

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2021  
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:**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Christopher Barker	Davis
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**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
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Craig Burnett.

**Roll Call**

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. Trustee Barker was absent and all other Trustees were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present. The Isleton Trustee position is vacant.

**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 DeAnda 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.

- a. Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for June 2021.

At this time President Craig Burnett announced the passing of retired employee Lawrence Leverton who had worked with the District for 31 years and passed away earlier this year. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

## **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 quickly gaining momentum 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 MVCAC and AMCA have been very active in trying to secure State and Federal money to help support public health infrastructure. The State of California approved \$1M for the Calsurv program which we hope will be an annual line item in the budget moving forward. We are grateful that Assemblymember Bill Quirk championed this important issue on behalf of the MVCAC in both the legislature and in the media. The Federal process is ongoing and we have been vocal in reaching out to our legislators on the need to enhance the budget for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**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 reported on department activity including mosquito surveillance and abundance, invasive Aedes detections, and collaborations. Marcia indicated the City of Galt continues to be an area of concern for West Nile virus activity. There have been two peaks of activity that were reduced after control efforts were undertaken. Aedes surveillance continues in Yolo County in the cities of Davis, Winters, and Woodland. Sacramento County surveillance is ongoing in areas including the Pocket area of south Sacramento and Arden.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activity including the Wetland/Rice/Agriculture program, Storm water/Creek program, UAS and Swimming Pool programs. Marty discussed recent brush clearing and access projects including the use of the District's new compact track loader and brush mower South of Elk Grove. He reported on the removal of beaver dams by staff in Elder Creek to assist the landowners and County. Marty talked about the UAS program and imagery products being evaluated to improve the quality and efficacy of control products in rice and wetlands such as the Yolo Bypass area.

**Biological Control:** Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including fish distribution, seasonal pond maintenance, and regular fisheries maintenance activities. Tony discussed fish plants and fish yields which have increased this year over last year, meaning staff was able to reach and treat more areas with fish. In the month of June outside collection of mosquitofish was investigated to supplement the District stock. Dissolved oxygen level monitoring, crayfish trapping and stocking rates continue to be studied and evaluated for the best possible quality of fish produced.

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos provided a written report in the Board packet.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including the 2021 advertising campaign, presentations, social media, repellent distribution, government affairs and the MVCAC Public Relations Committee. The District advertising campaign is in full swing with radio and television across various stations. Presentations have been scheduled for summer camps in Davis as part of the outreach efforts in the area due to Aedes detection. A presentation was also given to the Sacramento Valley Medical Society. The MVCAC Public Relations Committee and District staff have worked together on National Mosquito Awareness Week materials, translation of social media content from English to Spanish and research for the production of videos specific to Sterile Insect Techniques (SIT).

At 10:45 am President Burnett called for Mr. Felix Huerta to comment on item 4 as he requested during the main public comment period earlier in the meeting. Mr. Huerta informed the Board that the Union and represented employees ratified the Tentative Agreement for changes to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and OE3. Mr. Huerta indicated that the Union has an outstanding issue related to the Ecological Management Technician classification that they would like to see resolved quickly.

Following Mr. Huerta's comments President Burnett adjourned the regular meeting to go into closed session for Item number 4.

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

At 10:46am President Burnett called the Board into closed session. The Board re-opened the regular meeting at 11:02am reporting that the Board provided direction to the Labor Negotiators during the closed session.

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

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Mooney seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve the revised MOU between the District and Operating Engineers Local Union #3. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

## **6. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2021-2022**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item, reviewing updates and changes since the last reading, including a 2.4% in accordance to the western region CPI and an additional 0.9% for a total of 3.3% for both represented and non-represented employees. On a motion by Trustee DeAnda seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve the District's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

## **7. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A COUNTING AND SORTING MACHINE FROM SENEIO-ROBOTICS**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item and he and Lab Director Marcia Reed were available to respond to questions. On a motion by Trustee Maggy seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to authorize the purchase of one mosquito counting and sorting machine from Senecio-Robotics not to exceed \$60,000 and an annual software license fee of \$36,000. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

## **8. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) RIGHT HAND DRIVE JEEP VEHICLES FOR THE CATCH BASIN PROGRAM**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item and he and Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef were available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board voted to authorize the purchase of five right hand drive Jeep Wranglers from Auto Finance Center not to exceed \$70,000. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

## **9. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CALPERS UNFUNDED LIABILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,244,810**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Mooney seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Board voted to approve the payment of the CalPERS Unfunded Liability in the amount of \$3,244,810. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

## **10. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO PAY 2021/2022 ANNUAL PREMIUM INVOICE OF \$419,410 FOR COVERAGE THROUGH THE VECTOR CONTROL JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee LaTorre, the Board voted to approve the payment of the VCJPA premium in the amount of \$419,410. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

## **11. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

The District has been contacted and is investigating the possibility of a cell tower on site at Bond Road.

Former Trustee Dave Tamayo requested a Letter of Support for him from the District to serve on an EPA dialogue committee.

The pandemic continues and staff is following all applicable regulations and guidelines as they are updated by the various agencies dealing with health and safety challenges from COVID-19 including social distancing, virtual meetings and promoting remote work where feasible.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 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 20, 2021 meeting.

*Gary Goodman*

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Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the August 17, 2021 meeting.

*Marcia Mooney*

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Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary