

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19th, 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
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

ABSENT: Rosemarie Butler Secretary Isleton
Raul DeAnda West Sacramento
Mary Heilman Winters

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Joel Buettner, Paula Macedo, Jennifer Benito	

Legal Counsel: Richard Shanahan

Call to Order: Vice President Craig Burnett opened the meeting and presided until the arrival of President Tamayo. All cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices should be silenced during the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Washino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the Board meeting held May 15th, 2007; the expenditures for May 2007; the MVCAC Membership dues; and the USFWS Special Use Permit.

2. **Correspondence to the Board**

There was none.

3. **Reports to the Board.**

(a) Managers Report: *The District has been notified that we are being considered for the Department of Pesticide Regulation IPM Innovator Award. The District received this award in 1998.*

There was an article in the Sacramento Bee regarding a very unusual case of a potential WNV victim. The person unfortunately passed away in late May. It is unclear whether or not it was caused by the WNV infection due to the multiple complications he was experiencing. It is presumed that he contracted the virus in the summer of 2006.

Manager Brown gave a presentation titled "Mosquito Control and the Media" at the Joint Meeting of the 51st Livestock & Insect Workers Conference and the 9th International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets in Lexington, KY. Many other agencies share the same problems of resistance and lack of new chemistry.

Our District will be hosting the MVCAC meeting here on Thursday regarding the RFP for new management. It has become a very contentious issue for the membership.

Ecological Management Supervisor Joel Buettner reported that last year we served an abatement warrant on a particular individual, and we are having to repeat the process again this year. The abatement warrants are only good for 14 days. We have gone through the process of inspecting the home, larvae was present in the pool so we treated it, and we want to do a 30-day follow-up that is outside the active period of the warrant. We have given notice to the individual each time we have visited the residence and he has made it clear he not interested in cooperating. If he is not willing to let us inspect the property, than we can go back to court and ask for an extension of the current warrant, and concurrently begin the abatement process of a fine. Joel went on to explain the processes and some discussion continued. Legal Counsel Shanahan also added the legal processes for the abatement process and the Board's role in this process. Discussion continued.

(a) Cont'd. Joel updated the Board on the cost calculator for the fall flood up. Previously he discussed the fall flood-up date of October 1st and anyone needing to flood earlier we would have a fee schedule in place. The recommendation was to give landowners the option to flood earlier than October 1st with a 4-stage fee structure that would allow us to recoup our costs and give them an incentive to delay as much as they can. October 1st is the date we are requesting to begin the fall flood-up. If they need to begin one week earlier, then they will be charged 25% of our material costs that we actually apply to that land. Two weeks prior to October 1st would be charged 50%, three weeks prior would be 75%, and anything 4 weeks or more would pay the entire cost. Joel has presented this to the BMP participants, the agricultural and wetland's individuals, and the Yolo Basin Working Group meeting. This has been proposed to many of the stakeholders and they have been asked to comment by the end of June. The cost calculator is on our website so landowners can estimate what their costs could be. Trustee Lewallen attended the meeting and presentation that Joel gave to one of the resource groups. He commended Joel for the fine work he has put into this program as evidenced by the positive responses from the members.

Assistant Manager Goodman has written to the Agriculture Commissioner regarding organic farmers seeking certification. This will likely become problematic due to the three year process of becoming certified.

(b) District Open House: Ms. Benito reported that the District received over 1000 entries in the comic strip contest. The Open House will be June 23rd. We will have guest speakers that will also include two WNV survivors. There are some nice donated prizes for the raffle, and the comic strip contest winners and the Eco awards will also be presented.

(c) Mosquito Counts and Field Activities: Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reported on the mosquito pool collections to-date, with no positives at this time. We did receive the first positive bird last week. Mosquito abundance and the numbers in the traps are actually down. Tarsalis is way down, and pipiens are beginning to increase, which is what we would expect with the temperatures warming. Staff has begun to utilize some extended hours, treating more sources and conducting more inspections, being very active in the field.

4. **Board Review and Consideration of Resolutions Honoring Community Members Implementing Ecological Practices That Reduce Mosquito Production.**

On a motion by Trustee Whitfield, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved the following resolutions: Resolution 6/19/07 A Honoring The Locke Management Association; Resolution 6/19/07 B Honoring John Roberts and the Natomas Basin Conservancy; and Resolution 06/19/07 C Honoring the Gary Pratton Dairy.

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

The Manager presented the same budget that has been presented over the last two months for further review. The revenues and expenditures are relatively the same as previously stated and the 3.5 COLA has been incorporated into the budget as discussed earlier. At the Board's request, within our Integrated Pest Management program, have adjusted budget account categories for surveillance/lab services, ecological management, fish hatchery, education program, and pesticides (microbial/insect growth regulators). Absent any major changes via the passage of the State Budget, the 2007-2008 District Budget will be brought back at the July meeting for adoption.

6. **Board Review and Consideration of Pesticide Purchase Policy for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.**

The District Procurement Policy requires the purchase of pesticides that exceed \$20,000 be pursuant to certain bidding procedures unless: a) the item can be obtained only from one vendor or supplier; b) the item is to be purchased from the State of California list of sale items; or c) the Board of Trustees determines otherwise. Staff proposes to purchase our BTI and BS products from Adapco-Fennimore as a sole source provider; purchase Altosid products from various vendors, of which the base price is set by the manufacturer. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Biederman, the Board unanimously approved the pesticide purchase practices for 2007-2008.

7. **Board Review and Consideration of Updates to Subscription Plan for the District's Vector Control Management System not to Exceed \$5,500.00.**

This is the annual agreement to continue our subscription for the VCMS program we use to maintain our field operations data base. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the subscription plan for the District's Vector Control Management System not to exceed \$5,500.00.

8. **Board Review and Consideration to Fund Research Projects Through the California Mosquito and Vector Control Association Research Foundation not to Exceed \$40,000**

The District continues to support research that addresses mosquito control concerns relative to control. Other Districts have pledged about \$70,000 towards the research fund also. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of \$40,000.00 to the California Mosquito and Vector Control Association Research Foundation to fund research projects applicable to objectives of the District.

9. **Board Review and Consideration of Bids to Purchase Three (3) 2007 4 X 4 Quad Runners for Mosquito Control.**

District staff is proposing to update our field control vehicles. These vehicles can be used in areas that full sized vehicles cannot travel to or areas that require a "small foot print". Staff posted and received bids pursuant to District policy. The purchase is included in the new fiscal year budget for 2007-2008. On a motion by Trustee Whitfield, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of three (3) 2007 4 X 4 Quad Runners

10. **Board Review and Consideration of Amendments to Rules for Proceedings of District Board Meetings.**

This is the second reading of the change to formalize our placing of the District agendas on our website, which we have been doing for the past two years. District Legal Counsel Shanahan also suggested to post the agenda outside of the District facility during non-business hours, which staff has accommodated. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved of the adoption of the amendments to the Rules and Proceedings of District Board meetings.

11. **Board Review and Consideration of Contract with Department of Fish and Game to Implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) on Yolo Basin Wildlife Area.**

This is an amendment to the agreement the District entered into with California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in 2005. The DFG received additional monies to continue implementing the provisions of AB 1982 and this agreement acknowledges those amendments. On a motion by Trustee Peart and seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the Manager to sign the agreement between the District and California DFG.

12. **Board Review and Consideration of Fight the Bite Calendar Not to Exceed \$11,500.00**

The development of this calendar for 2008 will be based on our recent comic strip contest. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins and seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted in favor of the development and printing of the 2008 Fight the Bite calendar, not to exceed \$11,500.00. Trustee Whitfield abstained.

13. **Board Review and Consideration of Advertorial to Educate and Inform the Public About Mosquitoes Not to Exceed \$27,000.00**

District staff wants to use this opportunity to update the public on current level of mosquito activity as well as aspects of our Mosquito Management Plan. Staff is proposing to accomplish this through "advertorials" in publications June 28th, June 30th, and July 1st, at a cost of \$27,000.00. This will be the weekend before the 4th of July celebration. In light of receiving confirmation of WNV activity after the Board packets were mailed out, staff is proposing an additional \$43,000.00 in radio ad's through Clear Channel and \$24,000.00 for the comic strip contest winners in the Sacramento Bee, for a total of \$94,000.00 for outreach programs. This would be very timely with the holiday coming up quickly and the confirmation of WNV activity. A motion was made by Trustee Washino, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, to approve the advertorials, radio ad's and newspaper ad for \$94,000.00. After discussion and the suggestion to include Spanish interpretations, Trustee Washino amended his motion to approve \$100,000.00 to fund the advertorials, the radio ad's, the newspaper ad and the Spanish translation, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, with the Board voting in favor of the amended motion. Trustee Whitfield and Trustee Biederman abstained.

14. 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.

Pursuant to the Manager's contract, he will provide a self assessment and evaluation to the Board members. This item will be a closed session item at a future meeting.


Manager will report back on the status of the MVCAC regarding dues and restructure, and pending issues.

15. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 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 19th, 2007 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the July 17th, 2007 meeting.

 7/17/07
for Rosemarie Butler, Secretary