

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2012  
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:**

Lyndon Hawkins	Vice President	Elk Grove
David Tamayo	Secretary	City of Sacramento
Craig R Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Gregory Lanzaro		Winters
Christopher Barker		Davis

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Frederick Goethel	President	Galt
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova

**LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Richard Shanahan

**STAFF PRESENT:**

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Marty Scholl	Ecological Mgmt Supervisor
Demetri Dokos	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Vice President Hawkins.

**Roll Call**

Trustees Fredreick Goethel and Robert McGarvey are absent; however, a quorum is present. Trustees Lanzaro, Peart and Tamayo arrived to the meeting at 10:09am.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT**

Trustee Karpinski-Costa asked about how many years the District may need to pay the amount of the NPDES Coalition invoice. Manager Brown answered the NPDES permit is for a five (5) year period and the Coalition Assessment fee is intended to assist with costs associated with adulticide water quality sampling. Trustee Karpinski-Costa then asked if any of the monies would be sent back to participants based on the actual amount of work performed by the Coalition. Manager Brown responded by saying that had not yet been vetted out by the Coalition membership. Trustee Burnett pointed out an error in item c., noting that the District e-mail address for the AMCA Membership was incorrect. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved items a. through h. of general consent with the correction to item c. as mentioned above:

- a. Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting;
- b. Expenditures for May 2012;
- c. AMCA Government Sustaining Memberships dues of \$5,000.00;
- d. Board Consideration to Surplus District Property;
- e. Board Consideration of Renewal of Uniform Services Agreement with Aramark;
- f. Authorize Manager to Sign Certification of OPEB Funding Policy and GASB 43/45 Reporting Compliance;
- g. Authorize Payment to Bickmore Risk Services for Year End June 30, 2011 Actuarial Valuation of Other Post Employment Benefits Program (OPEB) as of July 1, 2011;
- h. Board Consideration of Payment of Invoice from MVCAC NPDES Coalition of \$16,846.78.

## **2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

## **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **a. Managers Report:**

Manager Brown submitted an oral report including a brief discussion of the District Budget, a discussion of the recent Press Release regarding the re-emergence of the Asian Tiger Mosquito in Southern California, and the potential repercussions for Special Districts in California as a result of the ongoing LAFCo review of San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

**b. Written Reports from District Departments:** Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department. The department supervisors each gave an oral presentation and were available to answer any questions.

**Lab/Surveillance:** Lab Director, Paula Macedo discussed Positive Pools and Positive Dead Bird counts, trap collections and surveillance activities for mosquitoes. Both *Cx. tarsalis* and *Cx. pipiens* populations are about two weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Approximately two-thirds (2/3) of the dead birds collected are babies, hatchlings or fledglings. Director Macedo feels that is due to the warmer temperatures and the earlier start of the mosquito season coinciding with the vulnerability of the hatching birds in the areas of West Nile virus concern. Director Macedo also mentioned the recent reporting of the first confirmed human case of West Nile virus in California, within Kern County.

At this time, Vice President Hawkins welcomed George Soares from the Rice Commission to the Board meeting.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on the ongoing planning projects including comments to be made on the Draft of the Stormwater MS4 stormwater permit for Yolo County, and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. He also discussed Managed Wetlands including Duck Clubs, Teal Ridge, LLC and Cosumnes River Preserve. He reported on Stormwater/Drainages including Delta Meadows/US Bureau of Reclamation, City of Sacramento Storm Drain Utilities, County of Sacramento Department of Water Resources, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. Mr. Scholl reported on the Agricultural Program including LarryBell Dairy and Rice fields. Lastly Marty mentioned the Pool Program, Cemetery Program and a presentation on "Wetland and Riparian Mosquito Control" that staff made at the Winters Rotary Club lunch meeting.

**Fisheries:** Fisheries Supervisor, Demetri Dokos reported on the fisheries projects and general maintenance. The department will be busy stocking rice fields through July. Fields are stocked with .25 lbs of fish per acre of rice. Organic fields may be stocked with .25 to 1 lb of fish per acre. The department provided mosquitofish to the USGS for use in their methyl mercury testing. The department continues to provide field technicians with mosquitofish for the pool program and filled the cement pond to be utilized as a holding pond for the mosquitofish.

**Control Operations:** Assistant Manager, Gary Goodman reported for the Field Supervisors. Mosquito season is in full swing, about six weeks earlier than is typical. Technicians are performing source checks within a one (1) mile radius of newly confirmed virus activity. In addition, truck mounted adult mosquito control is taking place in areas where it can be done as virus activity is confirmed. Mr. Goodman also discussed rice fields noting a 10% increase in rice acreage to about 50,000 acres from last year. He indicated treatment will be concentrated on fields that are within a five (5) mile "buffer" zone of populated areas. Historical data regarding fields inside the five (5) mile buffer zone will be used for identifying areas for larval treatments. This should cut down on staff time used to perform rice "checks" (dipping the water to look for larvae/pupae), and should allow more of their time to be spent performing virus response and control efforts in and around the populated areas.

**Public Information/Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Rodriguez reviewed her department activities promoting the District and responding to the aerial spraying done earlier in the month. The District received a fair amount of coverage, mostly positive including stories on West Nile virus survivors. These survivor stories put a face with the disease, which can help relay to people the serious risk the virus poses to the public's health. Luz discussed the options the public has for receiving information regarding treatments and aerial spraying beyond the traditional television news and radio spots including the District web site, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter. Luz also mentioned her department repellent purchase request and distribution of the repellent at the presentations and events District staff has been attending. Trustee DeAnda indicated he was able to watch one of her television appearances and commended her on a job well done.

**c. UPDATE ON DISTRICT WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE BUDGET**

Manager Brown summarized the aerial treatments done on the 33,000 acres from highway 99 to the west, Excelsior Road to the east, down to Elk Grove Blvd. in the south, and up to Elder Creek Road in the north. The mosquito borne virus risk assessment from the state West Nile virus plan done on June 8<sup>th</sup> put us very close to epidemic level conditions. The aerial treatments were performed on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. The product used on Monday was a pyrethroid called Sumithrin. The product used on Tuesday was Naled, which is an organophosphate. The cage results demonstrated the products worked operationally, meaning the material got down into the areas that staff wanted them to. The results, based on trapping and tests done in the treatment area the day after the treatment, indicate we had good preliminary control or reduction of the mosquito abundance in the area treated. Further trapping and testing will be performed during the two weeks following the treatment.

Manager Brown briefly discussed the potential need for using the District General Fund balance that is committed for an unanticipated public health response. In the event the trend continues of finding virus activity consistent with what has been found at this early date, the Board may need to consider releasing these funds for use. Staff will continue evaluating our activities and come to the Board with a recommendation in July.

**4. BOARD REVIEW OF DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2012-2013.**

Manager Brown presented the draft Budget Report as an information item only. It was recently brought to the attention of staff that a budget trailer bill may include the loss of RDA Pass-through payment agreements, which, if approved, could mean a loss of revenue for the District of \$15,000 to \$100,000. Staff will continue monitoring the progress of the State Budget and this trailer bill. Revenue projections are down and final numbers will not be available from the Assessors office until later in June. Staff anticipates bringing the Budget to the Board for adoption in July after staff has been able to review the impacts of the State Budget and the Assessor's final numbers.

**5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REVISING POLICY CONCERNING AQUATIC SITES FOR AGRICULTURE, WETLANDS DEVELOPMENT, HABITAT, MITIGATION AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES-FIRST READING**

Mr. Brown provided the Board with a Staff Report and draft resolution regarding District policy concerning wetlands development and restoration and other aquatic sites given the updated NPDES permit requirements. The Manager's staff report included comments from stakeholders including the Cosumnes River Preserve and Yolo Farm Bureau who are among the agencies that may be affected by the adoption of a new/updated resolution. Discussion of the resolution and potential issues followed. George Soares of the Rice Commission thanked the District and indicated that the Rice Commission appreciates the ability to work with the District on this issue. The resolution and further information regarding options, fees or surcharges will be brought back at a future date and discussions will continue.

**6. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE REPELLENT AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$54,000.00**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Karpinski-Costa, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of Repellent and Promotional items for Public Outreach Program not to exceed \$54,000.00.

**7. CLOSED SESSION FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

At 11:58am the Board went into Closed Session.

At 12:20 p.m. the Board re-opened the meeting with nothing to report out from the Closed Session.

**8. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION**


There were none.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**


Vice President Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 12:25 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.

  
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David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.

  
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David Tamayo, Secretary