

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 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
Vern C. Bruhn		Winters
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Rosemarie Butler		Isleton
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Jennifer Benito	Public Information Officer

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Visitors: Diane Lewallen  
Paul Butner

**Call to Order:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Trustee Raul DeAnda led the 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:**

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There was none.

**1. Items for Approval by General Consent:**

*On a motion by Trustee Washino, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 23, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting; on a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for May 2006.*

**2. Reports to the Board**

**Manager's Report: A.** *Manager Brown reported that the Budget Joint Conference Committee has added \$10 million dollars into the state budget to aid local mosquito control districts in their fight against West Nile virus, and also added \$1.5 million to support Department of Fish and Game implementation of Best Management Practices to reduce mosquitoes on managed wetlands.*

*We offered the position of Lab Director to a very good candidate from Montana State University. She has tentatively accepted the offer of employment. Her name is Dr. Paula Maceda. She is also under a H1-B Visa, so we are working with immigration to determine her eligibility.*

*We are hosting an EPA prep meeting here next week. Every year for the last five years we have participated with EPA on issues relative to public health and vector control. The class is held at UC Davis and then our facility has been part of their tour. We have been asked to give a presentation on the control activities of last year.*

*The preliminary field work with the new auditors has started. To date, the audit team has been very complimentary and there have not been any red flags raised as of yet. They will be coming back again in August to formally do their field work.*

*Some issues that we will be bringing to the Board at subsequent meetings are: the Davis Sewer Treatment facility; rice issues with implementing the BMP's with the growers. Our Water*

Management department will be developing BMP's for overland flow areas.

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**2. Cont'd.** Last year District Entomologist Glenn Yoshimura passed away. Fellow employees and staff, Board members, and friends gave generously to place a bench in his memory outside the lab bay where he could be found during his breaks. The bench is now in place and everyone is encouraged to stop by and see it.

In the Board packets was a letter from Mr. Don Mooney, representing the group "Stop West Nile Spraying Now", a local citizen's group. Manager Brown has spoken with Mr. Mooney about the proposal he submitted. Discussion and comments continued. Manager Brown will work with Board President Peart and Davis City Representative Trustee Washino on drafting a response to the organizations that are cc: in this letter, as well as work to provide training to interested community members..

We will give a presentation at the next Board meeting on the new look of our "Fight the Bite" website. Work is still being done to complete the changes.

The School Program and Community Outreach update was included in the Board packets. The update included the Fight the Bite poster contest calendar, K-3 curriculum, outreach to the Spanish, Asian, and Russian speaking communities. We received two emails recently that conveyed very positive feedback from our outreach. Some discussion continued.

Dr. Smallwood final written report to the Board on the impact of West Nile virus on the Magpie population in an area of the Sacramento Valley was included in the Board packets.

**B. Mosquito Counts and Field Activities:** Assistant Manager Goodman reported that due to the warm weather we are pretty busy. We are still at a Level 2, finding a positive jay in the Antelope area, but have not had any positive mosquito pools as of yesterday. Last year our first positive pools were right after the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. This time last year in California there were

121 positive birds, and this year only 28; last year 34 positive mosquito pools, and this year only 10; zero horse cases this year, where last year there were 3; and three positive chicken conversions last year at this time, this year only one is southern California. Mosquito counts are beginning to increase. Catch basin treatments have

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**2. Cont'd.** increased 50 percent and fish plants have increased over 30 percent over last year. We are expecting 36,000 acres of rice and have started our adulticiding program in the agricultural areas and some of the local parks. Airplane spraying of rice fields will begin this week. We have implemented the notification on our website for any localized adulticiding and sending out e-mails. We did go through the warrant process successfully and uneventful. The pool was loaded with larvae, it was treated, and then we returned 8 days later. Service requests this year to date are 3300, and last year at this time we were at 2400. The Board was pleased with the thoroughness of the report.

**3. Board Review and Consideration of District Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.**

The completed budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 was presented. Manager Brown recommended that this not be adopted at this time due to waiting to see the outcome of the State budget. Under the Health and Safety Code, the District has until August 1<sup>st</sup> to adopt their budget.

Some of the keynote items reviewed were the revenues and reserves, professional services and water monitoring, salaries and COLA and overtime pay, and changes in a few employment classes.

Discussion continued and the budget will be brought back to the July meeting for further discussion and adoption.

**4. Board Review and Consideration of Pesticide Purchase Policy for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.**

Our District procurement policy requires purchases of pesticides that

exceed \$20,000 be pursuant to certain bidding procedures. Manager Brown is proposing that we do not go out to bid on Altosid and Vectobac products. We only have one vendor that has the rights to sell Vectobac products on the west coast, and the price on the Altosid products are set by the manufacturer. On a motion by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved to purchase the Vectobac products from Adapco-Fennimore, and to purchase Altosid products evenly among several vendors.

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**5. Board Review and Consideration to Authorize Printing of 2005 District Annual Report not to Exceed \$6000.00**

The draft annual report for 2005 was included in the Board packets.

The cost to go to print is \$6,000.00. On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Tamayo, the Board unanimously approved the cost of printing the 2005 annual report, not to exceed \$6,000.00.

**6. Board Review and Consideration of Advertorial Regarding Updates of Mosquitoes and District Control Measures Not to Exceed \$15,000.00.**

District staff is proposing to get this advertorial out to the public by the end of June or the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. This would be a full page color ad/editorial in the Sacramento Bee to remind the public about our Mosquito-borne Disease Management Plan, including the 7 D's and the status of West Nile virus activity in our area. We will supplement by running the same ad in the Davis Enterprise, Winters Express, Daily Democrat and the News Ledger for Yolo County. On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Washino, the unanimously approved the advertorial not to exceed \$15,000.00.

**7. Board Review and Consideration of Fight the Bite Informational Kit for Stakeholders Not to Exceed \$8,000.00.**

Our information and outreach program is proposing to put together a kit that will consolidate our information into 8 brochures. These kits would be given out to media, handed out

at public outreach events, fairs and the general public. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Bruhn, the Board voted in favor of the informational kits not to exceed \$8,000.00. Trustee Whitfield abstained.

**8. Board Review and Consideration of Updates to Subscription Plan for the District's Vector Control Management System Not to Exceed \$7,000.00.**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Parrella, the Board unanimously approved the VCMS program update, not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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**9. Board Review and Consideration of District Vacation Policy in Response to an Anonymous Letter.**

Manager Brown was asked by Board members to put this item on the agenda due to the Board members receiving an anonymous letter. The District vacation policy was included in the Board packet. After discussion, on a motion by Trustee Washino, seconded by Trustee Bruhn, the Board voted in favor of not accepting anonymous letters and reaffirmed that anonymous letters are not the appropriate way to bring issues to the Board, and the grievance policy should be followed. Trustee Whitfield and Trustee Tamayo abstained.

**10. 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.

The VCJPA Target Equity/Return of Equity Policy Statement was included in the Board packets.

Manager Brown received an email from UC Berkeley Professor Robert Lane, inviting him to participate in the SOVE Conference in

*Anchorage, Alaska from Sept. 29 to October 3, 2006.*

*Manager Brown's annual evaluation was scheduled to be on the July agenda for the Board's discussion and review. Legal Counsel Shanahan will not be in attendance, so President Peart postponed the evaluation until August.*

*Manager Brown is suggesting an Ad Hoc committee to work with the Manager on developing a five year plan. Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Tamayo, Trustee Burnett, and Trustee Whitfield volunteered to serve on this committee.*

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**11. Adjournment.**

*President Peart adjourned the meeting at 2:55 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 June 20, 2006 meeting.*

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*David Brown, Manager*

*Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting.*

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*John Lewallen, Secretary*

