primary role, which is Agricultural Land Conservation Easements. The Open Space Implementation Strategy was also presented, noting there is a growing desire in some sections of the community for additional recreation opportunities. In regards to the proposal that was put together by the Mayors Conference in terms of how the

Board might structure

an open space district, Ms. Corsello clearly outlined the restrictions that would be considered, answered questions as to why this matter was moving forward at its current pace, why it was configured the way it was, and the fact that the creation of the district does not involve an election.

Ms. Corsello gave an overhead presentation identifying various groups who have provided input, and are not in favor of the creation of a new entity. Ms. Corsello pointed out that the farming community feels that their concerns will not be recognized, and the possibility of the duplication of efforts, staffing, or conflicts. With regards to separating the transportation issue, there was a general consensus that the transportation issue should stand on its own, and the Board should consider whether the creation of an open space district and the transportation issue should remain together.

Ms. Corsello noted that in every community meeting there was a desire by a majority of those present to not do any further work on the draft document as it exists today; or to not proceed with the formation of an open space district as proposed. Ms. Corsello outlined the alternatives in her report regarding the proposal for the formation of an open space district, noting with regards to funding, and based on feedback from the public, a sales tax should not be pursued for open space, and the two issues should be separated. Ms. Corsello noted the primary question before the Board today is whether the Board is going to proceed with legislation, stop the process this year and go back and deal with it at a slower pace, and how the Board sees staff participating.

Supervisor Silva gave a brief history on how we got to where we are today, noted that the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan has been completed, and will go before the City Councils and the public. The Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan notes exactly what the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is looking at, how the STA plans to resolve issues, and is in the process now of putting together an expenditure plan to show the voters exactly what they would be buying if they support a 1/2 cent transportation sales tax in November. A community survey prepared by the STA shows that 78-90% of the residents in Solano County

support a sales tax.

Supervisor Silva feels it is premature to move forward with the open space plan, and recommended that Senator Chesbro pull the placeholder bill, the open space and transportation issues be separated, a letter be sent to the Mayors requesting that the Mayors Conference review and have further discussion on the transportation issues, and whether they would support a transportation sales tax on the November ballot to resolve the transportation issues in Solano County. The County needs to take a leadership role, and somehow devise a plan so that the positive work that has been done regarding open space can be looked at by County staff and be aired by the Board, Ag Commission and Farm Bureau as to what the public's needs are.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of an Open Space District:

Mayor Marci

Coglianesse, City of Rio Vista, Dr. Michael Meredith, Pharmatox Inc., Jill Simmons, Norman H.

Reece, Republican Assembly of Southern Solano, Jeff Dittmer, Napa Solano Cattlemen's

Association, Bob Berman, Franklin "Harry" Ernst, Douglas Tingey, Hatch Investments, Duncan

McCormack III, Vern F. VanBuskirk, Central Solano Citizen Taxpayer Group, George Guynn, Jr.,

James R. Lewis, Bayseng Spice Co., Michael Ceremello, Gary Andrews, Amos & Andrews

Construction, Jeanne Hill, Vallejo Republicans, Richard Brann, Donna Harr, Russ Lester, Solano

Land Trust, Barbara Comfort, and Clif Poole, Solano County Citizens Land Alliance.

The following individuals spoke in favor of an Open Space District: Pam

Muick, Solano

Land Trust, Natalie DuMont, Greenbelt Alliance, and Darla Gnenzler, Bay Area Open Space

Council.

The following individuals provided speaker cards noting opposition to an Open Space

District, but chose not to speak: Earl Campi, Solano County Taxpayers Association, Richard Emigh,

Don Gordon, David Hamilton, Victor Kroutch, Michael S. Lewis, Bayseng Spice Co., Dan Mahoney,

John Pierson, Gordon Rasmussen, Ray Scottoch, Eric Warnken, Solano County Farm Bureau, James

Williams, and John Woods, Benicia Taxpayers Association.

Since there was no one further who wished to speak on this matter,

Chairman Carroll closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thomson requesting that Senator Chesbro remove SB 1899, and that the bill not be considered until the Board, the Cities, and the electorate in Solano County have decided that an open space district is what they want. Supervisor Thomson noted that the transportation and open space issues should be separated so that the public can vote on them separately. Supervisor Thomson referred to Proposition A, which he feels is an excellent way of preserving land, and also requires a public process. Chairman Carroll agreed with Supervisor Thomson's comments, noting that the emphasis to Senator Chesbro in regards to further consideration of the bill be at a time when a majority of the public considers too do so. Supervisor Kondylis noted that the growth pressures in Solano County are tremendous, 80% of the plans laid out in the transportation proposal are to widen roads, and as roads are widened, it's going to be difficult to farm. Supervisor Kondylis suggested that in November an advisory measure be placed on the ballot to find out what the public wants, and what the public is willing to pay for. Supervisor Silva supports requesting that Senator Chesbro withdraw SB 1899, dividing the transportation and open space issues, and at a later date, come back to the Board with an expenditure plan on the transportation issues that the Board can make determinations on at that time. However, given all the comments and concerns that have been expressed, Supervisor Silva would like the Board to direct staff to bring back by budget time the concept of creating a recreational plan in concert with the agricultural community and the County Parks Commission to look at the alternatives for the management of recreational facilities. Supervisor Silva referred to a letter from Russell Lester, incorporated herein by reference, which notes the Parks Department can and should provide the law-enforcement, staff, administration and maintenance of our needed County parks. Accountability of the Parks Department is clearly understood by all

and would not cause redundant administration and operation costs to the taxpayers. Current areas that could be added to the existing three parks are Lynch Canyon, Rush Ranch, the Tri-City/County area and others currently owned by Solano Land Trust and others. Chairman Carroll voiced his concerns and does not support an advisory measure to be placed on the November ballot.

Supervisor Kromm indicated that he had attended the community meetings, and it is clear that the vast majority of the public is unhappy with an open space district being proposed. Supervisor Kromm thanked the mayors, noting that the mayors recognize the growing growth pressures and the needs for recreation facilities, and a need for a regional park system. Supervisor Kromm pointed out that it is clear that the strategy report needs a lot of revisions, and the process was moved too quickly. The polls of the focus groups show significant Countywide interest in open space protection. In terms of development pressures, Supervisor Kromm recalls that the Bay Area wide housing growth forecast projected for Solano County is 32% in the next twenty years, which is a risk in regards to the loss of agricultural land. Supervisor Kromm noted that there is no local source of funds available to take care of the proposed twenty to forty thousand acres of agricultural preservation, so keeping the process moving forward is critical. Supervisor Kromm suggested backing off the proposed bill for this year, but would like to see the strategy report process finished, the group of people active in the process widened, and agrees with Supervisor Silva as to using more County resources if there is a strategy that works for most people, and to ask the voters if they would like to form a district by putting it on the ballot. Supervisor Thomson noted that he is not supportive of directing staff to bring back the concept of creating a recreational plan, and feels that there should be a hold on any open space discussion considering what opposition has been shown over the last several weeks. Supervisor Thomson clarified that his motion is to request Senator Chesbro to withdraw SB 1899, and to place the transportation issue on the ballot as a separate issue.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Chairman Carroll, the Board acted request Senator Chesbro to withdraw SB 1899, and to place the transportation issue on the November ballot. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. Supervisor Silva noted that he is not going to introduce his request in regards to a recreation plan as a separate motion, in that the open space plan is still being circulated amongst the cities.

In response to a question posed by Chairman Carroll in regards to the transportation tax, Supervisor Silva noted that once the Solano Transportation Authority has completed the expenditure plan it will be brought to the Board.

In response to Ms. Corsello's request for clarification, Supervisor Thomson noted that open space advocates can bring forth information if they wish, but the Board has taken a position that County staff is not going to participate in the open space issues.

Supervisor Kromm pointed out that the County is a partner in the open space coalition and feels that Ms. Corsello needs clarity as to whether the County is willing to stay in partnership.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Chairman Carroll, the Board directed that County staff not be participatory in the open space issues at this time, and not to spend any more County effort or monies on that particular issue. So ordered by a vote of 3-2; Supervisors Kondylis and Kromm voted no.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned in memory of Jack Newell, Sr., at 5:12 p.m.

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William J. Carroll, Chairman

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Myra Chirila, Deputy  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors