FAIRFIELD — Employees for Solano County are picking a fight with their counterparts in Contra Costa County – a food fight that is entering its 14th year.

The prize is The Big Apple Trophy, which is in the possession of Solano County after winning last year’s “Peace, Love and Veggies Holiday Food Fight.” Solano generated an average of $12.74 per employee in 2016. The goal this year is $13 per employee, said Matthew Davis, spokesman for the county administration.

Melissa Sandy, office supervisor for the county administration office, will coordinate this year's fight, which runs Nov. 20 through Dec. 31.

The real winners, however, are the clients of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, which has received $1.62 million in donations over the years – $1.5 million of which comes directly from the employees.

Larry Sly, the executive director of the food bank, said the organization distributed 22 million pounds of food during 2016, about 67 percent of which was fresh produce.

Public donations to the food bank during the fight period is categorized as a “friend's contribution” to the county employees' account, but does not count in the competition for the trophy.

The friends’ share amounts to $390,000 over the 13 years of the event, Sly reported.
In other action, the board:

- Recognized Eli Short for being chosen to attend the 2017 American Legion Boys State summer leadership program.
- Recognized Glen Grant upon his retirement from the Solano Irrigation District board of directors after more than 14 years.
- Appointed Warren Gomes Jr., Gary Silva and Gerald Hearn as trustees of Reclamation District No. 536 for terms to end at noon Dec. 3, 2021.
- Recognized November as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month.
- Accepted the Eagle Award to the Nut Tree Airport from the California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority for risk management excellence for the project to remove trees that were obstructions to operations and a safety hazard.
- Accepted a proclamation from Fairfield-Suisun School District Superintendent Kris Corey for the county's collaboration and cooperation with the school district during the recent wildfire.

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