

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13TH, 2005  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
*Special Meeting in Lieu of the Regular Meeting of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005*  
SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

TIME: 1:15 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

	Lyndon Hawkins	President	Elk Grove
	David Tamayo	Vice-President	City of Sacramento
	Neal Peart	Secretary	Woodland
	Robert Biederman		Galt
	Vern C. Bruhn		Winters
	Rosemarie Butler		Isleton
	Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
	John Lewallen		Sacramento County
	Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights
ABSENT:	Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
	Michael Parrella		Yolo County
	Robert Washino		Davis

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Dia Elnaiem	Lab Director
Jennifer Benito	Public Information Officer

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Visitors: Mr. Steve Zien, Ms. Susan Maggy, Ms. Regina Cherovsky, B. Horan,  
Mr. Doug Williams, .Mr. Paul Buttner

**Call to Order:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

*President Hawkins asked that all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices be silenced during the meeting.*

*Trustee Whitfield offered some comments to the Board regarding the public meetings, attendance, and time/place of meetings.*

**1. Items for Approval by General Consent.**

Manager Brown had a change in the minutes. The time was incorrectly stated as 1:15 p.m. and the correct time was 10:00 a.m. On a motion by Trustee Bruhn, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board meeting held November 15th, 2005 as corrected; On a motion by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for November 2005. On a motion by Trustee Bruhn, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved the payment of \$2,774.00 for the CSDA membership dues.

**2. Reports to the Board**

**Manager's Report:** Manager Brown reported that housekeeping and maintenance projects are being conducted around the facilities. We had an extended season through November, so staff members are using up some of their vacation time now as well. The annual Safety Report will be presented in January. We are making reservations for the MVCAC conference in January in Reno, Nevada. If you are interested in attending, please let the office staff know as soon as possible. We held the first public workshop on December 6<sup>th</sup> to give the opportunity to discuss what our control program is all about relative to our response plan. It also gave us the opportunity to hear from members of the public some of their issues and concerns. Attendee's from the public requested the following topics be addressed at subsequent workshops: adulticiding, notification, outreach, meeting dates (times and locations), public advisory committee, communication of products used (safety and risk-benefit), opt-out option, residue monitoring (soil and tissue), epidemic/intervention definition, review of mosquito surveillance and monitoring, stakeholder involvement, one page IPM sheet, website updates, and accelerated larvicide program. Tentatively the next workshop will be on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. Staff is proposing to change this to January 12<sup>th</sup> so that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors chambers could be used. Discussion continued regarding the public meetings.

Last month the Board received the preliminary results of our control efforts and staff is still accumulating information and performing analysis in concert with other agencies. Manager Brown presented the media with the preliminary results of our control efforts yesterday. He briefly explained the graphs, noting the patterns of the different species; the infection rates of the chickens; the temperature records; the precipitation records; the positive pools; the dead bird reports; larviciding applications and treatment areas; the

**2. Cont'd.** *spray zone areas in north and south Sacramento; pre and post spray results; and lastly the infection rates in non-spray areas. President Hawkins added that we will continue to process the data with the objective of publishing it in a peer-reviewed journal. We want the CDC, the Health Department, and other specialists review the data we have accumulated and confirm we are making the correct determination. Discussion continued regarding the data and presentation of data. We have been asked to present our information at the annual WNV Conference in February of 2006.*

**3. Board Review and Consideration of District Audit Report for 2004-2005.**

*Manager Brown introduced Mr. Steve Taylor, of Campbell, Benn and Taylor. Mr. Taylor reviewed the report and pointed out some of the highlights. The Report of the Financial Statements is again unqualified. Tests performed of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, the results disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. They also noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. On a motion by Trustee DeAnda, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, the Board unanimously approved the 2004-2005 annual Audit report.*

**4. Board Review and Consideration of 2004 District Annual Report.**

*The Board has reviewed this before, and it is ready for publication. We have budgeted for 300 copies at an approximate cost of \$1,900.00. On a motion by Trustee Peart, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Board unanimously approved the 2004 Annual Report.*

**5. Board Review and Discussion of Mosquito Control Revenues and Mosquito Control Costs by Land Use.**

*At previous Board meetings, we discussed the land use practices that encourage mosquito development but were not paying property taxes. An example would be Fish & Game land where they are required to pay in-lieu taxes but it has not been enforced, yet rice is being cultivated and producing lots of mosquitoes. In some cases, organic rice is the crop and we have limited abilities to control mosquitoes, and we were seeing some of our highest mosquito*

**5. Cont'd.** counts in these areas. Sacramento County and other government entities are conducting land use practices that were resulting in mosquito production; however, they are not paying property taxes. Since that time, staff has also identified the City of Sacramento catch basin system (ie: 50,000 catch basins) that produce mosquitoes do not pay property taxes to the District, and yet requires a tremendous amount of mosquito control in those areas. Staff believes these issues should be addressed. Manager Brown also discussed how the District's revenues are realized. The District receives approximately 0.007 to 0.008 of one percent of all property value. The majority of our revenues comes from secured property values. It is the same process in Yolo County but the formula may be slightly different. One question that is asked is who receives the benefit of mosquito control? Rice growers, for example, may not be receiving the benefit of mosquito control but people living not far from the rice field would benefit. But the neighborhood's near the rice fields are paying property taxes for the control of mosquitoes. Staff believes we should look at ensuring everyone is at least paying their share of property taxes for mosquito control. Discussion, questions and answers continued. The goal is to propagate land use change, and the abatement procedures would be our leverage. To recap the discussion, Manager Brown will have staff identify areas that produce mosquitoes, but do not pay property taxes, and we will evaluate whether land use can be amended in some form and present the information to the Board at a later Board meeting.

**6. Board Review and Consideration of Expenditures of \$85,175.52 to Implement Media and Outreach Plan.**

The Board approved the Media and Outreach plan at the last Board meeting, but it is being presented today to identify the components of the plan and approve the expenditures of \$85,175.52 to implement them. On a motion by Trustee Tamayo, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board voted in favor of the expenditures of \$85,175.52 to implement the Media and Outreach campaign. Trustee Whitfield and Trustee Biederman voted no.

**7. 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.

AB 1234 was adopted. This proposal was modified, which was originally brought out by Assemblywoman Ortiz on ethics training

**7. Cont'd.** relative to local government, and was signed into law, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Manager Brown has discussed this with Legal Counsel Shanahan and is looking into how this can be accomplished with the Board. The second component is the reimbursement policy. After review, Manager Brown was not confident that our policy was sufficient. Manager Brown has asked Mr. Shanahan to review it. One significant item is the requirement of Trustee's to turn in receipts for reimbursement. This will be brought back at a future meeting when the policy meets all the requirements.

The MVCAC has developed a draft proposal to increase dues. This will be brought back when more information becomes available.

Once again, the IRS has changed their opinion of tax withholding for Trustee's monthly meeting reimbursement. The Administrative Manager was informed that beginning January 2006, tax withholding is no longer necessary and at the end of the year Trustee's will be issued 1099's instead of W-2's. We are continuing to work with the IRS on this issue and will report back to the Board any further changes.

Board elections will be held at the January 2006 meeting.

**8. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 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 December 13, 2006 meeting.

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David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting.

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Neal Peart, Secretary

