

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2010
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Robert J. McGarvey	President	Rancho Cordova
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	V-President	Citrus Heights
Frederick Goethel	Secretary	Galt
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Gregory Lanzaro		Winters
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
David Tamayo		City of Sacramento
Robert Washino		Davis

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
John Fritz	Program Coordinator
Demetri Dokos	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer
Dan Fisher	I T Administrator

Call to Order:

Roll Call

All Trustees present. Trustee Karpinski-Costa arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

All cell phones, pagers, pda's, and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Peart, seconded by Trustee Goethel, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the regular May 18, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for May 2010; Resolution 06/15/10A to provide Workers Compensation Coverage for certain District volunteers; Accept the California Employers Retiree Benefit Trust quarterly statement; Approval of Resolution 06/15/10B Privacy Policy for District website.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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Reports to the Board

- a. Special Report:** Manager David Brown introduced Jerome Schleier who works in Dr. Robert Peterson's lab at Montana State University. He is performing a research project on the deposition and movement of Ultra Low Volume (ULV) particles associated with adult mosquito control in California and Montana. He gave a presentation to the Board explaining the preliminary model he constructed, how he will collect data to construct a final model, and the final validation of the model. He is collecting the data in accordance with the U.S. EPA guidelines so that the model can be used for risk assessments and other regulatory needs.
- b. Managers Report:** Manager Brown provided a written report in the Board packets, but also commented on the following: the District had an (invited) inspection from the Environmental Health Department and local Agricultural Commissioner. The District had one violation that may result in a fine (it has been corrected); Veterinarians from Sacramento and Yolo County will host a dinner meeting here at the District facility on July 28th. This will provide an opportunity of extended outreach in our veterinarian community and give them a chance to see what our District does and how we coordinate our respective programs; the USEPA released the draft NPDES permit for public comment. This permit is expected to be used as a template for several other states, but California is not expected to be one of them; We have secured a volunteer for the Library to sort and catalogue the books, papers and periodicals. We anticipate having an on-line program to manage the location, check out and return of library items; there is discussion ensuing among the Delta Commission and other water agencies about the flooding of the by-pass area to save the fish habitat; The district has requested a reimbursement of \$59,941.00 from our CERBT due to our annual required contributions have exceeded the required liability funding.
- c. Reports from District Departments:** Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department, and the department supervisors also commented on the following:
Lab/Surveillance – Paula Macedo reported on the current activities of the lab, including the development and maintenance of the mosquito colonies. The cooler weather and the rains have extended the District tick season, including more activity in the field and from the public. Even though the weather is cooler, the weekly abundance is still about average. **Ecological Department** – Marty Scholl provided a written report, but is currently giving a presentation in southern California. Manager Brown reported that we have sent a letter to the Department of Water

3. Cont'd. c. Resources. In light of the Delta issues, and the water quality issues, staff wants to know what their plan is going to be for controlling the mosquitoes. We have not yet received a response; **Biological Control** – Demetri Dokos reported the department continues to supply fish for the technicians, and stocking some of the larger sources. Rice is slower this year, but some fields may be ready in July. We will continue to assess which fields need fish; **Larval/Adult Mosquito Control** – Gary Goodman reported on the Catch basin crew and field activities that were slowed and/or hampered by the intermittent rainy days in May, compared to this time last year; larviciding is in full swing with the warming weather, and adulticiding is just beginning with the late rice planting. Control operations are busy with service requests, pools, and monitoring sources. Mr. Goodman also reported on the pyrethrin shortage and is wrestling to find alternatives. We have an issue with one rice farmer who planted rice next to a residential community, Arco arena, and I-5. The airplane applicator cannot make applications in such a congested area; **District Rice Program** – Assistant Manager Gary Goodman gave a presentation of the rice program and potential changes due to budget constraints, staff time, and available control products. We anticipate about 42,000 acres of rice this year; **Public Outreach** – Luz Rodriguez reported on the events attended during the month of May; Fight the Bite Night at the River Cats baseball game will be on Saturday, June 19th; several presentations were given in the classroom and community setting during the month of May; our advertising campaign message during the summer months will be reporting neglected swimming pools; our repellent distribution is ongoing and very well-received. At a recent PIO meeting, Luz announced that we had repellent available for upcoming events.

4. Board Review and Discussion of Preliminary 2010-2011 Budget.

Manager Brown presented the second draft of the budget for 2010-2011 fiscal year. Manager Brown's projection of revenues has not changed much from last month's draft, anticipating a 2 – 3 % drop in property tax revenues based on property values. Due to the county's budget cuts, their staff is not able to defend reassessments of property values as in the past, so they are expecting about a 5% reduction in revenues from the previous year. Manager Brown reported that we are streamlining as much as we can, by delaying the hiring of temporary personnel, adjusting work schedules, and delaying maintenance projects. Discussion and questions continued regarding a 1.5% COLA for employees and information was provided on what other Districts and entities are providing to their employees. More information will be provided next month.

5. **Board Review and Consideration of Providing a Grant to the Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory Not to Exceed \$50,000.00.**

The District wishes to continue the on-going collaboration with the Sacramento County Public Health Lab. Manager Brown is proposing to allocate \$50,000 through a grant that will be directed to the Sacramento County Health Lab to ensure the facility infrastructure is maintained in a manner that allows the District to use these state of the art facilities for vector-borne disease surveillance. Sharing resources has allowed the District to respond quickly and appropriately to surveillance data derived from quick turn-around testing at the County Public Health Lab. The cross-training between county and district employees maximizes public resources during difficult budget times. On a motion by Trustee Washino, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved a grant to the Sacramento County Public Health Lab for \$50,000.00 with District Legal Counsel to write the specific language.

6. **Board Review and Consideration to Purchase Repellents and Promotional Items for Outreach Events Not to Exceed \$92,000.00**

The District needs to replenish supplies related to our outreach program to educate and inform the public. District PIO Luz Rodriguez outlined the items of repellent wipes, media spots, and promotional items. On a motion by Trustee Goethel, seconded by Trustee Lanzaro, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for the outreach program not to exceed \$92,000.00.

7. **Board Review and Consideration to Fund Research Projects.**

- a.) Non-target Effects of Biorational Larval Mosquito Control Materials on Fairy Shrimp Found in Vernal Pools. A letter from the US Fish & Wildlife Service was included in the Board packets regarding the District's use of control agents in vernal pools. The Service will be conducting biological opinions regarding the impacts of pesticides on endangered species, which could affect our program. Manager Brown is in favor of the study and would like to maintain the relationship the District has established with the agency. Staff will continue to evaluate the research project and bring it back to the Board.
- b.) Proposal to Fund a Postdoctoral Position in Mosquito Systematics. This item has been postponed and will be brought back when there is more information available for consideration.

8. Board Review and Discussion of District Communication System.

The District's Information Technology Coordinator Dan Fisher has been researching options to upgrade our current phone and internet service. Our current provider has grown faster than the infrastructure of the services provided, resulting in frequent and many service degradations. Dan has been researching many vendors and the products and services they provide. In July 2010, proposals will be requested, evaluated, and approved by staff, District legal counsel and the Board. If approved, the phone and internet service will be ordered around the first part of September, with an installation date by October/November 2010. This item will be brought back to the Board.

9. 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.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 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 15, 2010 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the July 20, 2010 meeting.



Frederick S. Goethel, Secretary