

MINUTES OF THE JULY 17th, 2007
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:

David Tamayo	President	City of Sacramento
Craig R. Burnett	Vice-President	Folsom
Robert Biederman		Galt
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

ABSENT:	Robert McGarvey	Rancho Cordova
	Rosemarie Butler	Secretary Isleton
	Marie Heilman	Winters

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Joel Buettner	Eco. Mgmt. Supervisor
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Jennifer Benito	PIO

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance

All cell phones, pagers, pda's, and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.

People wishing to address the Board regarding items not listed on the agenda. *There were none.*

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the June 19th, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for June 2007; District Investment Report; District participation in EAP; and the District Investment Policy.

2. Correspondence to the Board

One of the Board members received an email regarding our response plan. It was included in the Board packet and the District's response. Manager Brown also handed out a letter that was received over the weekend from a Galt resident regarding water sources. District responses were sent to both parties and no further communication is necessary at this time. Manager Brown also provided the Board members with a communication that was sent out to officials in Sacramento from the health officer to alert them to the issues of the West Nile virus.

3. Reports to the Board.

A. Manager's Report:

Manager Brown acknowledged the hard work our employees are putting forth. They have been working extended hours and weekends trying to control the mosquitoes before they emerge. There has been a lot of work done in backyards addressing stagnant swimming pools. They have really stepped up their efforts and we are very proud of the work they have accomplished.

The State budget has still not been passed but we don't anticipate that it will have an effect on the district.

San Joaquin MAD is reporting over 50 positive pools and are responding with ULV treatment in and around the city of approximately 70,000 acres and then initiated about 120,000 acres by airplane over Manteca, south Stockton, and Ripon. They are using the same products, but initiated their response with aerial treatments earlier once they saw the number of infected mosquito pools increase to 40 in one week.

- 3. Cont'd.** *President Tamayo and Manager Brown recently met with City of Sacramento council member Rob Fong regarding aerial spraying.*

Manager Brown announced the resignation of PIO Jennifer Benito. Ms. Benito has accepted a position in the bay area and her last day will be next week. The Board members and the Manager offered their best wishes and complimented her on the exceptional work she has done in her short time with the District. She will be missed.

Manager Brown reported that while the realtors are helping out in reporting stagnant pools, we believe we have only begun to scratch the surface. The number of pools reported has increased significantly with approximately 500 pools reported, and 70% of them are pools creating mosquitoes. The backyard sources remain to be one of our biggest challenges. Trustee Peart asked the Manager to look into some kind of an ordinance regarding sales/foreclosures and pool maintenance. He thought it would be beneficial to speak to Representative Lois Wolk.

B. Review of 3rd Annual District Open House. – *We received over 800 visitors and the overall response was very positive. Jennifer handed out a compilation of the survey responses, copies of some of the publicity and advertorials. The events are on-going and Lanaya is preparing for our next teacher workshop in the fall. The Fight the Bite calendar is near completion and the Annual Report is in production and should be available soon. Jennifer thanked the Board for the opportunity to work here, it has been a fabulous experience and she has learned a lot. She concluded by saying it has been an honor to be a part of this District. The Board members offered best wishes and sincere thank you's for a job well done.*

C. Mosquito Abundance, Virus Activity and Field Responses – *Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reported on the field activities and the comparison of current status with previous years. We have doubled in the number of EVS traps, the number of mosquito pools and locations, intensifying our search for positive mosquitoes. Gary showed a map that displayed where the positives have occurred. The two hot spots are the Wilton area and the Carmichael area. Once we find a positive bird, a positive pool, or a positive chicken, then we intensify surveillance in these areas to try and determine where is the scope and then follow with some sort of adult treatment. Right now we are really concentrating on the Carmichael and Wilton area, conducting truck mounted ULV in Wilton. Many of these areas we have gone back to and have not found any positive*

E. Cont'd. *pools after we conducted some ULV intervention, but we continue to monitor. Last year the peak occurred about the last two weeks of July, so we are really intensifying our surveillance and control efforts to keep those numbers down, along with more treatments using extended-release control products. We have treated more catch basins this year that we ever have at this point in time. Discussion continued.*

4. Board Review and Approval of Resolution Honoring David McClain for His Service with the District.

Mr. David McClain retired from the District after 33 years of service. Dave started out as a field technician, and then moved over to the lab. He was considered the 'rock of the lab' due to his exceptional identification skills. He worked under Glenn Yoshimura; taught by the best. Glenn respected Dave's skills very highly and requested him to work on his projects. We are sorry to see him go, but we wish him well as he embarks on this new path in life. On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved Resolution # 07/17/07A honoring and commending David McClain for his 33 years of service with the District.

5. Board Review and Consideration of District Operating Budget for 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

This is being presented to the Board for adoption. The budget has been presented to the Board for the past three months, and not much has changed. Incorporated into the budget is the 3.5 % COLA that has been discussed; projected revenues is \$11,546,644; projected expenditures of \$11,546,644. We are continuing to follow our IPM plan; we are maintaining our education/outreach budget of \$450,000; increased the Ecological Management Plan to \$69,000 to incorporate some expansion within the program; Insecticide account has been further defined into three different categories of microbials, growth regulators, and insecticides. The aircraft services account needed to be increased due to increasing fuel pricing. We will follow the GASB guidelines to identify our unfunded liability of retiree health benefits. On a motion by Trustee DeAnda, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget.

6. **Board Review and Consideration to Withdraw \$248,888.00 from Member Contingency Fund to Pay 2007-2008 VCJPA Premiums.**

The District has normally paid the liability and workers compensation premiums from our member contingency funds, and then re-pays the fund over the next twelve months. Staff recommends we continue this practice. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved to pay the VCJPA premiums from the member contingency funds.

7. **Board Review and Consideration to Purchase Six (6) Vehicles from California State List Not to Exceed \$125,000.00**

Due to increased staff and our aging vehicles, staff is proposing to purchase six new vehicles, using the California Contract list of sale items for alternative fuel vehicles. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of six alternative fuel, 2008 Chevrolet 4-wheel drive pick-ups, not to exceed \$125,000.00.

8. **Board Review and Consideration to Serve A Notice of Abatement to William/Norma Louise Pellandini Family Revocable Trust c/o Mr. Gary Pellandini (APN # 14602300120000) Pursuant to Section 2060 of the California Health and Safety Code.**

District staff and Board member Biederman met with Mr. Pellandini on his property on July 10th to discuss the issues resulting in this notice. He concurred there is a problem with the amount of water that is present on his property. This problem has been on-going for years with an understanding that it would be addressed but never comes to fruition. Ecological Management Supervisor Joel Buettner has outlined some remediation measures to address the issue for Mr. Pellandini, and we have performed source reduction procedures for him over the years, and yet the problem still exists. We have provided ample time to address the issues. Mr. Pellandini was invited to attend the Board meeting today. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board voted in favor of serving the abatement notice. Trustee Biederman abstained. Discussion continued.

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.

As previously mentioned, our PIO is leaving, so we have posted the position and are beginning to schedule interviews.

Lab Director Paula Macedo is participating in the Mosquito Research Program in reviewing the statewide proposals. Manager Brown also participated in the Five Year Program Review of the program.

District staff participated in the Peterson Project conducted in Colusa. Staff helped in evaluating some of the adulticiding activities. Some of the preliminary data suggests a reduction of the mosquito population after the adulticiding event in the community of Princeton but not as significant a reduction in the community of Colusa, but it was only a one night trial. We hope to have the complete data available later in the fall.

A draft of the Manager's Evaluation was included in the Board packet for review. A copy of last year's evaluation will be included in the next Board packet. Next month there will be a closed session to complete the evaluation review. There may also be a personnel issue to bring to the Board.

Manager will follow-up on the use of the EAP program. He will also look into a possible ordinance regarding foreclosures with pools. We will work with the auditors regarding the GASB requirement of reporting unfunded liabilities.

Trustee Peart commended the work and professional conduct of Joel Buettner and the water management department.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 P.M.

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and Vector Control District
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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 17th, 2007 meeting.*

David Brown, Manager

*Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at
the August 21st, 2007 meeting.*

Rosemarie Butler, Secretary