

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21st, 2006
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:

Neal Peart	President	Woodland
David Tamayo	Vice-President	City of Sacramento
John Lewallen	Secretary	Sacramento County
Robert Biederman		Galt
Vern C. Bruhn		Winters
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Rosemarie Butler		Isleton
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Jennifer Benito	Public Information Officer
John Fritz	Water Management

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Visitors: Susan Maggy

Paul Butner

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance: Assistant Manager Gary Goodman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

People wishing to address the Board regarding items not listed on the agenda:

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There was none.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the items by general consent: the minutes of the February 21st, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting; on a motion by Trustee Whitfield, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for February 2006.

2. Reports to the Board

Manager's Report: A. *The District was notified March 15th of our first positive WNV infected bird (hawk) in Sacramento County. Lab Director Dia Elnaiem has accepted a position with NIH and will be leaving the District at the end of the month. The District wishes him well in his new position. We have begun the recruiting process for the Lab Director position. Secretary Lindsey Augliera resigned her position due to family circumstances. We have offered the position to a candidate that will be starting the first week in April. There will be a discussion at the quarterly MVCAC meeting about the increase in dues for MVCAC membership. The meeting is April 6th – 7th in San Diego. We have started our outreach program with articles in the paper, bus panels for both Yolo and Sacramento County; pole banners going up soon; and a poster contest that has gone out to the grade schools. Ms. Benito has done an excellent job in coordinating all of these elements of our outreach program. Manager Brown attended a meeting with Dr. Trochet last Saturday to give a presentation on WNV prevention. Dr. Trochet has proposed providing \$100,000.00 for television ad's to discuss WNV and our response plan. A reminder that the Form 700 Conflict of Interest needs to be turned in to the office before April 1st, 2006.*

The Board received a letter from former employee Susan Maggy regarding vacation accrual. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously voted to put this item on a future agenda.

B. CDC West Nile Virus Conference, AMCA Annual Conference, Washington D.C. Legislative Conference.

Manager Brown and Jennifer Benito attended the CDC WNV conference in San Francisco. Some of the highlights of the conference were: 1) risk factors such as

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2. Cont'd. age, hypertension, and diabetes; 2) a study being conducted on the persons who contracted WNV; and the number of people using repellent; 3) our program (modeled after CDC and DHS guidelines), our implementation and follow-through; Dr. Riesen's presentation (which is also on the CDC website). The AMCA conference was held in Detroit with more than 700 delegates. Manager Brown gave a presentation about our program that was very well received. The AMCA 8th annual Legislative Day will be held May 1st through the 3rd. Manager Brown has been asked to give a presentation about our program and the lawsuit. Manager Brown has received a request from the Sacramento County Environmental Commission to give a presentation on April 17th. This is a televised meeting that will also give us the opportunity to get the word out to the public.

C. Field Report: Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reported that the recent rains have hampered our operations. We are checking catch-basins and tree holes. We have filled vacant limited term positions, hired an additional mechanic, and a seasonal helper for the fisheries department. We are also looking to add two more seasonal helpers for the Lab and Fisheries departments, and the Lab Director position will be posted as well. Mr. Goodman has looked into the potential sale of the Ross Avenue property in Carmichael. This will be brought back at the next meeting.

D. Water Management Department – Goals and Objectives, Current Projects: John Fritz reported on the evaluation of the storm water program and increasing our involvement with the city and county municipalities that oversee them. John has been working with the Department of Water Resources on Sherman Island regarding the flooding of land to reduce soil subsidence. He is also addressing used tires facilities, working with the Integrated Waste Management Board in developing a flyer that would outline storage responsibilities

and what they can do to meet our requirements as well as the State requirements. Rice season will be upon us soon and we want to get our letters with the BMP's out to the growers, and also work closely with the organic rice growers to establish some guidelines to reduce the mosquito population in those fields.

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2. Cont'd. E. Review of Mosquito and Mosquito-Borne Disease Management Plan and Future Workshops. The CDC (Center for Disease Control), DHS (Department of Health Services), and the Sacramento County Public Health Officer have reviewed our plan and have strongly supported the implementation of our plan, which has withstood the scrutiny of public health professionals in the field. The District staff continually reviews our entire program and evaluates potential modifications that can be made to enhance the overall effectiveness of our vector control program. In addition to our internal review, the District scheduled public workshops to solicit ideas from the public and identify areas of our overall program that could be enhanced to help better protect public health. While there was very low attendance at the public workshops, staff received some very good ideas and suggestions from the public participants, and have already implemented some of those ideas in our routine program. We do not recommend further public workshops at this time. Suggestions and discussion continued on presenting more information to the public.

3. Board Review and Consideration of Auditors for 2006-2008 Fiscal Years.

The Board requested staff to begin the RFP (Request for Proposal) process in retaining new auditors for 2005-2006 fiscal year, which is generally a three year proposal. We received three proposals for the Board to review. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Tamayo, the Board voted 8 to 4 in favor of awarding Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPA's & Associates the auditing services for fiscal years ending June 30th, 2006, 2007, and 2008. Legal Counsel Shanahan will provide staff with the consultant agreement.

4. Board Consideration of Special District Representative (Office No. 7) to Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission and Alternate Special District Representative (Alternate to Office No. 6 and No. 7) to Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission.

No action was taken.

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5. 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.

Staff will be working on the 2006-2007 District budget and will be bringing this item to the Board over the next few months.

Staff is looking into the sale of the Ross Avenue property in Carmichael. This will be brought back at the April meeting.

We will be presenting some of our GIS work, which will include the swimming pool program, and the status of organic lands throughout the two counties.

Upcoming meetings: The MVCAC quarterly meeting will be held in San Diego April 6th & 7th; the Sacramento County Environmental Commission meeting is April 17th; AMCA Legislative Day is May 3rd;

The District 2nd annual Open House is April 29th. Mosquito awareness week will be April 25th through April 29th. Wednesday will be the MVCAC legislative day.

Manager Brown will bring back more information about Lagenidium giganteum as it becomes available.

Manager Brown expects to have Dr. Shawn Smallwood at the next meeting to present his final results of the magpie study.

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6. Adjournment.

On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended at 3:20 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 March 21st, 2006 meeting.

David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the April 18th, 2006 meeting.

John Lewallen, Secretary

