

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2019
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:

Raymond LaTorre	President	Sacramento
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	Vice President	Citrus Heights
Craig Burnett	Secretary	Folsom
Christopher Barker		Davis
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Gar House		Winters
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Lyndon Hawkins	Elk Grove
Susan Maggy	Sacramento County
Vacant	Galt

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
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Raymond LaTorre.

Roll Call

Trustees Lyndon Hawkins and Susan Maggy were absent; however, a quorum was present. Trustee McGarvey arrived to the meeting at 10:03am.

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 Burnett seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through c. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 9, Noes: 0, Absent: 3

- a. Minutes of the September 17, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for September 2019;
- c. Board Authorization to Grant a Leave of Absence for District Employee Pursuant to Section 6.05 (b) of the District Personnel Manual.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Felix Huerta, Jr. representative with the Local Operating Engineers No. 3 requested to speak to the Board. He discussed Union activities including the Settlement Agreement of an Unfair Labor Practice Charge the Union had filed regarding the Safety Manual. A copy of the Settlement was provided to the Board and it is available upon request at the District office. Mr. Huerta spoke about the meet and confer process related to the changing and/or establishment of new work rules and requested the Board direct staff to meet and confer prior to creating any new work rule.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The District's West Nile season is almost over. We typically only see a few positives throughout October and then will cease testing operations over the winter. Staff is following the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan to help respond to the remaining positive locations. We are continuing to address the invasive species in Citrus Heights and plan surveillance and treatments accordingly. The MVCAC sponsored AB 320, the CalSurv Gateway bill, was signed by the Governor on October 2nd. The next step for the association will be to try and secure long term funding. The District received a letter from the Yolo County Department of Financial Services. The dissolution of the redevelopment agencies and the subsequent modifying of tax payments created new disbursements to the remaining entities. The letter highlights that Yolo County may have miscalculated the base and that the District may have received more money than we should have. They are investigating the specific impact and their plan to remedy the situation. The District auditors have completed the full audit and will present their findings to the Board at the November meeting. The District is working with our benefit broker, Alliant, on open enrollment prices.

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 discussed department activities including mosquito abundance, EVS surveillance, studies and collaborations. Marcia reviewed surveillance activities associated with *Aedes aegypti* that have been detected in Citrus Heights. She went over the detection sites, trap sites, and abundance numbers after inspections and treatments. BG Sentinel traps are being deployed with permanent trap sites being selected for monitoring throughout the winter. Staff continues to review the process for the potential use of the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) that was discussed at last month's meeting.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Stormwater/Drainages, Wetland Program, Pool and Aedes Access Enforcement Program, and the UAS Program. Now that staff and the District have obtained all necessary licensing and permits, we can perform our own treatments using our drone. The first granular application with the District's UAS was performed on 29 acres over a flooded pasture in Hood, CA. Staff will continue to work through application software challenges, battery charging solutions, and re-filling techniques. Marty also discussed the application for a blanket warrant to allow the District to inspect properties where owners have not granted staff access to inspect. If approved, staff will have the assistance of city code enforcement officers to force inspection of properties within the areas that *Aedes aegypti* have been detected.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including fish plants and usage, the ongoing pond dye study, crayfish control challenges, solar aerators and dissolved oxygen levels, and regular maintenance tasks. Wetlands including duck clubs are flooding up and technicians are stocking these areas with mosquitofish. During an average season, over two thousand acres of wetlands and duck clubs will be stocked with approximately one quarter pound per acre. Wetlands flood up slowly and the fish make a good inexpensive alternative to using pesticides since they will move through the fields with the water as it spreads helping to control the mosquito larvae.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activity including rice acreage, abundance and WNV responses, and trial work. Rice field applications have decreased as the farmers begin draining fields to begin harvesting them. Wild rice and duck clubs are flooding up and treatments will continue on these fields as necessary. Steve was one of a few staff members to visit another District with *Aedes aegypti* detections to see and compare how they are addressing the surveillance and control challenges associated with this invasive species. In the areas where *Aedes* has been detected crews are continuing to perform door to door inspections as well as early morning larvicide and adulticide treatments.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including Invasive Mosquitoes Public Outreach, Advertising Campaign, Events, Social Media, Presentations and Repellent and Materials Distribution. Since the initial detection of *Aedes aegypti*, outreach efforts in the areas it's been found in within Citrus Heights and now Antelope have been increased. Door hangers with facts about the mosquitoes and appropriate prevention measures are left at each inspection. An invasive mosquito brochure with similar information is also being distributed to residents and community groups that technicians come into contact with in the field. The advertising campaign has come to an end and is being evaluated and discussed with the help of our consultant. Staff attended two large community events and school presentations are being scheduled for upcoming months to promote the 2020 Fight the Bite contest.

4. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

The Audit Report and Financial statements will be presented at the November meeting.

Staff is working on obtaining quotes for roof work and repairs.

Staff is making arrangements for both the MVCAC and AMCA conferences

The Fall Quarterly meeting is being held at the end of the month in Visalia

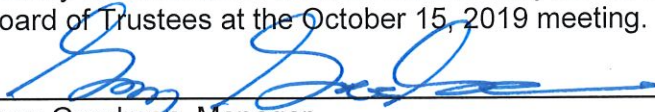
Most seasonals left at the end of September with a few working into mid-October. Recruitment for next season and to fill the full-time vacancies created by the recent retirements of two technicians will take place sometime after the new year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 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 October 15, 2019 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the November 19, 2019 meeting.



Craig Burnett, Board Secretary