

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17TH, 2006
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Rosemarie Butler		Isleton
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

STAFF PRESENT:

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Visitors: Ms. Eve Bowers, Ms. Susan Maggy, Mr. Mike DeWitt, Mr. Paul Buttner

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee DeAnda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hawkins requested all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices be silenced during the meeting. He also thanked the Board for their support this past year.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent.

On a motion by Trustee Washino, seconded by Trustee Bruhn, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board meeting held December 14th, 2005; On a motion by Trustee Peart, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for December 2005.

2. Reports to the Board

A. Manager's Report: *Manager Brown announced that Trustee Washino received the international Harry Hoogstraal Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Medical Entomology. He received the prestigious medal from the American Committee of Medical Entomology at the 54th annual meeting of the American Society for Tropical Medicine held in Washington, D.C. Manager Brown and the Board members congratulated Dr. Washino.*

We will be conducting interviews for Limited Term Field Technicians, Field Technicians, and Shop Mechanic.

The Fair Political Practices Conflict of Interest forms have been distributed. They need to be filled out and returned before April 1st, 2006.

Staff has begun working on the schematics of the open house, tentatively scheduled for April 29th. This will be brought to the Board over the next two months.

Manager Brown received a letter from the Rice Commission regarding the previous discussions about in-lieu taxes relative to Fish and Game Land. Copies have been distributed to the Board members.

Trapping and surveillance program updates will be presented at the next Board meeting. The programs are evaluated each year.

B. Analysis of Results of Mosquito Control Program for 2005: *Manager Brown reviewed the results of the WNV cases and the analysis performed by the Department of Health Services that was provided to the Sacramento Bee.*

3. Board Review and Discussion of January 12 District Public Workshop on Mosquito and Mosquito Borne Disease Response Plan.

The District held a public workshop on January 12th at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's chambers to go over our plan and provide an opportunity for members of the public to present information for the Board's consideration. Manager Brown gave a brief review of our Best Management Plan. Mr. Steve Zien, a member of the public, gave a power point presentation on behalf of several sponsors. In his presentation, he acknowledged that our District has one of the most environmentally sound integrated pest management programs in the nation; and that adulticides are our last resort. Some of the items he would like us to address at future workshops include: how we talk about pesticides to the public; the safety issues associated with the use of pesticides and how that is presented to the public; notification of spray events; enhancing our public outreach; enhancing our larviciding program. At the end of the meeting, it was decided that the next public meeting would focus on enhancing our public outreach program and our larviciding program. Discussion continued about the workshop and various aspects of our program and suggestions to consider.

4. Board Review and Approval of District Annual Safety Committee Report.

Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reviewed the highlights of the annual safety committee report. Goals for the new year are to reduce the number of accidents/incidents, increase safety suggestions, and streamline the safety manual. On a motion by Trustee Biederman, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the District Annual Safety Committee Report.

5. Board Review and Consideration of Amendments to Section 4.08 (g) of District Personnel Manual Pertaining to District Expense Reimbursement Policy to Conform with AB1234.

Manager Brown presented amendments to the District Personnel Manual regarding our expense reimbursement policy and form to comply with the recently enacted legislation AB 1234. These changes have been reviewed by Legal Counsel Shanahan and meet the requirements of AB 1234. There were some questions and discussion. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Board unanimously approved the amendments to the District Personnel Manual in compliance with AB 1234.

6. Closed Session: Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

The purpose of the closed session was to hear a grievance brought by a former employee who was recently terminated by the District. He requested a grievance hearing and the individual was notified of the date, time, and place. He is not in attendance, therefore it is not necessary to hold a closed session. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved resolution #01/17/06 denying the grievance, based on upholding the Manager's written report and in absence of the grievant.

7. Board Consideration and Approval of District Officers for President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Delegating the Manager to Perform Responsibilities of the Secretary.

The Board By-laws and an excerpt from existing law on the election of Board officers were included in the Board packets for the Trustees information. Trustee Burnett motioned for the nomination of David Tamayo for President. There was no second. Trustee Butler motioned for the nomination of Neal Peart for President. Trustee Lewallen second the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the selection of candidates and election process. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted in favor of Neal Peart for President. Trustee Lewallen motioned for the nomination of David Tamayo for Vice President. Trustee Washino second the motion. Legal Counsel Shanahan pointed out some potential conflicts with the By-Laws and the nomination. Trustee Lewallen then motioned to continue the nomination of Vice President until the February meeting and at which time the Board will consider the By-Laws relative to terms of office. Motion was seconded by Trustee Washino and unanimously approved by the Board. Trustee Biederman motioned for the nomination of John Lewallen for Secretary. Trustee Parrella second the motion and the Board unanimously approved the nomination.

8. 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.

Several staff members and a few Trustees will be attending the MVCAC conference in Reno January 29th through February 1st.

8. Cont'd. *The National WNV conference will be held in San Francisco on February 23 & 24th. Manager Brown and Jennifer Benito have been asked to give presentations.*

Friday is the deadline to register for the American Mosquito Control Association conference to be held in Detroit, February 26th through March 2nd.

Future agenda items will include a presentation on the magpie surveillance program; the Board By-Laws for potential amendments and Vice-President election; workshop meeting set for February 16th and subsequent meetings; Manager Brown will set up a workshop in Yolo County before the February 16th meeting.

9. Adjournment.

Trustee Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 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 January 17th, 2006 meeting.

David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the February 21st, 2006 meeting.

John Lewallen, Secretary

