

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2010
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

PLACE: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Robert J. McGarvey	President	Rancho Cordova
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	V-President	Citrus Heights
Frederick Goethel	Secretary	Galt
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton
David Tamayo		City of Sacramento
Robert Washino		Davis
ABSENT: Gregory Lanzaro		Winters
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Marcia Reed	Vector Ecologist
Demetri Dokos	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer

Call to Order:

Roll Call

Trustees Lanzaro, Peart, and Parrella are absent.

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 Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the October 19, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for October 2010; the CERBT quarterly statement.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. **Reports to the Board**

- a. **Managers Report:** Manager Brown provided a written report in the Board packets, but also provided the following: Staff recently met with the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge staff regarding surveillance of the wild bird population and the continuance of the program. This provided an opportunity for the USFWS to share in the funding of the program by grants that are available to them that could be channeled through the Mosquito Research Foundation. The District has conducted this surveillance for the past 14 years under the direction of Stan Wright, who has written and submitted a proposal for the USFWS to consider.
- b. **Review of Survey Regarding District Public Outreach and Advertising Program:** Manager David Brown introduced Dr. Val Smith, who presented the results of a survey evaluating the District's public outreach and advertising program. He discussed the results of the following components of the survey: recall of the District's name, opinion of the District, mosquito-defense behaviors, campaign slogan "fight the bite", sources of District information, behavior change, and information distribution.
- c. **Trustees Oral Reports:** Trustee Lyn Hawkins and Trustee Fred Goethel each reported on their attendance at the recent quarterly meeting of the M.V.C.A.C. Included in the report was the Trustee session regarding Director/Manager Evaluation, future Trustee training sessions, the Mosquito Research Foundation, the Trustee Council, and an update of the California NPDES permit.
- d. **Reports from District Departments:** Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department, and the department supervisors provided additional information.
 - Lab/Surveillance** – Marcia Reed commented on the following: the District is seeing a significant drop in the tarsalis population; the EVS trapping and virus testing has stopped; the chicken flocks are gone; maintaining two different mosquito colonies for Dr. Reisen study; lab has started tick surveillance. Lab Director is on maternity leave.
 - Ecological Department** – Marty Scholl is at a wetlands restoration meeting; Manager David Brown provided an update on the department activities: Marty has been working with the Westlands Water District regarding water transfers and habitat restoration areas; payments have been coming in from the fall flooding program participants, with the monies being deposited into the Research Foundation.
 - Biological Control** – Demetri Dokos commented on the following: the department is stocking wetlands; performing a lot of maintenance work as things are slowing down with the colder weather.

3. **Cont'd.** **Public Outreach** – Luz Rodriguez commented on the recent findings of the survey; the media campaign has ended, and the presentations are increasing; She is currently evaluating the department needs to prepare for the upcoming season; continuation of distribution of the District calendar and beginning preparation for the timeline of next years calendar event; working on the annual report for 2010 season.
- Larval/Adult Mosquito Control:** Manager David Brown reported that our control operations have slowed considerably. There are still some localized areas that are producing mosquitoes (backyard pools particularly in abandoned homes) and the catch basin system in the downtown Sacramento area.
- NPDES Permit** – Manager David Brown reported that the draft permit is expected to be adopted by the State Water Board in January 2011. There are some provisions of compliance that will have a direct affect on the District's participation in a statewide coalition that would reduce the costs of compliance with this permit for individual districts. Gary Goodman had outlined the expected costs of approximately \$700,000 statewide for the Coalition. There would be additional costs associated with this participation, such as a firm or entity to oversee and administer the participation in the Coalition. Discussion continued. This item will continue to be on the agenda through the final process.

4. **Board Review and Consideration to Fund International Travel Program of the American Mosquito Control Association for Invited Speakers to Symposiums Not to Exceed \$15,000.00.**

Under the leadership of Dr. Washino a symposium of global noted researchers was developed for the upcoming AMCA meeting in Anaheim. The compilation of these speakers and the information they will provide on their findings of the *Cx. pipiens* complex from their regions is of critical importance due to the potential of introducing "exotic" mosquitoes and diseases they may carry into the U.S. The District's support of this symposium should provide the necessary means of developing an on-going program with AMCA. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved \$15,000 to fund the International Travel Program of the AMCA for invited speakers to symposiums not to exceed \$15,000.00.

5. **Board Review and Consideration to Authorize \$15,000.00 to the California Mosquito and Vector Control Research Foundation.**

Manager Brown has recommended to table this item until after the December 2nd Southern California planning session and more information will be available.

6. **Board Review and Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of Three (3) All Terrain Vehicles Not to Exceed \$30,000.00.**

Shop Supervisor Rich Dryden provided a written report and recommendations to purchase three (3) all terrain vehicles not to exceed \$30,000.00. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted in favor of purchasing the three (3) all terrain vehicles not to exceed \$30,000.00. Trustee Goethel voted no.

7. **Board Review and Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of a Recirculating Filtration System For Our Fisheries Rearing Program Not to Exceed \$30,000.00.**

Fisheries Department Supervisor provided a written report and recommendation to purchase a recirculating filtration system for the fisheries rearing program not to exceed \$30,000.00. A change in the system will save money and significantly reduce the amount of water used. On a motion by Trustee Goethel, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the recirculating filtration system not to exceed \$30,000.00.

8. **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.

The annual holiday gathering will be held next month for the Board members and staff.

The anticipated time frame for the installation of the new phone system is estimated to be completed by February 2011.

More information will be provided about the Mosquito Research Foundation after the southern California planning meeting on December 2, 2010.

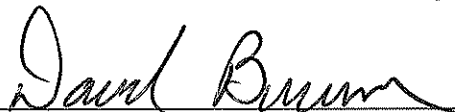
Manager Brown will provide information on the vehicle bids.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 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 November 16th, 2010 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the December 14th, 2010 meeting.



Frederick S. Goethel, Secretary