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Solano challenges Contra Costa to 'food fight'

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This Big Apple Trophy is a prize for winning the 14th annual "food fight" between Solano and Contra Costa counties. (Courtesy photo)

FAIRFIELD — Solano County is looking to defend its Big Apple title as the champion of the annual 'food fight' with Contra Costa County.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution Tuesday officially challenging Contra Costa to the 15th annual Counties Care Holiday Food Fight, which has raised \$1.34 million for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Employees in each county make donations. Solano's average per employee donation was \$13.17, good enough to capture the Big Apple trophy.

Add outside donations, the 14-year total is \$1.74 million.

Supervisor Jim Sperring was absent.

In other action, the board:

- Recognized William Davis, with the Department of Veteran Services, as “Employee of the Month” for November.
- Recognized Custody Sgt. Michael Harrison upon his retirement from the Sheriff’s Office with more than 28 years with Solano County.
- Recognized Correctional Officer Stacey Bottoms upon her retirement from the Sheriff’s Office with more than 11 years with Solano County.
- Recognized Carolyn L. Adams, collections officer with the Probation Department, upon her retirement with more than 14 years with Solano County.
- Reappointed Ramon Castellblanch to the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, representing the 2nd District, for a term to end Oct. 23, 2021.
- Reappointed Heather Theaux Venezio to the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board, representing the 5th District, for a term to end Oct. 23, 2021.
- Reappointed Dr. Lewis Broschard and Gerald R. Huber as commissioners to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission for terms running from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2022.
- Appointed Page Baldwin Jr. and Mark Young as trustees of Reclamation District No. 2084 for terms ending Dec. 6, 2019, and Matt Gause for a term to end Dec. 3, 2021.
- Appointed Aaron J. McAlister, Jim Frische and Carl Hakenen as directors of the Cordelia Fire Protection District board for terms to end Dec. 2, 2022.
- Appointed John D. Kluge to the Solano Irrigation District board as director of Division 1, for a term to end Dec. 2, 2022; Michael J. Barrett as director of Division 3, for a term to end Dec. 4, 2020; and Mike German as director of Division 5, for a term to end Dec. 2, 2022.
- Appointed Paul Adler as the business representative to the Workforce Development Board of Solano County, for a term to end Oct. 22, 2022, as required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The vote was 3-1 with Supervisor Monica Brown dissenting. Adler is the Government Affairs and Community Relations director for Valero, which Brown said had not been a good neighbor to her constituents.