

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2020
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:

Jayna Karpinski-Costa	President	Citrus Heights
Craig Burnett	Vice President	Folsom
Gar House	Secretary	Winters
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Marcia Mooney		Galt
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
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Trustee Barker was absent and, Isleton is vacant; however, a quorum was present.

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 May 19, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for May 2020.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

This item is reserved for members of the public who wish to speak on items not on the agenda.

Mr. Felix Huerta Jr., Representative of OE3 requested to speak to the Board during Public Comment. Mr. Huerta commented on Union concerns including bargaining re-openers, wages and the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and the Cafeteria Plan modifications in Item 4.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The season is moving along with crews responding to mosquito activity with surveillance and treating breeding sites where needed. The District has seen one positive dead bird so far this year and one positive mosquito collection. The State of California has detected less West Nile virus (WNV) activity in the mosquito population to date in comparison to last year. The majority of WNV positive mosquito collections in the State are centered in Riverside and Stanislaus Counties. AMCA is still active in pursuing federal funding for both the SMASH- (Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health) Act and the TICK-(Ticks: Identify, Control and Knockout) Act. The COVID-19 situation has put a spotlight on the need for public health and we are active in communicating this need to our legislators. The District has been contacted by Sacramento County Public Health Staff about our potential availability to reallocate some of our staff to become contact tracers. The County is currently compiling lists of public agencies that may be able to help during this public health emergency.

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 discussed department activities including mosquito abundance, tick surveillance, dead bird programs and collaborations. Tick and Lyme disease surveillance and testing has concluded with the last collections being tested this month. We have tested 1681 tick samples in pools consisting of 5 ticks each. This season our hot spots were Willow Creek and Snipes Pershing with new positives found at Putah Creek and East Lake Natomas. The District had its first positive dead bird and first positive mosquito sample pool. Surveillance traps have been set in the areas where these first positives were found. To date, no *Aedes aegypti* have been found in our areas of concern in Citrus Heights with traps checked weekly. Collaborative projects for this season include Catch Basin reside with Dr. Jay Gan and Larval Bench Top Assays of larvicides used in Woodland to check for resistance.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Agriculture, Storm Water and Drainages, Swimming Pool, Wetland Program and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program. Staff has begun reviewing ditch cleaning projects

turned in by Technicians and finished access and sump mowing projects for seasonal access and vegetation BMPs. Staff have been developing a plan to assist the City of Folsom with brush work to clear pathways to standing water in the City owned detention basins. Wetland irrigations have started and smaller acreages will be treated with UAS and larger acreages will be treated by conventional aircraft. UAS aerial images taken show the water in these areas including a date and time stamp which helps to document early flooding has occurred. Fourteen unmaintained swimming pools are ready to go for Inspection Warrant when the courts reopen.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including fish plants, regular maintenance and special projects. The department has stocked approximately 261 pounds of fish to treat over 2500 acres. Studies of dissolved oxygen levels and the use of mosquitofish pheromones to repel mosquito egg laying are ongoing. A picture of the initial small scale study of the pheromones was included in the written report. The fish planting for rice fields is expected to start at the beginning of July.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos discussed department activities including service requests, rice program and acreage, and equipment preparations. Service requests are starting to level out with the first round of swimming pool inspections completed and the second round of inspections on pools that do not support fish is almost finished as well. Rice is early this year with about 45,297 acres of rice, up from the written report, approximately 6800 of that being organic. A line item has been added to the larviciding application report to reflect any treatments that are done by UAS. The District adulticide plane has been calibrated and is ready to respond where needed. Efficacy trials of Sumilarv 0.5G in swimming pools and Altosid XRG Ultra in irrigated pastures are ongoing.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including, Advertising, Social Media, Repellent and Materials Distribution and Government Affairs. A Press Release was issued for the first positive dead bird and first positive mosquito sample pools upon detection. The advertising campaign is running on billboards, buses, and light rail trains. Radio spots and a District sponsored weather segment on KCRA are ongoing as well. Staff has been working on a new District Logo that will be used as a part of the District branding initiative and a sample was included in the written report. The District has gone live with two new web pages, one with West Nile virus survivor stories and one with information on Sterile Insect Techniques. Due to COVID and social distancing a written report is being distributed to city councils and government officials instead of in person presentations.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO DISTRICT CAFETERIA PLAN DOCUMENT

In response to the impacts of the pandemic the IRS released two notices affecting Cafeteria Plan and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) that provides potential relief to employees who have FSA Medical or Dependent Care accounts. Manager Gary Goodman introduced the item and was available for questions. Staff sought approval to amend the plan document to allow participants to minimize account balance forfeitures resulting from child care closures and other impacts of COVID-19. Manager Goodman indicated the changes affected all employees, represented and non-represented alike, and the District would work with the Union on any concerns they may have with implementation. On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Maggy, the Board voted to approve the Amendment to the District Cafeteria Plan Document. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021.

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item. This is the second reading of the draft budget for FY 2020-2021. Manager Goodman reviewed the latest property tax receipts and anticipated revenue totals for the upcoming fiscal year. Updated expenditures for salaries and benefits as well as operational expenses were reviewed. In light of the uncertainty of the impacts to revenues due to the pandemic staff proposed leaving two Field Technician vacancies unfilled in this draft of the budget for a total of five authorized, but unfilled positions. Any proposal to modify salary and/or benefits for the represented employees within the MOAT unit is a part of the collective bargaining process that is ongoing and will be presented for consideration along with any proposals related to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and OE3 when that is brought to the Board. No Board action was taken on this item as it is the second reading of the draft budget which will be presented for final review and adoption at the July Board meeting.

6. CLOSED SESSION- Provide Instruction to Designated Labor Representatives (Gov. Code s. 54957.6-Labor Negotiations) Agency Designated Representatives: [Gary Goodman, Janna McLeod, Samer Elkashef, Chris Voight] Employee Organization: [Operating Engineers Local Union #3]

At 11:45 am President Karpinski-Costa adjourned the Open Meeting. Prior to going into Closed Session, Mr. Felix Huerta Jr., OE3 Representative, requested to comment on the Closed Item and submitted a financial forecast report that he referenced by Beacon Economics. The Board went into the Closed Session for Item 6 at 11:50 am. The Board returned to Open Session at 12:15 pm. The Board reported that it provided direction to the District designated representatives to continue with the process of negotiations.

7. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm

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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 16, 2020 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the July 21, 2020 meeting.

Gar House

Gar House, Board Secretary