

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2020
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:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Jennifer Buckman

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. All Trustees were in attendance, with Isleton vacant; therefore, a quorum was present. Trustee Eldridge joined the teleconference at approximately 10:17am.

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 Denny seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through c. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1(Eldridge).

- a. Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for June 2020;
- c. Actuarial Valuation of Other Post-Employment Benefit Programs as of June 30, 2019.

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.

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The District's West Nile season is picking up but still one of the slowest seasons we've experienced. 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 AMCA has submitted a grant proposal to the CDC for enhanced best management practices regarding Culex species and to provide direction in emergency and natural disaster response. We hope to hear back from them in October. The MVCAC supported the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act (Senate Bill 4308 and House Bill 7073). These pieces of legislation would create the ability for Special Districts to be eligible for Federal assistance.

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 and virus surveillance, dead bird program and collaborations. With the heat abundance has increased and the District recorded over 20 positive mosquito samples so far this week. Numbers for both counties are relatively the same with activity picking up in Yolo County. Additional trapping was performed in areas of concern in North Sacramento, Davis and Woodland. Control technicians have performed ground treatments in these areas and the vector index has been reduced as a result. Most of the dead birds that have tested positive for West Nile have been collected from the Arden Arcade area. No *Aedes aegypti* have been found to date with August 28th being the one year anniversary since the first detection in the Citrus Heights area of the District. Trials and collaborations are ongoing including the Sumilarv WDG trial using the A-1 Mist blower.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Storm Water and Drainages, Wetlands and Rice, Planning, and UAS programs. Staff participated in the annual Lower Bypass Flood Up Meeting earlier this month. The department has received numerous planning projects for review with staff responding with comments on Best Management Practices as appropriate. The City of Elk Grove North Gate Project includes the installation of vaults with stormwater filters, which would be the first time this type of system will be installed in our District. Staff assisted Ducks Unlimited in early August with a request for aerial

imaging for a project in the Yolo Bypass within the Vic Fazio Wildlife Area. This project is expected to make improvements to rice drainage and faster fall flooding. The majority of the Fall Flooding is expected to take place next month.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including fish plants, regular maintenance and special projects. The department has stocked over 2,770 lbs. of fish in about 3,600 sites throughout the District. As wetlands begin to flood up the department expects to plant at least 1,000 lbs. of fish at those sites. The six week busy period for fish planting has ended with 198 fields being stocked with mosquitofish. The department is performing pond maintenance and collecting invasive crayfish. Fisheries staff is rotating in to assist other crews with field work as needed.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos discussed department activities including rice program and acreage, equipment and trials. July saw an increase in treated sources as is expected this time of year. The warmer weather and recent heat wave speed up the time it takes mosquitoes to develop from the eggs to adults. As West Nile virus activity is found crews are responding with treatments as needed. The Sumilary pool study is moving into phase two. Phase one looked at surface application while phase two will look at cubic feet or volume applications. All trials are expected to be wrapped up in the month of September. Fall Flooding is gearing up and staff will be evaluating Methoprene for use in flooded fields.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including, Media Coverage, Social Media, Repellent Distribution, Advertising and Presentations. Two press releases have been issued as a result of the seasonal increase in mosquito abundance and West Nile virus positive mosquito sample pools and dead birds. Coverage included print articles in the Sacramento Bee, Davis Enterprise, and Daily Democrat. Facebook followers are up to 11,634 with content focused on spray notifications, West Nile virus activity, dead birds, and promotion of District services. Repellent has been distributed to the City of Davis for outdoor dining and Harm Reduction Services for homeless living along the river. The advertising campaign is ongoing with radio and television messaging, billboards and bus ads. Staff is keeping local officials apprised of any activity in their areas and a presentation will be given to the Walnut Grove Rotary Club via Zoom on August 24th.

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

Assistant Manager, Samer Elkashef presented the item and responded to questions. Samer reviewed the current year numbers for the state overall including dead bird reports and positives, counties with positives, human cases, positive mosquito sample pools and sentinel chicken seroconversions. Hot spots include Stanislaus, Fresno and Los Angeles. Samer then reviewed the maps provided with the written report which designates where positive dead bird and mosquito pool samples have been detected. The second of the two maps illustrated where the rice fields are located within the District and the associated treatment areas. Buffer areas between fields and populated areas have been treated to prevent mosquitoes from flying into those areas from the fields. Novel Sugar Bait surveillance is showing positive hits before dead bird or mosquito samples which promises to be a good tool for expanding future surveillance techniques and programs.

5. CLOSED SESSION- Provide Instruction to Designated Labor Representatives (Gov. Code s. 54957.6-Labor Negotiations) Agency Designated Representatives: [Gary Goodman, Janna McLeod, Samer Elkashef, Chris Voight] Employee Organization: [Operating Engineers Local Union #3]

At 11:15 am President Karpinski-Costa adjourned the Open Meeting and the Board went into the Closed Session. The Board returned to Open Session at 11:29 am. The Board reported that it received a report and recommendation from staff in the closed session.

6. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SIDE LETTER TO THE MOU BETWEEN DISTRICT AND OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3.

Manager Goodman presented the item and was available to respond to questions. On a motion by Trustee DeAnda seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted to approve the Side Letter to the MOU between the District and Operating Engineers Local Union #3. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

7. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Aedes mosquitoes have been detected in Shasta County.

The District received information about CARES Act relief that is applicable to Deferred Compensation 457 Plans allowing COVID related withdrawals and increased loans. There are no costs for the District as this is a voluntary benefit program for employees. The District will elect the addition of these provisions to the plan and will bring it to the Board for ratification in September.

Former Isleton Trustee Rosemarie Moore’s husband Ralph Moore recently passed away. Ralph often attended District meetings. He was well respected and he will be sorely missed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.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 18, 2020 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the September 15, 2020 meeting.

Gar House

Gar House, Board Secretary