

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2019  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
SACRAMENTO-YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

PLACE: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Raymond LaTorre	President	Sacramento
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	Vice President	Citrus Heights
Craig Burnett	Secretary	Folsom
Christopher Barker		Davis
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Gar House	Winters
Vacant	Galt

**LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Joshua Horowitz

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Marcia Reed	Laboratory Director
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Raymond LaTorre.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Gar House was absent; however, a quorum was present. Trustee Christopher Barker arrived to the meeting at 10:25am.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.*

At this time President LaTorre called for a moment of silence to honor Field Technician II, Timothy Gee, who suddenly passed away over the weekend. Tim was a valued member of the District for over fourteen years and will be sorely missed by his coworkers, friends and family.

### **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Karpinski-Costa, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through b. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2

- a. Minutes of the June 16, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for June 2019.

### **2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This item is reserved for members of the public who wish to speak on items not on the agenda.*

There were none.

### **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

#### **a. Manager's Report:**

The District's West Nile season is off to a slow start as compared to last year with the recent detection of the first WNV positive dead bird and the first positive mosquito collection pool for our District. Crews are very busy addressing high populations and virus activity in various areas. Staff will continue to follow the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan with enhanced surveillance and control efforts in response to positive dead birds or positive mosquito collections. The District conducted a flyover with a new vendor of approximately 50 square miles over parts of north Sacramento County to look for green swimming pools and compare to the District's previous flyovers. The goal is to see how efficient the new system would be and to test their artificial intelligence system on its ability to accurately find swimming pools and shorten the timeline from flyover to identification. The AMCA is continuing to push for appropriations to the newly passed SMASH (Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health) Act. The Senate appropriations committee is meeting this month to hopefully finalize the CDC budget and include funding for SMASH. We have been partnering with other public health entities to educate our lawmakers on the need for this funding. The MVCAC supported bill (AB320) that would establish the CalSurv Gateway in state statute and codify existing operations will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on July 10th.

**b. Reports from District Departments:** Written reports were provided in the Board packet from each department. Department supervisors gave an oral presentation and were available to answer any questions.

**Lab/Surveillance:** Laboratory Director, Marcia Reed discussed department activities including mosquito abundance, EVS surveillance, studies and collaborations. *Culex pipiens* abundance is higher than the five year average while *Culex tarsalis* abundance is climbing now that much of the rice is planted and temperatures are warmer. The District has collected and tested 171 dead birds

with just one bird testing positive for West Nile virus so far this season. At this time last year we had collected 210 dead birds with 23 of those testing positive for WNV. The dead bird was collected from the Elverta area with one mosquito sample pool testing positive for West Nile virus in the Florin area. Additional surveillance traps have been set in both areas. Spray evaluations related to the product trials are taking place this month. In addition, samples from catch basins will be sent to Dr. Gan for analysis as a part of the residue and resistance study.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Stormwater/Drainages, Wetland Program, Planning Program, Pool Program, and the UAS Program. Staff has been monitoring and notching beaver dams in the main drainage ditch north of Hwy 5 in the Yolo Bypass and will install a pipe in the dam, if necessary. Staff has reviewed plans for and will work with appropriate staff on the City of Sacramento McKinley Water Vault project and the Army Corps of Engineers on their drainage project in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. UAS treatments are being performed by Leading Edge with staff preparing to take CDPR's UAS Certification for Vector Control Technicians on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff has submitted six warrant applications for swimming pools technicians have not been able to gain access to in order to inspect and treat.

**Biological Control:** Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided a written report in the Board packet. Manager Goodman noted the pictures of the new fencing that were included in the report and indicated there are plans to install more fencing like this around other ponds.

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activity including rice acreage, abundance responses, green swimming pools and trial work. This year there are approximately 39,133 acres of rice, 34,145 of conventional and 4,988 of organic, which is about a 16% decrease when compared to last year. Adulthooding in agricultural areas has picked up due to high abundance in the District's rice traps. Staff is continuing to work on the Sumilary trial for catch basins and dairy lagoons.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including Advertising and Media, Events, Government Affairs, and Repellent and Materials Distribution. The District launched the children's Mosquito Buster Squad website with interactive games and activities geared towards reinforcing our Fight the Bite prevention messages. The site will be promoted to teachers through social media and school presentations. The advertising campaign is in full swing with messages airing on radio and television stations, billboards and train ads. Staff will be attending the Pear Fair in July and are distributing repellent as requested for local events including National Night Out in August.

**4. CLOSED SESSION- PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO DESIGNATED LABOR REPRESENTATIVES (GOV. CODE S. 54957.6-LABOR NEGOTIATIONS) AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: [GARY GOODMAN, JANNA MCLEOD, SAMER ELKASHEF, CHRIS VOIGHT] EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: [OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3]**

President LaTorre adjourned the Regular meeting to go into Closed Session at 10:47 am. The Board returned from closed session and re-opened the regular meeting at 11:11 am with nothing to report from the closed session.

**5. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SIDE LETTER TO THE MOU BETWEEN DISTRICT AND OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3**

Manager Goodman introduced this item and was available to answer questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted to approve the Side Letter to the MOU between the District and Operating Engineers Local Union #3. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

**6. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2019-2020**

Manager Goodman introduced this item and was available to answer questions. The costs associated with the Side Letter Agreement, including a 2.4% salary adjustment for the represented employees, have been included in this draft of the budget. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee Eldridge, the Board voted to approve the 2019-2020 Budget. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

**7. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO PAY 2019/2020 ANNUAL PREMIUM INVOICE OF \$314,877 FOR COVERAGE THROUGH THE VECTOR CONTROL JOIUNT POWERS AGENCY**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Maggy, the Board voted to approve the payment of the 2019/2020 VCJPA Premium Invoice in the amount of \$314,877. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

**8. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY INVOICES OF \$887,797**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve the payment of the CalPERS Unfunded Liability invoices in the amount of \$887,797. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

**9. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

A presentation of the Mosquito Buster Squad web site will be provided at the next Board meeting.

The MVCAC summer meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Staff will be meeting with Lundberg Farms, a rice farmer, near the end of the month.

Field Supervisor Randy Burkhalter is retiring the end of July.

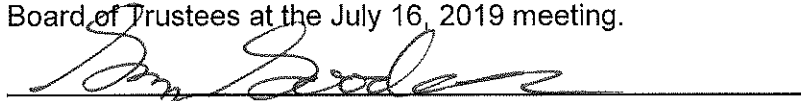
Long term revenue and expense projections are being prepared for discussion at a future Board meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

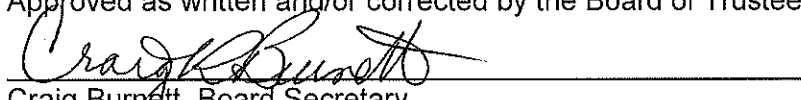
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I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the July 16, 2019 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the August 20, 2019 meeting.



Craig Burnett, Board Secretary