

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2020
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:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Jennifer Buckman

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. All Trustees were in attendance, with Isleton vacant; therefore, a quorum was present. Trustee McGarvey left the meeting at 11:00am. Trustee DeAnda had technical issues at the start of the meeting and left the meeting at noon.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Maggy seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. and b. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1(DeAnda).

- a. Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for June 2020.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Felix Huerta Jr., Representative of OE3, Union President, Kevin Valone, Union Vice President Robert Fowler, and MOAT Unit employees Ron Burkhouse, Marti Towery, and Marilou Thomas requested to speak to the Board during Public Comment. The speakers commented on Union concerns including salary adjustments, cost of living and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as well as the Ecological Management Technician description and salary.

3. 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]

At 10:37 am President Karpinski-Costa adjourned the Open Meeting. The Board went into the Closed Session for Item 3 at 10:39am. The Board returned to Open Session at 11:21 am. The Board reported that it provided direction to the District designated representatives to continue with the process of negotiations.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021.

Manager Goodman reviewed projected revenues and expenditures, the CalPERS UAL payment, and planned capital expenditures. In light of the uncertainty of the impacts to revenues due to the pandemic a salary adjustment, based on CPI was not included in the budget for non-represented employees; however, 4 paid days off, representing a 1.6% value of salary, to be taken between the Christmas and New Year holidays would be effective for non-represented employees. The budget also includes an increase of \$100 in the cafeteria plan credits from \$1,200 per month to \$1,300 per month and will be effective July 1, 2020 for non-represented employees. Any proposal to modify salary and/or benefits for the represented employees within the MOAT unit is a part of the collective bargaining process that is ongoing and will be presented for consideration along with any proposals related to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and OE3 when that is brought to the Board. On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Mooney, the Board voted to approve the District Budget for FY 2020-2021. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 1, Absent: 1 (DeAnda). Trustee Sean Denny cast the No vote.

5. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The District's West Nile season is quickly gaining momentum as compared to last year and 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 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 Manager has met online with Congressman Ami Bera to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the District and to explore potential federal relief programs. The Manager also engaged with Senator Marco Rubio (FL) on potential appropriations for the SMASH Act. We have been partnering with other public health entities to educate our lawmakers on the need for this funding. AMCA is submitting a grant request to CDC for expansion of the AMCA's Best Management Practices Manual to include training for Culex species and to incorporate an emergency response component. The MVCAC made some recent changes to the Board structure and is currently looking for a new trustee to sit on their Board of Directors. The language describing the trustee council in the bylaws was deleted and essentially created a Board position for a trustee at large. It will now follow the procedures for the Vice President Election process currently in place and would serve on the board and advocate for trustee issues. They can serve for more than a year if elected and there are no term limits. The overall goal is to better connect the trustees on MVCAC business, providing engaged trustees places to bring their talents.

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, dead bird program and collaborations. The Lab has tested 2,871 mosquito sample pools with 16 testing positive for West Nile virus. This same time last year we had just 3 positive sample pools with the same number of pools tested. During the 2018 season, which was a high West Nile virus year, we had 149 positive mosquito sample pools. So, while this year is higher than last year it is still a low activity year at this point. The positive samples were collected from the Fair Oaks/Orangevale area, South Sacramento (Elder Creek) area and the Elk Grove area. Of the dead birds collected so far this year, 20 have tested positive with just one positive this time last year. Seventeen of the twenty positive birds have come from the same areas as the positive mosquito samples. While the District has not yet detected *Aedes aegypti*, our neighbor to the south, San Joaquin Mosquito District, has detected Aedes. Once the District has detected Aedes activity in current traps the Lab will expand out to other sites within the District to try to determine if they are present in other areas. The Catch Basin Residue and Resistance study kits have been received and the first samples will be collected from basins this month.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Agriculture, Storm Water and Drainages, Wetland/Rice Program and cemeteries. Staff continues to study mosquito larvae reduction by removal of vegetation in dairy sumps. The sumps will be monitored and compared to those that were not mowed throughout the season. Staff is working with Sacramento County Department of Water Resources and the Cities of Woodland and Winters on beaver dam removals at various sites in their respective areas. Staff removed beaver dam blockages within the main drainage culverts on the Channel Ranch, and are working with Conaway Ranch on early wild rice flooding and BMPs.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including fish plants, regular maintenance and special projects. Tony updated the numbers in his written report to over 1200 lbs. of mosquitofish planted in over 3200 different sites. One hundred and two of those sites planted are rice fields. The current 6-7 week window is the busiest time of the year for Fisheries as technicians try to stock as many rice fields as quickly and efficiently as possible during this time frame. The department harvested over 150 lbs. of mosquitofish from outside sources last month that are isolated from game fish, are easily cleaned and accessed to supplement District stock. Fisheries is participating in several projects this season including

dissolved oxygen levels, crayfish trapping, ideal stocking rates and the use of mosquitofish pheromones to repel mosquito egg laying.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos discussed department activities including rice program and acreage, equipment and trials. Rice acreage for the 2020 season is in and there is a total of 45,498 acres with 38,653 acres of conventional and 6,836 acres of organic. Crews have been responding to positive mosquito samples and positive dead birds with barrier treatments and some ground adulticiding. The Sumilarv trials in rural and urban sources are ongoing as well as low volume larviciding (LVL) applications using the A-1 mist blower. Given the success of the A-1 with WALS applications, trials with different products are expected to run throughout the season to see if we can expand the products used in the A-1.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including, Advertising, a Pesticide Training Video collaboration, Repellent Distribution, Social Media and Government Affairs. A press release was issued last week in response to positive West Nile virus detection in Yolo County and activity detected in northern Sacramento County with coverage in the Sacramento Bee and the Davis Enterprise. District staff was asked to participate in a pesticide training video with UC Davis and the Pesticide Educational Resource Collaborative with the video shoot of our District taking place on July 14. The Advertising campaign is in full swing and social media engagement continues to increase with posts from residents complaining of mosquitoes resulting in the generation of additional service requests. Written reports have been submitted to our city councils for inclusion on their council meeting agendas to update them on District activities for the season.

6. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,024,612

Gary Goodman introduced the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Maggy, the Board voted to approve the payment of the CalPERS Unfunded Liability in the amount of \$1,024,612. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2 (DeAnda, McGarvey).

7. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO PAY 2020/2021 ANNUAL PREMIUM INVOICE OF \$359,159 FOR COVERAGE THROUGH THE VECTOR CONTROL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Gary Goodman introduced the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Maggy seconded by Trustee Eldridge, the Board voted to approve the payment of the VCJPA Premium in the amount of \$359,159. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2 (DeAnda, McGarvey).

8. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION

Both the MVCAC and AMCA are planning their Annual Conferences for next year and are putting together plans for a fully live, in-person conference as well as a hybrid of live and remote attendance due to COVID-19.

The MVCAC Fall Meeting is slated to be a live meeting with contingency plans for remote attendance.

The Annual Financial Audit is scheduled for September.

The District is exploring working with a company on improving efficiency of mosquito sample pooling and testing.

Due to the Pandemic the District is exploring options and opportunities for how to address COVID related issues throughout the off season when personnel spend less time in the field and more time in the office. Ideas, questions and concerns from District personnel are welcome and encouraged.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm

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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 21, 2020 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the August 18, 2020 meeting.

Gar House

Gar House, Board Secretary