

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2019  
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:**

Raymond LaTorre	President	Sacramento
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	Vice President	Citrus Heights
Craig Burnett	Secretary	Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Gar House		Winters
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Christopher Barker	Davis
Vacant	Galt

**LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Jennifer Buckman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Marcia Reed	Laboratory Director
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Raymond LaTorre.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Christopher Barker was absent; however, a quorum was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

Manager Goodman pulled item 1d. for discussion. On a motion by Trustee Karpinski-Costa seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through c, and e. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

- a. Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for July 2019;  
Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Randy Burkhalter for
- c. His Years of Service;  
Board Authorization to Grant a Leave of Absence for District
- d. Manual;  
Employee Pursuant to Section 6.05 (b) of the District Personnel
- e. Board Review and Approval of Yolo County Department of  
Financial Services Office Authorization Form for FY 2019-2020.

Manager Goodman pulled item 1d. to inform the Board that a recent update had been received from the doctor indicating that more time would be needed for the employee's treatment. Manager Goodman requested a change in the extension date to October 15, 2019. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve a medical leave of absence for Henry Estrada from June 13, 2019 through October 15, 2019. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

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

*This item is reserved for members of the public who wish to speak on items not on the agenda.*

There were none.

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

### **a. Manager's Report:**

The District's West Nile season is the slowest one on record since the introduction to our area in 2004. We continue to follow the Districts Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan with enhanced surveillance and control efforts in response to positive dead birds or positive mosquito collections. The spread of *Aedes aegypti* is getting closer to the District boundaries with San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties finding the invasive mosquito. The laboratory staff is continuing our extensive trapping program to monitor their status within our boundaries. The District has been contacted by US EPA for a site visit to discuss our operations and mosquito control challenges in California. They are scheduled for a visit during the week of September 9th. The MVCAC supported bill, AB 320, which would create and codify the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program, was heard and passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12th.

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

**Lab/Surveillance:** Laboratory Director, Marcia Reed discussed department activities including mosquito abundance, EVS surveillance, studies and collaborations. Of the 4047 mosquito pools (samples) collected and tested we have found 26 to be positive for WNV. Twenty-three from Sacramento County and 3 from Yolo County. In addition, trapping being done by UC Davis found 3 more positives in Yolo County. Response trapping is being conducted around all of the positive sites. Additional training for staff has been conducted in light of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes being found in our neighboring county of San Joaquin.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Stormwater/Drainages, Wetland Program, Pool Program, and the UAS Program. Staff has been working with California DWR maintenance division to remove beaver dams and stream bed sediment blockages within the Natomas Main Drainage Canal and included pictures of the work in his report. Throughout the season so far Ecological Management has served 19 swimming pool warrants with 5 more to be submitted. A Blanket warrant request has been submitted with the judge giving specifics to include in the request for potential approval. Mr. Scholl took and passed the CDPR certification for Vector Control applications by UAS.

**Biological Control:** Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including fish plants and usage, the ongoing pond dye study, crayfish control challenges, solar aerators and dissolved oxygen levels, and regular maintenance tasks. Crayfish control has been improving; therefore, fish yields have increased. Stocking in rice will continue through the first two weeks of August and as needed for late season rice plantings.

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activity including rice acreage, abundance responses, green swimming pools and trial work. Catch Basin numbers have increased as technicians have been able to visit a lot more based on the addition of two more bikes for the crew to use in congested areas. With virus activity low the aerial adulticide contract treatment acreage is down when compared to last year. Steve gave an update on the progress of product trials for Merus 3.0, Pyronyl 525 and Pyronyl Crop Spray, and Sumilarv 0.5G.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including Advertising and Media, Events, and Repellent and Materials Distribution. July and August advertising is in heavy rotation for the most active part of the season through mid-September. A press release was sent out regarding repellent distribution for events and outdoor activities including National Night Out with many community groups picking some up for their planned events. Staff attended the Yolo County Children's Alliance Back to School Health Fair, the Yolo County Fair and new this year we attended the Galt Hot Air Balloon Festival.

At this time Luz presented the District web site update and demonstrated the new Mosquito Buster site for children and teachers. The web site is recommended to teachers when we visit and give classroom presentations to educate kids through fun and age appropriate games and activities. Our web site averages approximately 7000 visits per month. Clicks or visits are generally driven by District spray and virus activities and tend to increase further with media coverage.

#### **4. STATUS OF WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY AND DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef presented this item and was available to answer questions. He reviewed maps of virus surveillance with positive sites and positive dead bird pick up locations. Identifying about 2-3 positives per week on average this season. Larval and adult responses in the evenings with some morning ULV activity. Rice acreage at about 40,000 acres. Reviewed a map of the aerial adulticide treatments for rice in areas of higher abundance and virus activity such as Davis, Natomas, Vic Fazio Wildlife area, etc. He also reviewed the statewide activity including problem areas.

**5. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

Today is World Mosquito Day

MVCAC Summer Meeting was held by teleconference and topics discussed included potential dues increases for Districts

Visit from Islands employees

The first Labor Management Committee (LMC) meeting was held July 26 and the next meeting is scheduled near the end of August


Manager Goodman informed the Board that two Technicians have given notice of their intent to retire within the next few months

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

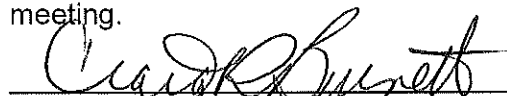
The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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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 20, 2019 meeting.

  
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Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the September 17, 2019 meeting.

  
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Craig Burnett, Board Secretary