

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 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
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:

Sean Denny	Woodland
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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 Craig Burnett.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. Trustee Sean Denny was absent; however, a quorum was present. Trustee Eldridge joined the meeting at approximately 10:13am and Trustee Barker left the meeting at 11:00am. 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 Karpinski-Costa seconded by Trustee Maggy, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through c. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2.

- a. Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for April 2021;
- c. District Investment Report for Period Ending March 31, 2021.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were none.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The season is getting very busy and control operations are in full swing with the warm weather. We have started to find *Aedes aegypti* in both the Arden Arcade area and in the Winters area. We will continue to conduct more surveillance and control measures as needed. The District has begun testing both birds and mosquito collections this season and so far has not detected any positives. The State of California has also not seen any activity through 05/07/21. The AMCA Legislative Days were held May 10-13. The main messages focused on increased funding for CDC through the SMASH Act and issues surrounding the Endangered Species Act. I have attached the position papers for review. The District is exploring the use of Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) with 3 different entities. MosquitoMate out of the University of Kentucky is utilizing Wolbachia, Diptera out of Israel is utilizing irradiation, and Oxitec out of England is using gene modification. We will continue to explore the options to see their viability and effectiveness in our area. We have received a "demand letter" from the claim that the Board rejected at the January meeting. We will work with counsel and the VCJPA on the appropriate response and direction.

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, tick surveillance, and invasive *Aedes* detections. Mosquito abundance is below the five year average except for *Culex tarsalis* and *Culex pipiens* which are close to the average. There have been four detections of *Aedes aegypti* in the Arden infestation area as well as a single detection in the Winters area. Additional follow up and regular trapping will continue in these areas. Virus sample testing has begun with 65 mosquito pools and no positives. Dead birds are being reported and of the 35 dead birds tested no positives have been detected. Additional predator proofing is being added to one of our chicken flocks after reports of predation occurring at the site.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activity including the Wetland/Rice program, Mowing, UAS and Pool programs. Staff has been meeting with and discussing wetlands and rice with growers and wetland managers to determine their flooding, drainages and mosquito management plans for the season with water curtailments due to drought conditions. Annual spring mowing has been completed with staff

assisting Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge and Cosumnes River Preserve with mowing on their properties. Staff will also be assisting with the installation of a culvert on Sherman Island to help reduce mosquito breeding areas. Staff has worked with District counsel on obtaining warrants for unmaintained pools that we have not been allowed access to inspect and or treat.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including Fish distribution, seasonal pond maintenance, and regular fisheries maintenance activities. Staff finished the process of distributing seed fish in the outside grow out ponds then began work on installing new predator exclusion netting and pond aerators. With drought conditions and water curtailments the fish that would be used in flooded fields will allow for increased stocking rates in other sources this season.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including service requests, unmaintained swimming pools and equipment calibration. Staff sent out mailers regarding pools and eighty eight percent of those receiving the mailer have complied by responding to the District. With more residents at home due to the pandemic many of the known green pools have now been maintained with approximately 200 pools being removed from the list. Catch basins are actively being checked and drought conditions may cut down on the amount of basins holding water. Equipment calibrations have been completed on most ULV fogging equipment.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including the 2021 advertising campaign, new creative materials, media partnerships, presentations, events, repellent distribution, government affairs and social media. The advertising campaign kicked off during Mosquito Awareness Week and the media plan is nearly finalized and contracts are being negotiated. New English a Spanish television spots commemorating the District's 75th Anniversary have been produced and will run in rotation with our general messaging. The District is partnering with CW31 and the Rivercats which will include live mentions of District messages during games this season.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT PLAN FOR 2021 RICE LARVICIDE APPLICATIONS AND AERIAL ADULTICIDING PROGRAM

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef presented and was available to answer questions. Mr. Elkashef discussed the anticipated acreage of rice, cost of and which larvicide products can be used for organic crops versus conventional. Farm Air will continue to be the primary applicator for performing aerial larviciding treatments. For the Adulticide program the District will continue to utilize both aerial applications performed by VDCI and truck applications made by field technicians. No Board action was taken on this item as it was a report to the Board.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A COMPACT TRACK LOADER NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000

Manager Goodman introduced the item and Ecological Management Supervisor Marty Scholl was available to answer questions. On a motion by Trustee Mooney seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board voted to authorize the purchase of one Compact Track Loader from Sonsray Machinery not to exceed \$75,000. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2.

6. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef presented the item and was available to answer questions. Mr. Elkashef reviewed the projects and collaborations that will be taking place over the course of the 2021 mosquito season. He reviewed the project objectives and which staff and/or outside agencies will be collaborating on each of the covered topics. No Board action was taken on this item as it for information only.

7. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item. This is the first reading of the draft budget for FY 2021-2022. Manager Goodman reviewed property tax receipts and anticipated amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. The expenditures for salaries and benefits as well as operation expenses were reviewed. The March Western Region CPI was 2.4%. Step increases and longevity incentive increases have been included in the draft budget; however, an adjustment to salaries based on CPI for non-represented employees will be included in the next 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 first reading of the draft budget with a second reading to take place at the June meeting and then it will be up for adoption at the July Board meeting.

At 11:54 am President Burnett adjourned the regular meeting to go into closed session for Item number 8.

8. 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 11:55am President Burnett called the Board into closed session. The Board re-opened the regular meeting at 12:24pm reporting that the Board provided direction to the Labor Negotiators during the closed session.

9. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Both the AMCA and MVCAC are planning their annual conferences to be in person for 2022 along with future meetings to be in person.

Cal OSHA sent out preliminary updates to the Emergency Temporary Standard on Covid protocols for California employers which are expected to be discussed at their May 20th meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 am

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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 18, 2021 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the June 15, 2021 meeting.

Marcia Mooney

Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary