

Minutes For June 24, 2003

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:33 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kromm. All members were present.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:34 a.m. to discuss Meet and Confer: All Bargaining Units with Yolanda Irigon, Chief Negotiator; Meet and Confer: Correctional Officers, Unit 13 with Craig Jory, Chief Negotiator; Potential Litigation: two (2) cases; Property Negotiations: Solano County Fairgrounds; Negotiating Parties: Michael D. Johnson, County Administrator and David Martinez, Vallejo City Manager; Under Negotiation: Price. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 9:13 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 9:13 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

(Item 7) PRESENTATION BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN LOIS WOLK ON THE STATUS OF THE FY 03/04 STATE BUDGET

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk spoke frankly regarding the unprecedented situation in the State on the polarized and partisan environment and other factors resulting in the unwillingness to compromise to finalize the budget. Assemblywoman Wolk noted her commitment to children, discussed currently proposed budgets, the final budget that could include many major spending cuts and some tax increases, other budget reforms, reforms for now and in the future. Assemblywoman Wolk noted that MediCal and the Vehicle License Fee backfill will continue.

There was a brief discussion on the proposed budgets, the changes that will be made to them, and with the economy rebound.

(Item 7A) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COLONEL JAMES T. RUBEOR, COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND'S 349TH AIR MOBILITY WING, TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND TO THE CITIZENS OF SOLANO COUNTY, APPROVED

On motion of Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to approve a proclamation commending Colonel James T. Rubeor for his dedication to the U.S. Air Force and the citizens of Solano County. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Kromm presented the proclamation to Colonel Rubeor.

Colonel Rubeor thanked the Board for the support for Travis Air Force Base, discussed the significant impact of the reservists, and explained how the reservists mobilize and what a benefit the reservists are to the Country.

(Item 7B) PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING BY KEN NORDHOFF, GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, RECEIVED

On behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association, Ken Nordhoff presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002 to Solano County Auditor-Controller Bill Eldridge.

Mr. Nordhoff noted this award has been in place since 1946, what a significant achievement this is, and the amount of hard work it took to achieve this award.

Mr. Eldridge noted this significant achievement is due to the hard work of the Assistant Auditor-Controller Simona Padilla-Scholten and staff, commended his staff for all their hard work, and discussed the benefits this will have for the County.

(Item 7C) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-139 DECLARING JULY 20-26, 2003 AS CALIFORNIA WEED AWARENESS WEEK, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-139 Declaring July 20-26, 2003 as California Weed Awareness Week. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Silva presented the resolution to Wendy Rash, Solano County Weed Management Area.

Ms. Rash noted the weed problems in the County and the work being done to educate the public to help eliminate these noxious weeds.

(Item 7D) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-140 RECOGNIZING THOMAS CHARRON, MD, MPH, UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY, AND PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-140. The Board further acted to authorize a Plaque of Appreciation for Dr. Charron. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Forney presented Dr. Charron with Resolution No. 2003-140 and a Plaque of Appreciation honoring him upon his retirement after 25 years of service to Solano County as the County Health Officer.

Dr. Charron noted the opportunities he has had here, thanked his family and friends; and discussed his biggest accomplishments with the creation of the Partnership Health Plan, the Tobacco Initiative, and helping to change the behavior and culture relating to tobacco.

Several Supervisors commended Dr. Charron for the strides that have been made in health care in the County.

(Item 7E) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-141 RECOGNIZING JOHN BUNTER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY

On motion of Supervisor Forney and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-141. The Board further acted to authorize a Plaque of Appreciation for Mr. Bunter. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Forney presented Mr. Bunter with Resolution No. 2003-141 and a Plaque of Appreciation honoring him upon his retirement after 36 years of service to Solano County as an employee in Health and Social Services, and discussed her 25 years of service with Mr. Bunter.

(Item 7F) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-142 RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH (BETH) FRANSDEN UPON HER RETIREMENT FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY, AND PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION, APPROVED

On motion of Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-142. The Board further acted to authorize a Plaque of Appreciation for Beth Frandsen. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Kromm presented Ms. Frandsen with Resolution No. 2003-142 and a Plaque of Appreciation honoring her upon her retirement after 20 years of service to Solano County in the Department of Human Resources.

Director of Human Resources Yolanda Irigon commended Beth for being such a dedicated employee, and expressed how much she will be missed.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

APPEARANCE BY DONALD TIPTON, RE VARIOUS ISSUES

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced his concerns regarding the Department of Environmental Management, with the South East Vallejo Redevelopment funds, and with advertising by Mercy Housing of availability of funds for home improvement loans when the program has been cut.

APPEARANCES BY VALERIE MCCOWN, CINDY KOHRT, DAVID CASTILLO, LORRAINE YOUNT, KAREN BANKS, ELIZABETH MCCRAVEN, BETTY WARNER, RE FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Valerie McCown, Vacaville, noted her son currently is participating in the FACT program, the money that is being saved through this program, how important these services are, and the need to continue funding this program.

Cindy Kohrt, Fairfield, submitted a memo dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, voicing concerns with the proposal to close New Horizons. Ms. Kohrt noted the benefits of the program, and requested

continued funding for the program.

David Castillo, Fairfield, submitted a letter, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the proposal to close New Horizons, noted the benefits of the program, and requested continued funding for the program.

Lorraine Yount, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), submitted a letter, incorporated herein by reference, regarding continuing funding for New Horizons, and noted the potential effects if the program is cut. Ms. Yount also submitted 28 additional letters from the group Circle of Friends, incorporated herein by reference, in support of direct services for consumers through New Horizons.

Karen Banks, consumer, submitted a poem expressing her relationships with other consumers, incorporated herein by reference.

Elizabeth McCraven, consumer, submitted a note dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, supporting New Horizons and noting the benefits she has experienced.

Betty Warner, NAMI, noted the need to continue mental health programs, especially New Horizons, discussed the benefits this program and feels the program should remain in it's current location.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(Item 18) Approval of a resolution adopting the Memorandum of Understanding with Unit #13 – Correctional Officer Employees, represented by the Teamsters Union, Local #856, for the term of September 29, 2002 through October 8, 2005, removed from the Agenda.

(Item 19) Adoption of a resolution, form of note, and form of purchase contract providing for the issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes in the name of Benicia Unified School District in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000; authorize the District to issue in conjunction with another district independent of the County if conditions permit, removed from the Agenda.

So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 35.1) Consideration of a resolution urging the California Legislature to Use a Balanced Approach in Adopting the State Budget, added to the agenda later in the meeting. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 13) MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUNE 3, 2003; RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT JUNE 3, 2003, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Clerk of the Board dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14A) SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SUISUN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RE REFUND OF EXISTING TAX ALLOCATION BONDS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from County Administrator's Office dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14B) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 RE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INMATES AT CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY (CMF) AND SOLANO STATE PRISON, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from County Administrator's Office dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 15) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,475 FROM THE 2002 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION DEBT SERVICE FUND TO GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Auditor-Controller dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 16) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-143 RELEASING A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY OF CLARISSE CARTER, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 17A) AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC POWER SERVICE CORPORATION RE MAINTENANCE OF COGENERATION PLANT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and County Administrator authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 17B) RELEASE OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR UNACCOUNTED FIXED ASSETS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 17C) AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH URS CORPORATION AND KITCHELL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MANAGERS RE PROJECT/ CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ANCILLARY ARCHITECTURAL/ ENGINEERING SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and County Administrator authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20A) MARK M. MAUS, D.O., MPH APPOINTED AS INTERIM HEALTH

OFFICER/DEPUTY DIRECTOR, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 20B) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,231 RE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,000 RE PUBLIC HEALTH BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,075 RE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 20C) AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH INTERIM PHYSICIANS, BENICIA COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER, ALAMEDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND THE ECHO GROUP, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said amendments on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20D) CONTRACT WITH SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE RE SERVICES FOR CALWORKS STUDENTS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20E) APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 AND \$814,000 FROM THE COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD (CMSP), as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 20F) AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH LEADERS IN COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES, INC. AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS, INC., as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said amendments on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20G) CONTRACT WITH HUBBERT SYSTEMS RE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COMPLIANCE, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said amendments on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20H) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SOLANO SAFETY NET CONSORTIUM (SSNC) RE HOMELESS SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said MOU on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20I) BAY AREA SERVICES NETWORK (B.A.S.N.) PROVIDER SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AGREEMENTS WITH BI-BETT, INC. (RECOVERY CONNECTION, BI-BETT, INC. (SSAC), BI-BETT, INC. (SHAMIA), BI-BETT, INC. (JOHN'S PLACE AND SHAMIA), GENESIS HOUSE, HEALTHY PARTNERSHIPS, INC., HOUSE OF ACTS, PHARMATOX, INC., THE LATINO COMMISSION, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 21) LOCAL CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR CHILD CARE FUNDING SOLANO COUNTY CHILDREN'S NETWORK, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Children's Network dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 22A) THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSIONS TO AGREEMENTS WITH A.K. BEAN FOUNDATION, BI-BETT - DETOX, BI-BETT - DIABLO VALLEY RANCH, BI-BETT - OZANMUM CENTER, BI-BETT - RECOVER CONNECTION, BI-BETT - SHAMIA HOUSE, CA HISPANIC COMMISSION, CORNERSTONE RECOVERY SYSTEM, EAGLE RECOVERY PROGRAMS, GENESIS HOUSE, G.R.A.C.E., HEALTHY PARTNERSHIPS, HOUSE OF ACTS, PHARMATOX, YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Probation dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 22B) TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSIONS FOR CONTRACTS WITH LIGOURI ASSOCIATES, INC., VALLEY TOXICOLOGY, AND FAMILIES FIRST, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Probation dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 22C) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-144 ASSIGNING EXECUTION POWERS FOR ALL GRANT RELATED CONTRACTS AND BUDGETARY MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 23) RENEWAL AGREEMENTS FOR FY2003/04 WITH NATIONAL MEDICAL REGISTRY, NURSEFINDERS NURSE REGISTRY, PREFERRED STAFFING INC., STARMED, COMMUNITY MOBILE DIAGNOSTICS, DR. FRANK SCALERCIO, PAT LAWSON, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Sheriff/Coroner dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 24) AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH LONG BEACH GENETICS RE GENETIC TESTING, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Child Support Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 25) PUBLIC HEARING RE GREEN VALLEY OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS FOR FY2003/04, set for July 22, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-145 DIRECTING PREPARATION OF ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GREEN VALLEY OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-146 DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENTS AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR HEARING AND NOTICE FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (GREEN VALLEY OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

(Item 26) EAST VALLEJO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:
Quarterly Meeting held: No business to conduct

ORDERS

(Item 28) INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE PARTNERSHIP HEALTH PLAN OF CALIFORNIA AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVED IN CONCEPT

County Administrator Michael Johnson reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding a contractual agreement between the Partnership Health Plan, the County and the State to facilitate an intergovernmental fund transfer that will increase the funding available for the provision of health care throughout the County by the Partnership Health Plan (Partnership). This essentially will leverage Federal funds and matching local dollars on provision of certain services, these funds could mean up to an additional \$30 million coming to the County. The County is involved since the Federal Government does not recognize the Partnership as a public agency.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding guarantees from the State, would the County collect interest on the funds from the Partnership, and are there other Counties doing this, Mr. Johnson outlined the process noting the Partnership will transfer money to the County in advance, on a monthly basis the County will transfer an allocation to the State, the State will then will pay that revenue back to the Partnership for medical

services, and the State will report that payment to the Federal Government who will match that amount with intergovernmental (IGT) revenues that will go directly to the Partnership. After discussion, the County would retain the interest earned on funds from the Partnership, there would also be a charge of ½ of a percentage, about \$150,000 a year, which will not cover the liability issues. It is still unclear what the liability issues for the County will be. Other counties such as Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Contra Costa, and Monterey do these types of transfers, but those counties run their own hospital. The IGT process is a nationwide process that is used by states and counties, the only unique part here is that this is the first three party agreement.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Forney regarding reducing the risk by getting the funds from the Partnership at one time, Mr. Johnson noted there would be a separate contract with the State for up to \$30 million, and the question remains if the County would be liable for that amount if the agreement with the Federal Government is cancelled. Deputy County Counsel Bernadette Curry noted the draft agreements list no dollar amount since reimbursement will be based on prior months billings, and explained how the three entities would be obligated.

Supervisor Silva explained the basis of forming the Partnership, expressed concern with the County taking the risk, but feels this is a way to leverage Federal funds for the Partnership. Supervisor Silva feels the County should be getting 3% to do this transaction, is unsure of State charges, and proposed the Partnership give the County the \$30 million, that would be put on deposit, to pay the State monthly, and the County would keep the interest.

Chairman Kromm feels there is no risk for the County, and voiced concern with the fragile coalition of providers, the need to increase provider rates, and feels a nominal rate to the County would be justified.

There was a short discussion regarding a termination clause in the State contract, the Partnership fully indemnifying the County, and a comparison of a Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) loan and this type of transaction.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding charging school districts to do a TRANS, Treasurer-Tax Collector Chuck Lomeli noted the County does not charge to do the TRANS, since the property tax allocation could be taken if necessary.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding risks for the IGT loan, Mr. Lomeli noted there is no good analysis of what the risk is. The risk could be the 60 days in the out-clause and/or up to the \$30 million.

A discussion followed regarding the responsibilities of the State to the Federal government.

Supervisor Kondylis voiced concern if the Partnership would have enough money in reserve to keep the County harmless in relation to the responsibility to the State, noted the need to leverage all the money we can, but is concerned with the details.

Supervisor Silva voiced concern with the County paying funds that may not be recouped from the State, the financial status of the Partnership, wants to review the final State contract, and feels the charge should be higher for the County to take this risk.

Gary Erickson, Chief Financial Officer Partnership Health Plan, discussed the monthly current capitation process with the State, the Partnership must transfer the funds to the County, the County would then have to transfer the funds to the State before the State would give any money to the Partnership. The Partnership is audited annually by Deloitte and Touche with clean audits, and further explained the financial status of the Partnership. Supervisor Kondylis requested the Chairman review the final agreement prior to signing, questioned what the fees should be to cover County costs for these transactions, and noted the importance of providing health care. Responding, Mr. Johnson noted the Board could make changes to the agreement, and suggested coming back on June 30th for final review. Supervisor Silva discussed the projected monthly cash outlay, and requested the Partnership consider putting \$4 million on deposit with the County or a bond, an insurance policy or a letter of credit for the cash. If the cash is on deposit it would stay in the treasury until the process is completed, and the County would keep the interest proceeds from that deposit.

There was discussion regarding holding and/or utilizing some of the Partnership's reserve funds, and ways to earmark reserve funds to cover this transaction.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Forney regarding the turn around time, Mr. Erickson noted the draft language, reviewed how the process would work, feels the State would get a float of about 20 days on the funds prior to submitting it to the Federal government. The State will not be charging a fee, but will be getting the 20 to 25 days float of the money.

Supervisor Vasquez posed questions regarding the current investment pool interest rate, Mr. Lomeli noted the current rate is about 2% and is declining about 25 basis points per quarter.

Auditor/Controller William Eldridge noted support for leveraging funds, but is apprehensive about approving a claim if the money is not in the treasury, arrangements need to be made to ensure the money is there before sending money to the State, and feels the County should be amply rewarded for participating of which 50 basis points is not unreasonable.

Chairman Kromm noted Mr. Lomeli sits on the investment committee of the Partnership, and questioned if the Partnership could invest in the County pool, Mr. Lomeli is not sure if they can invest in the pool, but feels the suggestion to hold their funds as security for a loan is good.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting suggested using a performance bond, a letter of credit, or an insurance rather than cash. There could be problems how it is characterized, since these are not public monies.

Chairman Kromm noted the item would be back on June 30, 2003 with further detail, regarding means of collateral and fees.

Supervisor Silva feels the County Administrator should go back for more discussion regarding the willingness of the Partnership to pay the County a fee.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Kromm, the Board acted to approve in concept with the suggested changes including signature and clarification of indemnification of an Intergovernmental Fund Transfer Agreement with the Partnership Health Plan of California and the State

of California. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 29) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-147 OPPOSING STATION CASINOS INC. AND FEDERATED INDIANS OF GRATON RANCHERIA'S PROPOSED CASINO PROJECT, ADOPTED

County Counsel Dennis Bunting reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding opposing a proposed casino project in Sonoma County and any site along the Highway 37 corridor.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced concern with the lack of representation for Indian Gaming, with Landuse planning, with restricting use of land, and the need for the County to update the General Plan.

Several Supervisors noted support for Indian Gaming as originally enacted, but voiced concern with impacts to South County and Highway 37, and with the effects such a facility would have on County services.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No 2003-147 Opposing Station Casinos Inc. and Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria's Proposed Casino Project. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 30A) SOLANO COUNTY FAIR AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002, ACCEPTED

Tess Lapira, Auditor-Controller's Office, reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from her department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding accepting the audit of the Solano County Fair and noting a correction to page 11 the Net Horse Racing Expenses should show an increase of \$69,429 instead of a decrease.

Fair Director Kim Myrman discussed the operating loss, budgeting for this loss in 2002, changes to an investment based strategy focusing on long-term results, investments in 2002, a reduction in the number of horse racing days resulting in declining revenues, and that the loss is far less the projected amount.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding attendance, and where funding for the Master Plan is shown in the budget, Ms. Myrman noted attendance increased 7% in 2002, and funding for the Master Plan is in the administration and capitol improvement portions of the budget. There was a brief discussion regarding costs and the redevelopment program for the fair grounds that will affect the 2003 budget.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to accept the Audit of the Solano County Fair for the year ended December 31, 2002. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 30B) FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF THE INMATE WELFARE FUND AUDIT REPORT

Tess Lapira, Auditor-Controller's Office, reviewed the information contained in

the Agenda Submittal from her department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding follow-up review on the Audit Report presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2002 on the Inmate Welfare Fund.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to accept the follow-up review. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 31A) HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES MASTER LIST OF CONTRACTS FOR FIRST QUARTER RENEWALS FOR FY 2003/04, APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-148 APPROVING VARIOUS AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-149 DELEGATING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTED

Assistant Director of Health and Social Services Stephen Betz reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the Master List of Routine Contracts for the first quarter of FY 2003/04, and noted a correction to contract 477 with Seneca Center that should be for \$100,000.

Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte noted a meeting will be taking place with contractors to discuss Board priorities, cuts in the State budget, and reaffirming partnerships with the contractors.

Rev. Robert Fuentes, Faith in Action, voiced concern with proposed contract cuts of \$75,000. Rev. Fuentes noted Faith in Action was formed to meet the needs for senior services, they serve approximately 2,000 seniors across the County who are chronically ill, frail, and/or home-bound and the number of seniors needing services is increasing. Transportation to and from medical appointments is their number one request, and described the services that are provided along with the transportation. There are currently 130 volunteers providing over \$855,000 in services. Rev. Fuentes noted if the funds are cut, Faith in Action may have to turn down requests for assistance, noted the importance of the services they provide, and asked the funding continue.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to approve the Health And Social Services Master List Of Contracts for First Quarter Renewals for FY 2003/04, to Adopt Resolution No. 2002-148 Approving Various Agreements with the State of California, and Resolution No. 2002-149 Delegating Signature Authority to the Director or Deputy Director/ Health Officer of the Department of Health and Social Services. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 31B) REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL, RECEIVED

SUPERVISOR FORNEY APPOINTED TO THE CHILDREN'S POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL

Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte presented the information contained in the Agenda Submittal and a visual presentation from his department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference. Responding to comments by Chairman Kromm regarding participation by a Board member on this committee, Supervisor Forney agreed to participate on this council.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to appoint Supervisor Forney to the Children's Policy and Planning Council. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 12:45 p.m. to continue the discussions of the earlier closed Session. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 1:18 p.m.

(Item 31C) CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) OMBUDSPERSON REPORT RECEIVED

Deputy Director Health and Social Services-Child Protective Services Laura Fowler presented a brief introduction of the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from her department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the first annual Child Protective Services Ombudsperson Report.

Sarah Chapman, Ombudsperson Program, reviewed a visual presentation, incorporated herein by reference, outlining the function of the Ombudsman, reviewed the Beginning, Services, Don'ts, Clientele, Process, Outreach, Evaluation, Types of Complaints, Disposition of Complaints, Recommendations/Suggestions, and results of the Client Satisfaction Survey.

There was a brief discussion regarding the great reduction in the number of complaints being received, the scope of authority of the Ombudsman, and the accessibility of Ms. Fowler to address problems.

Ms. Fowler commended Ms. Chapman for her many attributes in assisting in researching concerns, and the benefits of Ms. Chapman's services.

(Item 31D) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (MSA) STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPROVED HEALTH ACCESS AND REDUCED RATES OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE, APPROVED

\$200,000 ONE TIME CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLANO COALITION FOR BETTER HEALTH RE "INSURE ALL KIDS CAMPAIGN", APPROVED

AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY MATTERS RE SUPPORT TO COUNTYWIDE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG (ATOD) COALITION, APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding implementation of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) Strategic Plan. Britt Ferguson, County Administrative Office, noted the recommendations by

the County Administrator's Office are different than the recommendations of the department.

Supervisor Kondylis noted disagreement with the County Administrator's recommendations, feels we need to move forward, noted that all the MSA funds were committed to be spent for health related issues specifically dealing with drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse. Supervisor Kondylis further noted there have been changes and would also like to see ways to include prevention measures for very young children, and free and total access to birth control. Bob Harrison, Chief Vacaville Police Department, was glad to see collaboration and progress relating to alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) issues Countywide over the last year, Vacaville has been working for over 2 years and is ready to move forward. Chief Harrison further discussed the many programs offered in Vacaville, urged the Spending Plan not be referred back to the Advisory Board, and discussed the refined plans that has been submitted by Vacaville and one by Vallejo. Chief Harrison noted these funds will be seed money to assist the efforts, and encouraged the Board not defer this action, not delay this or use these funds for existing programs.

Supervisor Silva noted this is a carryover from last year, it is the \$75,000 for the administration of the programs; and posed questions regarding the ongoing funding, responding Chief Harrison noted there is \$25,000 for the first year for planning, \$75,000 for the second year plus a per capita for the first year of implementation. These funds are for a 1 to 1 match, these funds will be used to help support existing programs.

Jeannie Villarreal, Fighting Back Partnership, noted the tremendous time and energy over the last 3 years that has gone into crafting the MSA Reducing Rates Strategic Plan, city teams have been established throughout the County. Ms. Villarreal discussed the work that has been done and the ongoing work needed to reduce the ATOD rates, the benefits of reducing those rates, and requested the Board remain with their previous decision on how these funds will be spent.

Mel Orpilla, Vallejo City Team/Fighting Back Partnership, discussed the 3 years of hard work, the Vallejo City Plan, the total of \$137,000 available to Vallejo that is necessary to implement their plan to reduce ATOD rates, and how the community is depending on the Board to move forward with carrying out the MSA Plan, and allocate the full amount of funds to each city.

Tim Crew, Chairman Rio Vista ATOD Collaborative, discussed the success in the collaborative efforts, the need to continue these efforts, the benefits the funding would mean to programs for the residents of Rio Vista, the process endorsed by the Board, the countless hours invested into this, and expressed great concern with the possibility of the funds being taken away.

Beck Billing, Benicia ATOD City Team, hopes the Board will follow through with the plans in each community, noted the countless hours spent by volunteers in each community, the frustrations, the need to move forward with these plans for our children and their futures, and that prevention and intervention are critical for success.

Jim Trimble, MSA ATOD Reducing Rates/Chief Benicia Police Department, requested Marcia Jo, Health and Social Services, introduce the advisory

committee members that were present.

Donna Wapner, MSA Advisory Board, discussed the work done in all the cities over the last few years, development of procedures by the MSA Advisory Board. Ms. Wapner noted support of the All Kids Campaign recommendation for \$200,000, support for the Community Matters Contract \$75,000, and the Advisory Board would like the 2003/04 budget to remain with no changes. The efforts that have been started need to get going, there is a good viable strategic plan. The Advisory Board sees themselves as facilitators for the process and to provide feedback to the Board of Supervisors on a regular basis, and recommends moving forward with the recommendations as originally presented, and if necessary roll the funds over into 2003/04 to support those efforts.

Katie Ricklefs, MSA Advisory Board/Health Access Coalition, commended the Board for their actions, noted Solano is one of only a few counties that has stayed true to use these dollars for health improvement and reducing rates of ATOD. Ms. Ricklefs complimented all the hard work that has been done, the major health goals in the County, added health care and enrolling for many in the County with the use of MSA funds, the additional projects that can be done with this funding, the need for dental services for low income residents, and would like to move forward with the plan.

Chief Trimble, MSA Advisory Board, commended the Board for their leadership, understanding and support in creating a system that will improve health in the County, there is a lot of money involved, but feels the plan should move forward. Chief Trimble noted the hard work by the staff from Health and Social Services and the volunteers, the MSA Strategic Action Plan that was developed in 2001 is one everyone agrees to, support comes with dollars and is the only way it will work. It is important, that if the plan is abandoned it is done for the right reasons. All 7 cities are well on their way to developing their plans, Vacaville and Vallejo are ready to move forward with their plans, implementation is important, delay will cause some to fall by the wayside, and recommends the Board support the recommendations by Health and Social Services and fund the contract for Community Matters. Chief Trimble requested staff be given some direction to look at and bring back some of the things that have not been moving forward; not to send this back to the committee for assessment which would cause delays, and to move forward with the contracts with the cities that are ready to move forward today.

Deborah McGuire, Vacaville City Team/Youth Taking on Tobacco, noted the extensive work that has been done over the last 3 years, and feels the Board needs to move forward with the funding and the plan.

Juan Camacho, Jr., Suisun City, reiterated previous comments in support of the MSA Plan, noted the need for the cities and County to work together to accomplish the goals of the strategic plan, that the cities are ready, and please do not shut them down.

Supervisor Silva noted this has been going for a long time, the Advisory Committee has come together very quickly, feels the project should move forward, and does not support the County Administrator's recommendations. Supervisor Forney suggested moving forward, and to come back with further

recommendations.

Chairman Kromm noted support for moving forward and the coalition process from Councilwoman Jane Day, Councilman Pete Sanchez from Suisun City, Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Fairfield Vice-Mayor Harry Price and City Manager Kevin O'Rourke, and a letter dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference from Rio Vista Mayor Marci Coglianese.

There was a discussion regarding funding the plans from Vacaville and Vallejo that were recently received, and funds that were available in the 2002/03 funding cycle that will be carried over to fund these plans.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to accept the report on implementation of Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) Strategic Plan for improved health access and reduced rates of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, to approve a one-time contribution to the Solano Coalition for Better Health in the amount of \$200,000 for support of the Insure All Kids Campaign, and to approve a one-year contract in the amount of \$75,000 with Community Matters to provide administrative and technical support to a Countywide Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Coalition. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 32) PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY FINDINGS RE SOLANO COUNTY ADULT DETENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN, RECEIVED

ALTERNATIVE 1 CHOSEN RE SITE LOCATION AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR ADULT DETENTION FACILITIES

County Architect Kanon Artiche reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the Needs Assessment and Master Plan for the Adult Detention Facilities, noting the difference in the four alternatives centers around where the pre-sentenced population would reside.

Dan Smith, Dan Smith & Associates, presented a visual presentation titled "Adult Detention Needs Assessment and Master Plan" beginning with the Goals and Objectives, Methodology, Historical & Existing Detention Population Data. There was a brief discussion regarding reasons for spiking of the jail population, and the population reaching capacity in the County facilities. Mr. Smith continued the presentation with the Average Daily Population, and the Five Inmate Population Projection Models.

George Dykes, Kitchel, reviewed the Existing Detention Facilities Review of Downtown Fairfield and Claybank Jail portion of the presentation.

Mr. Smith continued the presentation with Housing & Operational Alternatives.

Mr. Dykes reviewed the Downtown Fairfield Detention Facility site plan, Claybank Expansion – Build-Out, Claybank Expansion – 500 Inmates-Pre-Sentenced or 750 Beds, Claybank Expansion –Phase II (2025), and the Vallejo Jail—250 Beds.

Supervisor Silva expressed concern of planning work being done by the City of

Vallejo, and a brief discussion followed on working with the City of Vallejo and the Courts to address facility needs in Vallejo.

Mr. Dykes continued with Implementation Schedules of Alternative 1, 2, 3, and 4, capital costs, Operational Costs, Capital and Operational Costs, The Choice of the Alternative to be further developed. There was a discussion on the effects of transportation of inmates and staffing versus housing the pre-sentenced inmates near the courts.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Forney regarding the cost effectiveness of building a jail in Vallejo, Sheriff Gary Stanton noted it is cost effective to build a jail in Vallejo only if it is in conjunction with the Court, and discussed booking of prisoners, reasons the old jail was closed, transportation costs and safety issues.

Responding to questions by Chairman Kromm regarding preferences, Sheriff Stanton noted he would prefer Alternative Number 1, with work being done at Claybank, Fairfield, then Vallejo.

On motion of Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to endorse Alternative 1 for staff to finalize the Needs Assessment and Master Plan. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 33) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO BE ISSUED RE PLANNING STUDY FOR THE OLD TOWN CORDELIA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Director of the Department of Transportation Charlie Jones reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding obtaining proposals for a planning study for the Old Town Cordelia Improvement Project.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding community involvement, Mr. Jones noted there is good community involvement, as part of the project community meetings will be held for input, after the final concept plan is done, it will be brought back to the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to authorize Request for proposals to be issued for planning study for the Old Town Cordelia Improvement Project, and to authorize the County Administrator to award an agreement with the selected consultant. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 34) FIVE-YEAR NOTICE OF INTENT TO INITIATE A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS IN 2008 TO WASTE HAULERS SERVICING UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF DIXON, FAIRFIELD, SUISUN, AND VACAVILLE

5 YEAR CONTRACTS TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH CURRENT HAULERS SERVICING UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF DIXON, FAIRFIELD, SUISUN, AND VACAVILLE

Director of Environmental Management Birgitta Corsello reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from her department dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding formalizing garbage contracts in the unincorporated areas of the County and to give them a 5 year notice on the competitive process that will take place at that time.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, questioned why the County is contracting with an outside firm for expertise and with funding to pay for the consultant.

Responding to questions Ms. Corsello noted the expertise that was used for the Homeacres Garbage contract was borrowed from the City of Vallejo, and this is for a much wider service area with multiple haulers, and outlined the funding sources for this project.

Dan Borges, Division Manager Solano Garbage Company, noted Solano Garbage is in favor of an agreement for the next five years, and respectfully requested the Board not go out to RFP and to negotiate a contract directly with Solano Garbage based on their 50 years of service to the community.

Clif Poole, Vacaville, feels a franchise agreement is a tax on the people, an income for the county that is detrimental to the people, a franchise agreement stifles competition, the cost for the agreement will be passed on to the customers, the notice does not necessarily mean a franchise agreement is necessary, and feels the garbage companies will work with the County to meet the recycling goals without a franchise fee.

Ms. Corsello noted the current franchise agreement was a result of a community request, the hauler was chosen through the competitive process, and the County is only able to recoup the administrative costs from that franchise. In 5 years, direction will be given on what process the Board would like to take, and discussed the need for a contractual agreement with the existing haulers.

Chairman Kromm discussed the price differences in service around the County.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to approve a five-year notice of the County's intent to initiate a competitive bid process in 2008 to waste haulers servicing unincorporated areas of Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun, and Vacaville, to approve 5 year Contracts to be negotiated with the current haulers, to approve retaining a consultant to assist in contract development of rates and services, and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the consultants agreements. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 35) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-150 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT G-03-01 PARK AND RECREATION ELEMENT OF THE SOLANO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE SOLANO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN, ADOPTED

Tony Norris, Parks Manager General Services Department, reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal jointly from his department and the Department of Environmental Management dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding Element Adopting Negative Declaration and Update and Amendments to the Land Use and Circulation of the Solano County General Plan. Mr. Norris noted unanimous agreement from the Park and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commissions for the recommendations, and gave a detailed description of the collaborative process taken.

Jack Harrison, Harrison & Associates, noted the good continued public

participation, commended staff and stakeholders, reviewed a County map, incorporated herein by reference, of current parks and the proposed regional parks.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Silva regarding the definition of a regional park, Mr. Harrison noted a regional park is based on the nature of the park, which typically is based upon natural resources, multi-county use, and generally is at least 50 acres in size.

Mr. Harrison further explained the proposed regional parks, and reviewed the 14 specific elements for implementation.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Vasquez regarding the creation of a County Regional Park District, Mr. Harrison noted the need to do a feasibility study on how to form a park district, the costs involved, funding, size of the district, and hiring experts to help develop such a regional park district. The feasibility study will answer many of the questions about the size, and what a district would have to support.

Harry Englebright reviewed the proposed related General Plan Amendments, and the Negative Declaration. At the joint meeting of the Parks and Planning Commissions some additional policies were recommended to be included in the Negative Declaration to further mitigate any issues.

Chairman Kromm opened the public hearing.

Eva Laevastu, Fairfield, noted support for the plan, the need to preserve the natural resources, the increased interest in hiking in the area, needs that are not met by urban parks, operation and maintenance funds are critical, and requested support of staff recommendations.

Grant Kreinberg, Fairfield, noted support for the recreational element to the General plan and specifically for the development of a regional park district, and the need to move forward now.

Ken Frazier, Vacaville, noted the benefits of a park district to the quality of life, the increasing of property values resulting in increased taxes for the County, and the need to provide these services in the County.

Clif Poole, Vacaville, expressed concern with current budget problems, potential County layoffs, costs of this proposal, policies, and particularly with the word SHALL throughout the document, that only 1% of the people will use the parks, the number of open space advocates on the plan advisory group, language changes requested by the Farm Bureau, and noted specific areas that language should be changed.

Ernest Kimme, Orderly Growth, noted endorsement of this concept by Orderly Growth, confusion between a recreational park and an open space district, the strong endorsement to work with the rural residential folks, and that this is just the start of the process.

Bob Berman noted support and recommended adoption of the park and recreation element, much work has been done, now is the time to create the park district, supports proposal 14, and discussed work being done to acquire the PG&E property.

Natalie Dumont, Greenbelt Alliance, noted support for the General Plan update, and support for the creation of a park district. Ms. Dumont provided a letter dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, that included a list of

endorsers of the effort to create a Solano Regional Park District, 202 cards from citizens supporting the park district, an endorser list, and a paper on how a district could be formed. Ms. Dumont noted a Countywide park district could create more outdoor recreation, more funding sources would be available through a park district, benefits for operations and maintenance, and requested support by the Board.

Kenneth Browne, Solano Group of the Sierra Club, noted support for the creation of a regional park district, discussed benefits a district could provide, the need for more outdoor recreation, improvements to the quality of life with a park district, and the need to move forward.

Kitty Griffin, Benicia, noted support for a regional park district, a park district would benefit many in the County, the need to invest in the future of the County, and feels the time is now to move forward and strengthen the commitment in the creation of a regional park district.

Marilyn Bardet, Benicia, discussed the need to protect our natural resources, the hard work put into this and the vision that is being created, economic benefits, the benefits of the regional parks in the Bay Area, the importance of the wealth of opportunities to enjoy nature in the county, and the many other benefits a regional park district could offer.

Marian Conning, Vacaville, urged support for the recreation and park element and the creation of a regional park district. Ms. Conning discussed long-range planning.

Keith Conning, Vacaville, noted regional parks serve many people from throughout the area, discussed the foresight in creation of the other regional parks in the Bay Area, and encouraged the creation of a regional park district to preserve the beautiful areas in the County.

Michael Reagan, Vacaville, noted opposition, voiced concern with the consideration to develop a regional park district in light of budget cuts and possible State and Federal tax increases, feels this not in the best interest of the County, noted funding problems for the operation and maintenance of open space areas, additional impacts that are not addressed in the Negative Declaration, and feels the matter should be sent back to staff.

Ray Schock, Vacaville, expressed opposition due to funding problems, feels parks are not essential, and there already is a Parks Department to handle the County parks.

Joyce Gutstein, Putah Creek Discovery Corridor Group, urged support, sees the plan as a broad planning document, and noted the many aspects of the elements of the Park and Recreation Element Update.

Helen Kota, Putah Creek Discovery Corridor, noted support for the parks and recreation element of this plan, and feels this is a plan for the next 20 years.

Ronnie Anderson, Fairfield, noted support for a regional sports center, and discussed the sport of bicycle motorcross, the potential for funding for a track, and discussed the benefits this sport could have for the County.

Tim Wakefield, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, discussed the joint venture at Lake Solano Park. As a member of the planning committee, Mr. Wakefield noted the many issues considered during the planning process, the importance of parks to the quality of life, and endorsed approval of the element.

Robin Leong, Chairman Solano County Parks & Recreation Commission, discussed the intense work on this project, proposals of the plan, funding, and urged support.

Jane Bogner, Sierra Club and recycling advocate, supports the element and creation of a regional park district, discussed the National Coastal Cleanup Day, the many hikers in the County, and feels this will improve the quality of life in Solano County.

Polly Gusa, Vallejo, noted support for the development of areas for outdoor activities, and the formation and establishment of a regional park district.

James Williams, Vacaville, voiced concern with funding, increased cost of living in the County, and effects on agriculture. As Representative for the Taxpayers Association, the association supports the Farm Bureau in the exclusion of any language regarding trails associated with this, with taxation in a special district, high costs for a district, with County residents paying for recreation for people from other counties, and discussed the importance of accountability.

John Mangels, Rancher Suisun Valley, voiced concern with impacts of a park district adjoining his property, feels that parcels with no homes should be excluded from taxation for a regional park district. Mr. Mangels noted parks need to be funded at a level where there is some control over the visitors. There was a brief discussion regarding maintaining really good agricultural practices, the need to work with farmers, and to keep ag land out of the tax base.

Darla Guenzler, Bay Area Open Space Council, presented a letter dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, in support of the General Plan Update and the formation of a regional park district.

Mick Jessop, Suisun City Recreation and Community Services Department, acknowledged the team, noted it is an excellent plan, support for the elements, input from many sources and the general public, discussed attributes of the plan, and recommended adoption.

Jon Van Landschoot, Benicia, noted the need for outdoor recreation areas in the local area, the benefits of outdoor activities for children, and encouraged starting the project.

Chairman Kromm noted receipt of a letter from James and Patricia Rathke dated June 24, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, in support of a regional park district.

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

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm if the Ag Advisory Committee had reviewed this and if a position had been taken, Harry Englebright, Department of Environmental Management, noted a presentation was made to the Ag Advisory Committee, suggestions were made that were incorporated into the plan, but the committee did not take a formal position. The Ag Committee has concerns regarding impacts on agriculture.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding the implementation schedule, additional parties that could be included in a JPA, working with other entities for preservation of park resources and how to open and manage those resources, Mr. Norris noted cooperative ventures could be

achievable, but element 11 gives the flexibility to exercise specific arrangements on a smaller basis, and noted other possible collaborations. Chairman Kromm noted several speakers commented that this is a good investment for the future, projected population growth in the next 25 years, the need to do long-range planning for land use and parks, the need to provide a good quality of life, and now is the time to start.

Supervisor Silva voiced concern with areas of mandatory language in the plan and does not want that language considered a first call on General Fund money. Supervisor Silva feels the reference to creation of a regional park district, element 13, should be removed from the General Plan Amendment feeling it is premature and should be discussed separately. Supervisor Silva feels the parks do need upgrading and are open to everyone, it will be years before open space lands would be accessible, the County is capable of running a park system, and efforts should be directed at upgrading and creation of new parks where necessary to support the recreational needs of the County residents. The cities can assist with creating parks and recreational facilities within their sphere of influence, and noted caution should be taken on the push by certain groups to create a park district that will have the power to tax, those taxes would be used to purchase more land and to limit the access to the general public. Supervisor Silva feels more research is needed, expressed concern with impacts over the last few years to agriculture, caution needs to be taken when setting up the governance of a district, expressed concern with the potential impacts to agriculture, and will not hold up the plan if the mandatory language is removed. Supervisor Silva continued to express concern with restrictions on public lands, noted the County must assist the farmers, that caution is taken on how the quality of life is improved in the County. Input from Agricultural Advisory Committee is needed.

Supervisor Vasquez feels growth should pay for itself, the Board has worked to enhance the right to farm, and voiced concern with the potential impacts to agriculture. Progress should be taken in small increments, and more discussion is needed on the formation of a regional park district.

Supervisor Forney feels we need to protect the parks we currently have, the citizens do not want to pay more taxes, a small number of speakers were in opposition, but is unsure if a regional park district should be set up at this point, and feels there are many issues that will have to be addressed regarding agriculture.

Mr. Enlbright reviewed the recommendations for adoption of the Parks and Recreation Element, and noted each of the proposals included in the element will have to come back to the Board for further discussion and direction.

On motion of Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration of environmental impact, and to adopt Resolution No. 2003-150 General Plan Amendment G-03-01 Park and Recreation Element of the Solano County General Plan and Amendments to the Land use and Circulation element of the Solano County General Plan. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO USE A BALANCED APPROACH TO ADOPTING THE STATE BUDGET, ADDED TO THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to add the consideration of a proposed resolution to the agenda. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 35.1) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-151 URGING THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO USE A BALANCED APPROACH IN ADOPTING THE STATE BUDGET

Chairman Kromm discussed the request from Assemblywoman Patricia Wiggins for support of the resolution that has also been endorsed by California State Association of Counties.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-151 Urging the California legislature to use a Balanced Approach in Adopting the State Budget. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36A) MAUREEN MCSWEENEY REAPPOINTED TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION (FIRST FIVE SOLANO)

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to reappoint Maureen McSweeney to the Children and Families Commission (First Five Solano) for a term to expire June 24, 2007. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36B) MR. LEE TEDDER REAPPOINTED TO THE VACAVILLE-ELMIRA CEMETERY DISTRICT

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to reappoint Mr. Lee Tedder to the Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery District for a term to expire May 23, 2007. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36C) JEFFREY KNIGHT, PELTON STEWART, MARIE FORTIER, DOROTHY BRYANT STEEL, NANCY CALVO REAPPOINTED TO THE SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE, DEBORAH BAYLEY AND THOMAS OLSEN APPOINTED TO THE SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to reappoint Jeffrey Knight, Pelton Stewart, Marie Fortier, Dorothy Bryant Steel, Nancy Calvo to the Solano Children's Alliance; appoint Deborah Bayley and Thomas Olsen to the Solano Children's Alliance. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36D) CAPTAIN GUY VENUTI, MD APPOINTED TO THE CHILD ABUSE

PREVENTION COUNCIL

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to appoint Captain Guy Venuti, MD to the Child Abuse Prevention Council. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36E) SHARON KUNIN APPOINTED TO THE MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to appoint Sharon Kunin to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36F) TERRY RIDDLE AND GLENDA RIDDLE REAPPOINTED TO THE NORTHERN SOLANO HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to reappoint Terry Riddle and Glenda Riddle to the Northern Solano Human Services Advisory Board. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36G) DARCY GREMER APPOINTED TO THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to appoint Darcy Gremer to the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Advisory Committee. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

(Item 36H) LAURA FOWLER AND NANCY CALVO REAPPOINTED TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION (FIRST FIVE SOLANO)

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to reappoint Laura Fowler and Nancy Calvo to the Children and Families Commission (First Five Solano) for terms to expire July 1, 2007. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kondylis excused.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned in memory of Chris Hansen and Louis Bidou at 6:49 p.m.

Duane Kromm, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

