

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18TH, 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:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Jennifer Benito	Public Information Officer
Bob Rooker	Water Management
Visitors: Mark Ackerman	Bureau of Land Management

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Lynn Hawkins 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 Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board meeting held June 20th, 2006; On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for June 2006. On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Hawkins, the Board voted in favor of contributing to the Arbovirus Research Program to fund half an employee for a collaborative project with Dr. Reisen. Trustee Washino abstained.

2. Reports to the Board

A. District Mosquito Counts, Field Activities and WNV

Activity and District Response: Manager Brown reported that 23 counties have reported WNV activity as of July 14th. One human case confirmed in Kern County with a second case pending confirmation, and one case in Sutter County. There is one equine case confirmed in Tulare County, 96 positive dead birds recorded throughout the State, 62 mosquito pools, and seven sentinel chickens. Manager Brown recently received an update regarding the historical trend of WNV. The “conventional wisdom” to date on West Nile Virus suggests that the first year is the introduction, the second year is the amplification, and the third year it subsides. Findings are showing that the “conventional wisdom” may not be the case, but that it may be more temperature related.

Assistant Manager Goodman reported that field staff have been working extended hours and Saturdays in response to the dead birds, positive pools, and high mosquito counts. We currently are at Level 2 of our Response Plan. There are currently two hot spots of concern, one in Elverta and one is Davis, due to the number of dead birds and positive mosquito pools in those areas. We are taking appropriate measures in larviciding, public education, and adulticiding where necessary. We are making preparations for adulticiding measures, including aerial applications if needed.

B. Manager’s Report: Manager Brown reiterated that we are following the District Management Plan and the Manager will continue to work closely with the Board Officers as the virus activity and risk rate increases. Manager Brown acknowledged the hard work of the employees, working weekends and extended hours to address the threat of WNV. We are very proud of their efforts and progress. The State Budget has been signed, but unfortunately the \$10,000,000 allocation for mosquito control was reduced to \$3,000,000, which translates into approximately \$100,000 per District. Manager Brown and Assistant Manager Goodman continue to work aggressively in our outreach program, giving presentations to several entities, as well as radio and TV interviews. Our new website is active now and we have received several positive comments. The Five-Year Plan Ad-Hoc committee met to discuss the content and format, with a completion target sometime in the fall. Manager Brown will be meeting with a UC Davis Council member in response to

- 2. Cont'd.** a letter he wrote to the District regarding his concern about the West Nile Virus and what we are doing to control the virus.

C. Media Report: Public Information Officer Jennifer Benito reported that we are continuing to participate in the community events; aggressively planning the school program for next fall, as well as a teacher workshop, curriculum, and another contest for kids to get involved in. We will hold one in Yolo County and one in Sacramento County. The ad's are on the billboards and bus panels around town, and will be on-going to the end of the season. We continue to provide information to local ethnic groups in their language. There are about 439,000 utility bill inserts that started going out the week of July 1st. We are working on an E-Newsletter, hoping to launch it in the fall.

President Peart congratulated Ms. Benito on the tremendous growth of our outreach program.

3. Board Review and Consideration of District Operating Budget for 2006-2007.

Manager Brown brought to the Board's attention, that while the 2006-2007 Budget was actually presented in the Board packets, the agenda had a typo error that item #3 was for the 2005-2006 Budget. Projected District revenues of \$10,699,186 with projected expenditures of \$10,898,344 with an anticipated shortfall of \$199,176. However, the sale of the Ross Avenue is almost completed and the District will receive \$103,232 and the District has requested \$100,000 from the State Augmentation fund. The Manager endorses the employee's 4.4% COLA, the proposed amendments to the Mapping/Systems Coordinator job description and the creation of the Information Technology Administrator position. We have increased our Public Education and Outreach program by \$50,000; maintain our Water Management Program with \$50,000; Proposing converting Limited Term Classification to Full Time classifications, and similarly with the Limited Term Lab Technician classification; we did increase the Professional Services budget by \$40,000 to help supplement any potential water sampling issues. The remainder of the budget has been presented over the last two months for review and discussion. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board approved the 2006-2007 Budget. Trustee Whitfield voted no.

4. Board Review and Approval of Amendments to Mapping Systems Coordinator Job Description, Elimination of Assistant Mapping Systems Coordinator Job Description, and Approval of Information Technology Administrator Position.

Increased responsibilities in our GIS and IT Departments necessitates the changes in these classifications and the elimination of the Assistant Mapping/Systems Coordinator. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, the Board unanimously approved the amendments to the Mapping/Systems Coordinator and the Information Technology Administrator job description.

5. Board Review and Consideration to Withdraw \$286,044 from Member Contingency Fund to Pay 2006-2007 VCJPA Premiums.

On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board approved payment of the 2006-2007 VCJPA insurance premiums from our member contingency fund.

6. Board Review and Consideration to Ratify Submission of Application for State Funds for Mosquito Control.

On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the submission of the Application for State Funds for mosquito control.

7. Board Review and Consideration of Mosquito Control Efforts on Various Land Uses.

Staff is seeking guidance from the Board of three land uses that are creating mosquito control problems that require mosquito control efforts above what normally should occur. Bob Rooker, Water Management Supervisor, gave a slide presentation to further explain the three problem areas in the town of Locke, the organic rice field operations at the Cosumnes River Preserve, and the Davis Wastewater Treatment plant. Mr. Mark Ackerman from the Bureau of Land Management also provided some information. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Ackerman will assist the District in looking at the lease agreements to determine if the agreement is

consistent with the BMP's. Management will work with Legal Counsel and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Trustee Tamayo arrived at 2:30 p.m.

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8. Board Review and Consideration to Ratify Purchase of Laboratory Supplies for WNV Surveillance.

The Lab purchased diagnostic supplies in response to our increased surveillance activities this year. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the ratification of the purchase of the lab diagnostic supplies.

9. 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.

Our Conflict of Interest Code will need to be updated before October 1st, 2006.

Manager will continue to work on 5-Year Plan, will set up more meetings with the Ad-Hoc committee

On next months agenda, Manager Brown will include a ratification of the 2006-2007 budget under general consent, due to the typo error on the current agenda stating review and consideration of the 2005-2006 budget.

Trustee DeAnda thanked Assistant Manager Goodman for his presentation in West Sacramento. It was very well received.

Trustee Burnett thanked the SYMVCD staff for their quick response and treatment of an abandoned swimming pool in Folsom.

Manager Brown will be on Davis Community Television Thursday evening to outline the concerns and how quickly the virus activity may increase.

10. Adjournment.

President Peart adjourned the meeting 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 July 18th, 2006 meeting.

David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the August 15th, 2006 meeting.

John Lewallen, Secretary