

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2021
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:

Craig Burnett	President	Folsom
Gar House	Vice President	Winters
Marcia Mooney	Secretary	Galt
Christopher Barker		Davis
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Vacant		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

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 10:00 a.m. by President Craig Burnett.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call and all Trustees were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present. Trustee Eldridge left the meeting at 11:00am and Trustee LaTorre left the meeting at 12:25pm. The Isleton Trustee position is vacant.

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 LaTorre seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through d. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

- a. Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for May 2021;
- c. Board Review and Consideration to Extend a Temporary Work Assignment until August 6, 2021;
- d. Board Authorization to Grant a Leave of Absence for District Employee Pursuant to Section 6.05 (b) of the District Personnel Manual.

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 the Public Comment period. Mr. Huerta discussed the status of negotiations for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 contract with the Union. Mr. Huerta discussed an article he provided to staff to give to the Board which contains the status of the State of California budget and associated Union contracts. Mr. Huerta discussed the District budget and property tax receipts and requested that the Board consider the Union's 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 proposals including CPI, medical and days off.

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 seven positive dead birds so far this year and seven positive mosquito collections. The District's surveillance has also continued to pick up *Aedes aegypti* in both the Arden-Arcade area and in the city of Winters. We have responded with more surveillance and control efforts including the use of wide area larviciding treatments to help with cryptic larval sources. The District has been collaborating with Jane Bonds Consulting Group and Leading Edge on evaluation of UAS field applications for both larviciding and adulticiding products. The project is operating under a grant from the Department of Defense. The District is supportive of emerging technologies as it relates to Sterile Insect Technique and we are engaging with numerous entities to explore possibilities of its use in the future. We are hoping that approval and availability will be ready by the 2022 mosquito season. 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.

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 reported on department activity including mosquito surveillance and abundance, tick surveillance, and invasive *Aedes* detections. Marcia

discussed the Vector Index for Galt where mosquito samples had tested positive for West Nile virus earlier in the season than usual. This Index has already gone back down due to no samples testing positive for the virus in the following round of testing. Control Operations will respond to identified areas of concern to perform inspections and treatments as needed.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activity including the Wetland/Rice program, Storm water/Creek program, UAS and Pool programs. Marty discussed the Tricolored Blackbirds nesting at Conaway Ranch and assistance his department is providing the Ranch to evaluate the use of drones near the birds. He also discussed the wide-area warrant obtained for access to unmaintained swimming pools that need to be inspected and treated if necessary.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including fish distribution, seasonal pond maintenance, and regular fisheries maintenance activities. Tony discussed fish plants and fish yields with rice planting to begin later in the season. Dissolved oxygen level monitoring, crayfish trapping and stocking rates continue to be studied and evaluated for the best possible quality of fish produced. He included a picture of the mixing systems that are being used to mix Vectobac WDG for Wide Area Larviciding Spray (WALS) applications.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including rice acreage, equipment calibrations and responses to Aedes detections. Rice acreage is less than last year by about 17,000 acres with a total of 27,769 acres, 23,976 of which is conventional and 3,793 is organic. The first rice larvicide treatments of the year were performed in May.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including the 2021 advertising campaign, media coverage, social media, repellent distribution, and government affairs. With the first West Nile virus activity in birds and mosquitoes in Galt, two press releases were issued. Targeted posts for the activity in Galt, Arden-Arcade, and Winters were done to reach the specific neighborhoods and residences with information happening in their community. Repellent distribution is ongoing and presentations for local elected officials will be completed by the end of June.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FARM AIR CONTRACT

Manager Goodman presented and was available to answer questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee Karpinski-Costa, the Board voted to amend the current contract to reflect the price increase and the expiration date with Farm Air. 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 2021-2022

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item. This is the second reading of the draft budget for FY 2021-2022. Manager Goodman reviewed changes from the first draft that was presented at last months meeting. The March Western Region CPI was 2.4%. The adjustment to salaries based on CPI for non-represented employees was included in this draft per Board direction. 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. The discussion concluded after a question and answer period. No Board action was taken on this item as it is the second reading of the draft budget and then it will be up for adoption at the July Board meeting.

At 11:16 am President Burnett adjourned the regular meeting to go into closed session for Item number 6.

6. CLOSED SESSION-PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO DESIGNATED LABOR REPRESENTATIVES (Gov. Code 54957.6 –Labor Negotiations) AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES [GARY GOODMAN, JANNA MCLEOD, SAMER ELKASHEF, CHRIS VOIGHT] EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: [OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3]

At 11:17am President Burnett called the Board into closed session. President Burnett left the meeting at 11:56am and Vice President Gar House presided over the remainder of the meeting. The Board re-opened the regular meeting at 12:37pm reporting that the Board provided direction to the Labor Negotiators during the closed session.

7. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 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, 2021 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the July 20, 2021 meeting.

Marcia Mooney

Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary