

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19th, 2006
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting in Lieu of Regular Meeting December 19th, 2006 at 1:15 p.m.
SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Neal Peart	President	Woodland
David Tamayo	Vice-President	City of Sacramento
John Lewallen	Secretary	Sacramento County
Robert Biederman		Galt
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Rosemarie Butler		Isleton
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Robert Washino		Davis

ABSENT: Vern C. Bruhn Winters
Lyndon Hawkins Elk Grove
Jack Whitfield Citrus Heights

Legal Counsel: Richard Shanahan

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Jennifer Benito	Public Information Officer
Joel Buettner	Water Management Supervisor

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee John Lewallen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Peart requested all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices be silenced during the meeting.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Biederman, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the Board meeting held November 21st, 2006; the expenditures for November 2006.

2. Board Review and Consideration of Resolutions Honoring District Retirees in 2006.

Manager Brown recognized employee's Antonio "Rick" Ringor and Richard Herrera upon their retirement from the District. Mr. Ringor retired November 30th, 2006 and Mr. Herrera retires December 29th, 2006. The resolutions recognize their service to the District and the communities. On a motion by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously passed resolutions 12-19-06 A and 12-19-06 B honoring retirees Rick Herrera and Rick Ringor, respectively, for their service.

3. Reports to the Board.

Managers Report: Manager Brown reported on the WNV workshop that DHS has hosted the last few years since WNV activity surfaced here in California. The workshop covered various control techniques in WNV outbreaks, public outreach, and adulticiding based on mosquito infection rates and not human cases. There was also discussion on emerging viruses we may face in the future.

*Discussion continued ******

Manager Brown stated that there will be presentations in Fresno at the annual conference that will address both the epi curves in concert with the mosquito infection rates. He feels it would be appropriate to consider the information from these presentations and bring back a synopsis for discussion. Manager will work with the Lab Director in putting this information together.

Many staff members are using vacation time at this time of year; we are in the process of updating our maps and preparing for next year; Two Davis Council members visited the District facility and was given a tour of the facilities.

Our fisheries department will be undergoing some changes in the near future. Supervisor Woody Schon has expressed his desire to retire in March of 2007. We will be evaluating the program and will bring back a recommendation to the Board regarding filling the position or restructuring the Biological program. Trustee Washino suggested two fishery professionals from UCD as resources.

Trustee Biederman departed at 10:25 a.m.

USEPA Final Rule: The final rule from USEPA regarding the applications of pesticides to waters of the US in compliance with FIFRA will become effective January 26th, 2007.

- 3. Cont'd.** *Manager will consult with Legal Counsel on either a rescinding letter of the District's NPDES permit or a strategy on our position of the State's permitting process. There are currently two lawsuits filed against the USEPA on the validity of them being able to make this ruling. Discussion continued.*

Outreach: *Public Information Officer Jennifer Benito explained the process for evaluating our outreach program and the anticipated timeline. She provided a handout to the Board that outlined the market research schedule and project status. Ms. Benito also announced the District received four awards this month. They were: MarCom Creative Awards Platinum Award; 2006 Integrated Marketing Communications Plan Gold Award; 2005 Annual Report Gold Award; 2005 Newspaper placement for Battle of the Buzz; and an Honorable mention 2006 Advertorial. Congratulations to Jennifer on a job well done!*

Lab: *Lab Director Paula Macedo explained the proposed sentinel bird program. The Lab staff is evaluating the effectiveness of the sentinel chickens, the locations of the chickens, and the vectors involved in amplifying and transmitting WNV (pipiens vs. tarsalis). Ms. Macedo is proposing using a few chickens for winter surveillance, incorporating new flocks in potential Cx. Pipien areas, and using pigeons in place of chickens until April/May, and looking at new surveillance sites. Discussion continued on the surveillance program.*

Water Management: *Joel Buettner reported that he is working with the State Parks Planner regarding the impact of brush cutting in the south area, the CEQA requirements that are in place, and clarifying our working relationship. The Water Management department is going through a lot of training/reading to build better relationships district wide with land owners and other agencies to streamline the process and get the work done. Storm water facilities and continuing with the BMP development and policies are the current priorities.*

Trustee Parrella departed at 11:25 a.m.

- 4. Board Consideration to Change the January 16th, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Date and Time to January 23rd, 2007 at 1:15 p.m.**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Manager is requesting to change the January Board meeting to January 23rd, 2007. On a motion by

- 4. Cont'd.** *Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved to change the meeting date to January 23rd, 2007.*

5. 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.

The election of Board officers will take place at the January 23rd, 2007 meeting.

MVCAC is considering changing the membership fee structure. The committee assigned to evaluate this will be meeting here at the District on January 4th, 2007. Manager Brown will be the President Elect in February.

The Holiday schedule was included in the Board packets.

Special District Commissioner election forms and information will be in the January Board packets.

Lab Director Paula Macedo will be working on the synopsis of the conference.

Public Relations evaluations will be reviewed.

Water Management Supervisor is working on land owner compliance and managing costs.

6. 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 December 19th, 2006 meeting.

David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the January 23rd, 2007 meeting.

John Lewallen, Secretary