

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2016
REGULAR 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:

Bruce Eldridge	President	Yolo County
Susan Maggy	Secretary	Sacramento County
Christopher Barker		Davis
Craig Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Gregory Lanzaro		Winters
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Sean Denny	Woodland
Frederick Goethel	Galt

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Marcia Reed	Program Coordinator
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Luz Maria Robles	Public Information Officer
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Bruce Eldridge.

Roll Call

Trustees Sean Denny and Frederick Goethel are absent; however, a quorum is present.

Pledge of Allegiance

All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT

Trustee Jayna Karpinski-Costa asked a question on Item c., the revised job description for Public Information Officer. She asked if equivalents are accepted for the minimum qualifications. Manager Goodman responded by noting the description includes verbiage indicating the District may accept equivalent combinations of experience and education at the sole discretion of the District. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Maggy the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through c. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 2.

- a. Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for September 2016;
- c. Board Consideration of Revised Job Description-Public Information Officer.

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:

Manager Goodman provided written and verbal reports. Manager Goodman indicated the West Nile season is almost over. Staff continues to follow the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan to respond to any positive locations found throughout October and then testing will cease over the winter. The District is working with Leading Edge Associates to treat approximately 1,000 acres with an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) similar to the demonstration on today's field trip. District staff continues to evaluate changes to the medical benefit package to comply with the Affordable Care Act. We anticipate bringing necessary changes to the Cafeteria Plan document to the Board before the end of the year. The District financial audit has been completed and the Auditor will be presenting their report at the next meeting. Federal Zika funding was approved by Congress at the end of September. The CDC has until the end of October to finalize where and how the monies will be disbursed. The MVCAC continues to compile the needs of Districts. The District has obtained the federal surplus vehicles that were approved last month and they are in good condition needing only minor repairs.

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: Lab Director, Paula Macedo discussed surveillance activities including mosquito abundance, mosquito trapping, dead bird reports, and resistance testing. Mosquito abundance has declined to at or below average with only a few positives still being found. The state dead bird hotline closed for the season on October 14th. Of the 7,999 mosquito pools 714 were positive for West Nile virus. 487 out of 843 dead birds have tested positive. Six of our sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile virus and the samples sent for confirmation have been confirmed. So far in 2016 neither *Aedes* eggs nor any *Aedes* adults have been collected from the field.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl provided a written report on Wetland, Regulatory, Stormwater and UAV programs. Marty continues to work on developing the UAV program and associated safety and operational guidelines to ensure compliance with Federal Aviation Administration rules. Fall Flooding applications on early flooded wetlands and duck clubs have been coordinated and invoices will be going out to the landowners within the next couple of weeks. Staff will be participating in the SB 896 implementation workgroup meeting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife taking place on October 26th.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on Fisheries activities and maintenance. In September staff started planting fish in wetlands, duck ponds and re-flooded rice fields and surpassed the 10-year average of fish planted. In addition, they continue rehabbing some of the ponds by draining them, seining the fish out to seed the netted ponds for overwintering, and repairing or replacing nets. Tony provided an update on the pond dye study and shared pictures of the algae and weeds that typically grow in and need to be cleared from the ponds.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Marcia Reed reported on control activities. Technicians are busy working with Ecological Management on the fall/duck club flooding program as well as yellowjacket control. Farm Air is performing aerial treatments on larger sources and Leading Edge has performed treatments using an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). As we head into winter, technicians will start working on winter projects including brush cutting and maintenance of District facilities.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Maria Robles reported on public education and outreach activities. Media relations are decreasing as West Nile activity ends for the season. Staff attended several events and presentations including one for a group of nursing students and several elementary school classrooms. The District also participated in the MVCAC sponsored booth at the Society for Environmental Journalists conference held in Sacramento.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT RESERVES

Manager Goodman presented the item. Mr. Goodman reviewed the staff report and chart showing a 5-year history of unassigned funds that make up the District reserves. A brief question and answer period followed. No action was taken on this item as it was for information only.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES

Manager Goodman presented the item. Mr. Goodman reviewed the vehicles requested to be surplus and the options to lease or purchase new vehicles. Staff recommended option 1, the purchase of all the proposed vehicles in one year. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Hawkins the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to purchase 44 2017 Chevrolet pickup trucks (Attachment A) from the State of CA Contract at a total cost not to exceed \$1,300,000; and, found that the 44 existing vehicles described in the staff report are surplus property and no longer necessary for the District's use, and authorize the General Manager to sell and dispose of the vehicles after delivery of the new pickup trucks. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 2.

6. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

The VDCI contract is expiring soon and negotiations to have a 2nd dedicated aircraft are ongoing.

Manager Goodman reviewed planned Trustee attendance at the MVCAC quarterly meeting, AMCA conference and MVCAC conference.

7. FIELD TRIP TO STONE LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

At 11:38am, President Bruce Eldridge called for a recess for Trustees and Staff to travel to Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge for the remainder of the meeting. Trustees Eldridge, Barker, Lanzaro, McGarvey and Moore did not attend the field trip.

The meeting resumed at Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge at 12:20pm.

Manager Goodman introduced Leading Edge Associates and Refuge staff. Leading Edge conducted the demonstration of the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) application. After the demo, attendees were able to see the UAV and equipment up close while asking questions. Refuge staff discussed Refuge operations and how they coordinate with District staff on mosquito control activities at the Refuge. Attendees were then invited to tour the walking trail at the Refuge.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 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 October 18, 2016 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the November 15, 2016 meeting.



Susan Maggy, Board Secretary