

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2012  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

PLACE: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Frederick Goethel	President	Galt
Lyndon Hawkins	Vice President	Elk Grove
Craig R Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Neal Peart		Woodland
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Christopher Barker		Davis
Gregory Lanzaro		Winters

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

David Tamayo	Secretary	City of Sacramento
John Lewallen		Sacramento County

**LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Richard Shanahan

**STAFF PRESENT:**

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Marty Scholl	Ecological Mgmt Supervisor
Demetri Dokos	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Goethel.

**Roll Call**

Trustees David Tamayo and John Lewallen are absent; however, a quorum is present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.*

## **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved General Consent items a. through e.:

- a. Minutes of the July 17, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting;
- b. Expenditures for July 2012;
- c. Authorization to Donate \$50,000.00 to Mosquito Research Foundation;
- d. Board Review and Approval of Resolution 8-21-12 Amending District Investment Policy;
- e. Board Ratification of payment of VCJPA premiums from District VCJPA Member Contingency Fund.

## **2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

## **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **a. Managers Report:**

Manager Brown submitted an oral report including a brief discussion of the annual audit, personnel changes, the MADIS Project, a 2011-2012 budget question and WNV in Dallas County (Texas).

Manager Brown informed the Board that the District financial audit was scheduled to begin on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The auditors are planning to be on site for approximately three (3) days to gather the information necessary to complete the review of District financial records.

Manager Brown announced that Program Coordinator, John Fritz, has been hired as the Assistant Manager of the San Joaquin Mosquito and Vector Control District. His last day with Sacramento/Yolo was August 10<sup>th</sup>. We wish him well in his new position.

Manager Brown updated the Board on recent activities related to the MADIS Project. Dr. Robert Novak sent a student to analyze GIS data to develop protocols necessary to identify "spectral signatures" for mosquito habitat in rice fields. She spent a week with both field and office personnel.

Last month the Board had inquired about an item on the 2011-2012 budget expenditures. The item was a cancelled account that was a mobile hotspot we were testing along with Sprint before we switched to Verizon. That should be the last month of any bill received from T-Mobile.

Manager Brown discussed the WNV issues facing Dallas County, Texas. District staff has been on conference calls with staff from Dallas County to offer advice and feedback on a response to a WNV outbreak. Manager Brown shared letters sent to Dallas Health Authority from medical officials in Dallas County regarding the need to perform intervention to control adult mosquitoes in the area.

A brief discussion regarding suspension of portions of the Brown Act followed. Staff and the Board will discuss the issue further during the Board/Staff General Discussion later in the meeting.

**b. Written Reports from District Departments:** Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department. The department supervisors each gave an oral presentation and were available to answer any questions.

**Lab/Surveillance:** Lab Director, Paula Macedo discussed positive mosquito pools and positive dead bird counts, trap collections and surveillance activities. Areas of concern have been developing in Yolo County over the past few weeks. These areas have seen high mosquito abundance as well as positive mosquito pools and dead birds. A total of 28 zip codes have been closed. Dead bird reports are still being taken in those areas; however, hotline staff is instructing the caller to discard the bird. Wild bird surveillance at Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge continues on a once a week basis. Of the 4 field days in July, 82 birds were captured. All samples have not been tests, but of those tested 6 samples were positive for WNV. Adult tick collecting and testing has closed for the season.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on the ongoing planning projects. Staff continues to receive planning documents for review and comments. Staff is reviewing the latest Industrial Stormwater NPDES permit and a new wakeboard park in Woodland, CA. He also discussed Managed Wetlands including Duck Clubs, fall flooding, and recent ditch maintenance in the Vic Fazio Wildlife area. He reported on several Stormwater/Drainages including beaver blockages, Delta Meadows, Bureau of Reclamation, and Hansen Ranch. He noted staff has noticed an increase in beaver related blockages in creeks, storm channels and treatment wetlands throughout the District. Mr. Scholl also reported that his department continues to assist field technicians with issues related to summer breeding sources.

**Fisheries:** Fisheries Supervisor, Demetri Dokos reported on the fisheries projects and general maintenance. Staff rehabbed five ponds and performed general grounds maintenance. The department is gearing up for upcoming wetlands activities.

**Control Operations:** Assistant Manager, Gary Goodman reported for the Field Supervisors. Staff has treated over 112,000 catch basins to date, which is about 40,000 more than this time last year. The District has responded to the increasing numbers of positive WNV birds and mosquitoes with the one mile radius search of known sources. Rice field checking and treatments continue as appropriate. Two areas in Yolo County have been identified and are proposed for aerial spraying in the next few days. A press release will go out to notify the media and residents as appropriate. A brief discussion of post spray analysis, resistance and budget impacts followed.

**Public Information/Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Rodriguez reviewed her department activities promoting the District including the Yolo County Fair, Bloodsource Blood Drive, and Neighborhood Association meetings among others. Ms. Rodriguez also discussed the assistance her department is providing to the agencies in Dallas County (Texas). A brief discussion of the program and resources in Dallas County followed.

**c. RISK ASSESSMENT OF ADULTICIDES USED FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Lab Director, Paula Macedo gave a presentation to the Board about the pesticide registration program at the EPA and how it ensures that each registered pesticide continues to meet the standards of safety to protect human health and the environment. In the presentation she went over the human health risk assessments conducted for pesticides used for adult mosquito management, explaining the different tiers in risk assessments, how toxicity endpoints are chosen, and how risk is finally characterized.

**4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REVISING POLICY CONCERNING AQUATIC SITES FOR AGRICULTURE, WETLANDS DEVELOPMENT, HABITAT, MITIGATION AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES.-Second reading**

Staff provided the Board with an updated draft of the resolution, which is to be used as a means to update the policy and harmonize the existing District Best Management Practices (“BMP”) document and Board policy. References to NPDES have been removed. A discussion addressing the comments and suggestions including items such as, but not limited to, potential charges to certain land owners and ensued. District Counsel, Richard Shanahan explained the current draft is meant to update the policy and that a separate document should be created to address any charges and pricing at a later date. President Goethel appointed a sub-committee to work out any changes to be made to the draft of the resolution. He appointed Trustees Eldridge, Lewallen, and Peart to the committee. No other action was taken; the resolution will be brought back for consideration next month.

**5. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Goodman will be coordinating a meeting with the NPDES Coalition and the State Water Board regarding sampling, preliminary results, and compliance with the NPDES permit.

The discussion started earlier in the meeting regarding a resolution to comply with the Brown Act despite certain sections being suspended resumed. The Board instructed staff to put together a resolution to affirm the Board and the District will continue to comply with the Brown Act. The resolution will be drafted and brought to the Board for adoption at the next meeting.

As directed by the Board last month, we now have a link on our web site that leads to a page on the CDC’s web site which contains information regarding what is considered to be an “effective” or recommended insect repellent.

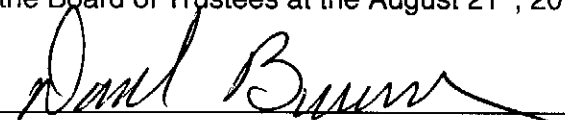
Trustee Lyn Hawkins mentioned the Trustee Manual is now downloadable from the MVCAC web site.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

President Goethel adjourned the meeting at 12:15 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 August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 meeting.

  
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David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.

  
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David Tamayo, Secretary