

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17th, 2007
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

PLACE: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624-1477

TIME: 1:15 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

David Tamayo	President	City of Sacramento
Robert Biederman		Galt
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Mary Heilman		Winters
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Robert Washino		Davis

ABSENT:	Craig R. Burnett	Vice-President	Folsom
	Rosemarie Butler	Secretary	Isleton
	Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
	John Lewallen		Sacramento County
	Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Joel Buettner, Paula Macedo, Jennifer Benito	

Legal Counsel: Richard Shanahan

Call to Order: All cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices should be silenced during the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Raul DeAnda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Tamayo introduced new Board member Mary Heilman, representing the City of Winters.

In respect for the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech, a moment of silence was observed. Trustee Parrella attended Virginia Tech and reflected on the tragedy.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Peart, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the Board meeting held March 20th, 2007; the expenditures for March 2007; and the listing of surplus items.

2. Board Review and Approval of Resolution Honoring Mr. Woody Schon for His Service with the District.

President Tamayo introduced Woody Schon, who recently retired from the District after 23 years. Mr. Schon was the Supervisor of the fisheries program and the Board paid tribute to his service to the District in the form of Resolution #04/17/07. On a motion by Trustee DeAnda, seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #04/17/07 honoring the District service of Woody Schon. Mr. Schon expressed his feelings of pride and fulfillment of a job he loved and the opportunities the District bestowed on him.

3. Reports to the Board.

(a) Managers Report: *The MVCAC Legislative Day will be held tomorrow at the State Capital. Information was included in the Board packet. Manager Brown and Assistant Manager Goodman will be representing the District, and Trustees are invited to attend.*

The AMCA Legislative Day in Washington D.C. will be held May 7th through May 9th. Manager Brown, Assistant Manager Goodman, Trustees Hawkins and Peart will be attending and representing the District.

The quarterly meeting of the MVCAC will be held in San Diego on May 3rd & 4th.

UCD is conducting a review of the Mosquito Research Program which is a state-wide University program that is typically reviewed every five years. Manager Brown has been asked to participate in the review over the next three days.

Manager Brown will be bringing a proposal to the Board to amend the By-Laws to reflect a change in the posting of the Board agenda's. Currently we are required to post the agenda at each facility and also one downtown at the administration building. At the time the By-Laws were developed, we did not have the internet capabilities to post the agenda. Manager Brown will work with Legal Counsel Shanahan to develop the proposed posting change.

(a) Cont'd. *The number of Board representatives has grown, thus the seating room at the Board table has diminished. We are currently looking into the expansion of the Board table to accommodate all of the members and potential future members.*

Manager Brown and Assistant Manager Goodman have been attending various council meetings accepting resolutions of acknowledgement of "West Nile Virus and Mosquito Awareness Week" designated as April 23rd through April 29th. The City of Elk Grove, City of Sacramento, Yolo County, and Sacramento County have adopted the resolutions as being Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week.

(b) Report of AMCA Annual Conference: *Manager Brown, Assistant Manager Goodman, Lab Director Macedo, and Trustees Hawkins, DeAnda, and Burnett attended the AMCA conference in Florida. It was very well attended with over 1100 delegates from all across the United States, South America, and other countries. Topic sessions included Disease Vector Studies, Global Information Technology, and Outreach, Research, and Control. Manager Brown gave a presentation called "How Standards in Pure Research Methods Would Improve and Expand Our Comparable Data Sets" in the Efficacy Validation Symposium. Assistant Manager Goodman gave a presentation entitled "Water Quality Sampling for Pyrethrins and PBO after Aerial Applications" that generated a lot of interest. Dr. Gordon Patterson, who has written several books, is writing a book on mosquito control efforts in California. He gave three excellent presentations during the plenary session, the Trustee session, and the open session. Trustee DeAnda reported that the conference was very well organized. He enjoyed the Trustee Presentation of Dr. Patterson, who also had a lot of good things to say about Trustee Dr. Bob Washino and Manager Brown.*

(c) Overview of Mosquito Awareness Week and Outreach

Program. *Manager Brown congratulated PIO Benito for the excellent job she has done in promoting our District and information to the public about WNV and mosquitoes. Because of her efforts, the District has received some prestigious awards. Most recently we received the IABC Gold Quill Excellence Award in Business Communication and the California Association of Public Information Officers Award in Special Event/Marketing Campaign. Ms. Benito reported that our advertising campaign has begun with 10 large billboards and 16 transit shelters. Banners will stay up in the City of Elk Grove and the City of Sacramento. Repellent distribution to the homeless at the Loaves & Fishes site on Tuesday, April 24th from 10:30 am to noon. We will also have a booth set up to answer*

(c) Cont'd. questions. The media has been notified and will be covering the event. We will also be doing this same event in Yolo County. The Salvation Army wants to partner with us too for an event in July. Wednesday, April 25th, is Volunteer Day. We have increased from 9 to 11, with new Board member Mary Heilman as one of them to help us out in Winters that day. Ms. Sandy Dietrich, a West Nile virus survivor, will help us in the City of Davis. On Thursday, April 26th, we will officially announce the Spring Fight the Bite Comic Strip Contest. We will be sending out approximately 200,000 flyers to all the school districts. On Friday, April 27th, we are hosting a blood drive here at the District from 2pm to 6pm and we encourage as many as possible to participate. On Saturday, April 28th, we will hold a Fight the Bite Teacher Workshop from 10 am to noon. We sent out about 800 invitations. Our Open House will be held on June 23rd from 11 am to 2 pm. Many of the media contacts have changed, particularly with the newspapers.

(d) Overview of Laboratory Activities: Lab Director Paula Macedo briefly reviewed the tick, yellowjacket, and Africanized honey bee programs and related activities of the lab. She explained the changes and the renewed dog heartworm surveillance program. The lab staff made a concerted effort to get information out to, over 100 veterinarians. The tick surveillance program includes flagging for ticks, testing them, and then posting notices in areas where ticks with Lyme disease have been determined. This is a public risk health assessment program, not a control program. The Yellowjacket surveillance program consists of the lab setting out traps once a month for a span of a week, then collecting the samples for identification and tracking the information, watching for any increase in the population. The field operations respond to requests for nest treatments. The Africanized Honey Bee surveillance program is similar to the surveillance for yellowjackets. The lab has set out seven swarm traps that are checked once a month. If there are colonies, then samples are brought into the lab for identification. While they are expanding their range each year, to date we have not discovered the Africanized Honey Bee in Sacramento or Yolo County. A brief discussion continued.

(e) Mosquito Counts and Field Activities: Assistant Manager Goodman reported that February and March were pretty warm months, with April coming in a little cooler and with some rain. We have started treating the catch basins and storm drains, and getting the information out to the public to drain standing water. Next month we will be able to compare trap counts and mosquito pools tested with last year's data. Rice field acreage is increasing this year and flooding has begun.

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4. **Board Review and Consideration to Adopt Resolution Declaring the Week of April 23 – April 29 West Nile Virus and Mosquito Awareness Week.**

On a motion by Trustee Parrella, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 04-17-07B declaring the week of April 23rd – April 29th 2007 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito Awareness Week.

5. **Board Review and Consideration of Adoption of Best Management Practices to Reduce Mosquito Populations.**

Ecological Management Supervisor Joel Buettner reported that he conducted six workshops, two for each of the three categories of the BMP program. There was very good attendance and participation for all of the workshops. This is a working document, ready to implement, to eliminate mosquito production without the use of pesticides, using ecological measures or best management practices. Trustee DeAnda motioned to adopt the policy but withdrew his motion for further discussion. There was no second. Discussion and comment continued. On a motion by Trustee Washino, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously authorized the Manager to implement and make changes, if needed, to the Best Management Practices Implementation Program.

6. **Board Review and Consideration of Preliminary 2007-2008 Budget.**

In preparation of the upcoming budget, staff has prepared a draft report that includes anticipated revenues and expenditures. We are still gathering budget information from various departments and a more complete budget packet will be presented at subsequent Board meetings. Last year revenue growth in Sacramento County was at 14.95% and Yolo County was at 15%. This year the estimated growth rate is a conservative 10% for Sacramento County and 6% for Yolo County. The total anticipated revenues for 2006-2007 is \$10.6 million dollars, which will be used as the revenue assumption for 2007-2008 projections. The VCJPA Member Contingency Fund is approximately \$850,000, although we have not received the notice of the premiums for the new fiscal year. We expect our Property Contingency fund to remain at approximately \$100,000.

6. Cont'd. Page 5 shows Cash in Bank by month and year for the past five years. You can see the two times a year when revenues increase due to property tax payments, and then the dry financing until the next payment is due. We anticipate our beginning balance for 2007-2008 at about \$6 million dollars. The current CPI is at 2.5% in consideration of employee benefits, which we will monitor along with what other Districts are proposing. The remainder of the draft includes the budget projections from the various departments and some of the projected changes from last year to this year in bold, and explanations of what particular categories encompass. Trustee Parrella suggested renaming our category of insecticides to better reflect our use of biorationals and cultural control. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

7. Board Review and Consideration to Purchase Mower for Ecological Management Department Not to Exceed \$6,000.00

Staff has requested to purchase a mower for our Ecological Management Department for implementation of our BMP's and field work efforts. On a motion by Trustee Biederman, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the sole source purchase of the Rough Cut Mower as outlined in the staff report, not to exceed \$6,000.00.

8. Board/Staff General Discussion.

Opportunity for trustees and staff to ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements and reports, and for trustees to provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.

President Tamayo introduced new Trustee Marie Heilman, representative from Winters. She gave a brief description of her background and her experiences and struggles as a West Nile Virus survivor. Robert McGarvey, newly appointed Trustee representing the City of Rancho Cordova, also gave a brief description of his background and association with the newly formed City of Rancho Cordova.

Trustee Peart suggested arranging media training for all of the Board members. Several years ago a few members participated in the training and it was very educational and useful.

- 8. Cont'd.** *Next month's agenda will include the following subject matter: a change in the District By-Laws; larviciding in the areas of the catch basins, treeholes, residential, agricultural areas; follow-up with Africanized Honey Bee's and the response plan; and setting up media training.*

Dr. Washino announced the International Malaria Day to be held on April 25th at the UCD campus.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the April 17th, 2007 meeting.

David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the May 15th, 2007 meeting.

Rosemarie Butler, Secretary