

*MINUTES OF THE MAY 15TH, 2007
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:

<i>David Tamayo</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>City of Sacramento</i>
<i>Robert Biederman</i>		<i>Galt</i>
<i>Raul DeAnda</i>		<i>West Sacramento</i>
<i>Lyndon Hawkins</i>		<i>Elk Grove</i>
<i>Marie Heilman</i>		<i>Winters</i>
<i>John Lewallen</i>		<i>Sacramento County</i>
<i>Robert McGarvey</i>		<i>Rancho Cordova</i>
<i>Neal Peart</i>		<i>Woodland</i>
<i>Michael Parrella</i>		<i>Yolo County</i>
<i>Robert Washino</i>		<i>Davis</i>

<i>ABSENT:</i>	<i>Craig R. Burnett</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Folsom</i>
	<i>Rosemarie Butler</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Isleton</i>
	<i>Jack Whitfield</i>		<i>Citrus Heights</i>

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>David Brown</i>	<i>Manager</i>
<i>Gary Goodman</i>	<i>Assistant Manager</i>
<i>Debbie Ackerman</i>	<i>Admin. Mgr.</i>
<i>Joel Buettner</i>	<i>Eco. Mgmt. Supervisor</i>
<i>Paula Macedo,</i>	<i>Lab Director</i>
<i>Demetri Dokos,</i>	<i>Fisheries Supervisor</i>

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Call to Order:

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. *There were none.*

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the April 17th, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for April 2007.

2. Correspondence to the Board

The District received a letter from Yolo Flyway Farms requesting to start flooding early to be ready for October duck hunting. Ecological Management Supervisor Buettner will continue to work with the duck club owners to develop a plan to address the mosquito control activities in relation to the flooding timelines.

Supervisor Buettner is working on developing charges relative to flooding fields before October 1st, but also an incentive program to discount charges that are closer to October 1st. There will be opportunities for the landowner to get additional savings by doing BMP's, controlling how fast the flooding occurs, vegetation control, etc. Discussion continued.

3. Reports to the Board.

A. Manager's Report:

Each year the Agricultural Commissioner's office conducts a "pesticide inspection" and every three years a "hazardous materials" inspection. The Agricultural Commissioner's office recently conducted their inspection of the District's pesticides and hazardous materials and we are very proud to report that we had no infractions or violations, no written recommendations of corrections that needed to be made.

Manager Brown has been participating on a panel to evaluate the statewide Mosquito Research Program. There will be a report coming out in the near future on the program within the UC system.

Trustee Hawkins and several staff members attended the quarterly MVCAC meeting in San Diego. Two important topics of discussion were the vote to distribute an RFP for management services; and a potential modification in the dues structure. Trustee Hawkins presented information regarding his development of a program for the trustee session at the next MVCAC meeting.

3. Cont'd. B. Introduction and Report from Fisheries Supervisor:

Demetri Dokos introduced himself as the new Fisheries Supervisor and gave a brief description of his background, experience and education. He thanked the Board and Management for the opportunity to serve the District as the Supervisor for this department. He reported on the department's staff, duties and responsibilities, and the fisheries program. Discussion continued regarding the program.

C. Ecological Management Dept – Implementation of BMP's and Development of Awards.

Ecological Management Supervisor Joel Buettner reported that after the last meeting and the approval of the BMP policy, the department has completed three projects at the Cosumnes River Preserve. The new manager at the preserve has been very cooperative and we have made good progress. We are also working with the Department of Water Resources on Sherman Island with some source reduction projects; Supervisor Buettner has had some preliminary discussions with the Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant managers and hope to report some progress in the near future; the department is looking into the area of cemetery vases and the use of a product called Agrisoak, a super absorbent polymer that soaks up the water but doesn't affect the flowers. We have invited all of the cemetery districts to a meeting here Tuesday at 1 pm to discuss the issue. The Ecological Awards recipients have been selected. The Pratten Dairy in Galt was nominated in the agricultural category because there have been no treatments at the facility due to their state of the art technology and the outstanding BMP's in place. For the residential category, there are two individuals in the town of Locke that went above and beyond the call to clean a ditch/garden area of debris that was a considerable mosquito source. The Natomas Basin Conservancy is the nominated candidate for the "conservation" category. The awards will be bestowed upon the recipients at the June 23rd Open House.

D. Report on AMCA Legislative Day from District Manager and Attending Trustees – Manager Brown, Assistant Manager

Goodman, Trustee Hawkins and Peart traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual AMCA Legislative Day. The specific issue addressed was the continuation of the Epidemiological Laboratory Capacity funding through CDC to continue surveillance for infectious diseases such as West Nile Virus. Trustee Hawkins

D. Cont'd. took the opportunity to speak with the IPM representatives of the National Parks Service regarding mosquito control districts on park lands and what authority they have. Trustee Peart added that our District is very well known and respected, and Manager Brown does an excellent job of presenting the issues, and Assistant Manager Goodman did a good job with his first presentation.

E. Mosquito Counts and Field Activities - Assistant Manager Goodman reviewed the graphs that were included in the Board packets, showing the comparisons of last year with the current year. The mosquito numbers are increasing with the warmer weather; field activities are busy with service requests and checking sources; the Catch Basin crew continues their treatment schedule that began in March; some departments have begun working weekends or extended hours. The lab is busy with maintaining the trapping scheme and adding to it, along with the other on-going projects (pigeons, chickens, research, guinea pigs, etc.) Service requests have picked up another resource in the real estate area, working with the realtors associations in both counties in reporting the unmaintained pools in foreclosures and sales. In the last two days, the majority of service requests were the reporting of stagnant pools. The article in the paper sparked a lot of reporting of unkept pools by neighbors. There have not been any positive mosquito pools or chicken conversions thus far. The past two years, the first indications of virus activity within our District occurred at the end of June.

4. Board Review of Draft Budget and Operating Revenues for 2007-2008.

This is the second draft of the 2007-2008 Budget for the Board's review. We are estimating the revenues at \$11,546,644, based on an approximate 8% growth rate for both Sacramento & Yolo County for the new fiscal year. Manager Brown reviewed the components of the budget accounts - VCJPA account status; the salaries, benefits, and a 3.5% COLA; and Operational and capital expenditures. The accompanying narrative further explains the accounts of revenues, salaries, benefits, operational and capital expenditures. Total expenditures are estimated at \$11,214,450. Discussion continued regarding research.

5. **Board Review of Amendments to Rules for Proceedings of District Board Meetings.**

Staff is proposing to update the District Rules for Proceedings of District Board Meetings. Amendments require a "first reading". Staff recommends to amend the Proceedings by adding the posting of the District Agenda to the District website, and deleting the posting of the Agenda at the Sacramento County Administration Building. No action was taken because this is a first reading and comment period.

6. **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.

Manager Brown reported that the MVCAC is considering changing the fee schedule for membership. There has been a lot of dissention and disagreements within the association and Manager Brown is not in favor of the change at this time. The association is also considering submitting an RFP for management services.

At the request of the Board, we are looking into training opportunities for the Board members.

The Mosquito Research Foundation of the MVCAC is soliciting Districts to help fund the program.

Staff will be bringing back resolutions for the BMP awards and the payment schedule of BMP fines.

Announcements and flyers of our Open House will be going out to the public over the next few weeks. Representatives from the Board are encouraged to attend.

7. **Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 P.M.

*Board of Trustees
Sacramento/Yolo Mosquito
and Vector Control District
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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
May 15th, 2007 meeting.*

David Brown, Manager

*Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at
the June 19th, 2007 meeting.*

Rosemarie Butler, Secretary