

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15th, 2011
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
Frederick Goethel	Vice President	Galt
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
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

ABSENT: Lyndon Hawkins Secretary Elk Grove
Robert J. McGarvey Rancho Cordova

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
John Fritz	Program Coordinator
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer
Marty Scholl	Ecological Mgmt Supervisor
Demetri Dokos	Fisheries Supervisor

Call to Order:

Roll Call

Trustees McGarvey and Hawkins are absent. Trustee Tamayo arrived at 10:05 a.m. Trustees Parrella and Washino arrived at 10:09 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 February 15th, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for February 2011.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were none.

3. **Reports to the Board**

a. Managers Report: *Manager Brown provided a written report in the Board packets, but also provided the following: Manager Brown and Debbie Ackerman attended the annual VCJPA workshop, with some of the information provided in the board packet. The VCJPA group is well funded, doing well actuarially in terms of risk management; the AMCA agenda has been included in the Board packets, and several staff members will be giving presentations; information and topic outline of the annual forum for Surveillance and Control of Mosquitoes and Mosquito-borne Diseases in Beijing, China were presented; the District will have visitors from the Center for Disease Control regarding our participation in the identification of disease risk based on certain surveillance components.*

b. Written Reports from District Departments: *Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department, and the department supervisors are available to answer any questions.*
Lab/Surveillance – *Lab Director Paula Macedo spoke of the collaboration with CDC and their visit to our District; the past week we experienced another unusual peak in the freeborni population, with the inornata population just as high, which is normal for this time of the year; we had the first positive bird here at the District and in the state, and she also discussed the dead bird surveillance program; we are in the final month of tick surveillance.*

Marty Scholl, Ecological Management: *Marty explained the current hot topic of Stormwater, and Hydromodification, which is the management of stormwater runoff, at the local, state, and national levels; the Ecological Department is going through more training on stormwater systems and erosion control systems; we are receiving calls from many entities (ie: duck clubs, NRCS, etc.) to discuss their spring and summer plans; the “Rainwater Capture Act” was explained and our State Association is working with our Legislative Advocate Ralph Heim to include anti-mosquito language.*

Demetri Dokos, Fisheries Supervisor: *He reported that they have begin seining the netted ponds to provide fish for the technicians to stock the pools; the eight tanks and water system has been completed and is working very well; on-going maintenance.*

Gary Goodman, Assistant Manager: *We have experienced an increase in service requests due to weather changes and the increase in the anopheles; sources are being checked and pools being addressed as weather permits; in the last phases of our*

b. cont'd. annual training; responded to the positive bird with the one mile radius and check of area larval sources;

Luz Rodriquez, Public Information Officer: Luz visited a school in Woodland and a senior center in West Sacramento that gave her the opportunity to educate and distribute our materials, making connections for future presentations; contest entries have been coming in very steadily, and many on-going presentations; will launch our advertising campaign at the end of April coinciding with the beginning of Mosquito Awareness Week; a draft copy of the annual report is available for staff and Board review.

c. NPDES Permit Update: Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reported that the permit has finally been adopted (all 3 – the vector control permit, the spray application permit, and the invasive species permit). There were many changes from version 1.0 to 2.0 and some significant changes took place near the end of the meeting. One of our biggest concerns was the inclusion of toxicity testing within the permit. The State Water Resources Control Board will fund the toxicity study of our products and the other permit's products. They will release approximately \$500,000 to do the study, anticipating receiving information back by December 2012 to analyze the toxicity testing status. The group assigned to the testing task is located in the Monterey area. We have had one conference call with them to discuss the components of the testing. Our MVCAC will work collaboratively with the swamp group on that study. The permit has been adopted but has not yet been posted on their website, so we do not know exactly the final look of the permit. Internally here at the District, we have filed our paperwork, our notice of intent, our pesticide application plan, and the coalition monitoring and reporting program. We have received our notice of applicability from the State and we are now operating under the NPDES Permit. Many of the items we asked for were included in the Permit. MVCAC member districts participating in the coalition are being encouraged to get their paperwork together for submission before the April 9th deadline. URS is managing the program for the coalition, which includes all the sampling, writing all of our annual reports, organizing with all of the participating districts on when and where to sample. Our cost is \$15,000 for this fiscal year, \$30,000 for 2011-2012 budget. Gary went on to explain some of the changes that occurred within the last two versions of the permit. Initially in the permit it was only for the products that we would apply. The change in the permit is now for "any class". This change would exclude some of our products we currently use. The altered permit really handcuffed our availability of products and/or the availability of an adulticide in general. Internally we will need to make decisions as to what and where we can spray, if any.

c. Cont'd. There is some federal legislation HR872 proposed to clarify the congressional intent when FIFRA and the Clean Water Act were passed, putting pre-eminence on FIFRA as the authoritative body that discusses pesticide regulations. We are trying to get as many legislators on board with this as possible. If and when it reaches the Senate, we expect some difficulty in getting it passed through Senator Boxer's committee.

4. 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.

District staff met with a group from aWhere, Inc., an Integrated Public Health Consortium, LLC to discuss remote sensing opportunities related to mosquito control. They are looking for support from mosquito control districts. More information will be provided as it becomes available.


President Karpinski-Costa announced that the Ad Hoc Committee for Reviewing and updating the District Personnel Manual met for the first time today. The committee reviewed from the beginning through section 1.03.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.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 15, 2011 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the April 19, 2011 meeting.



Lyndon Hawkins, Secretary