

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2006  
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:

Neal Peart	President	Woodland
David Tamayo	Vice-President	City of Sacramento
John Lewallen	Secretary	Sacramento County
Robert Biederman		Galt
Rosemarie Butler		Isleton
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

ABSENT: Vern C. Bruhn Winters  
Craig R. Burnett Folsom  
Michael Parrella Yolo County

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Paula Macedo	Lab Director

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

Visitors: Bob Rooker  
Diane Lewallen  
Paul Butner

**Call to Order:**

**Closed Session Item Pursuant to Brown Act Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.**

*Legal Counsel Shanahan reported that during the closed session appeal hearing on Mr. Rooker's appeal review, on a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Tamayo, the Board passed a resolution to affirm the finding that there has been a violation of the sexual harassment policy, but to modify the punishment from termination of employment to demotion to the first step of a non-supervisory classification that would fit his*

**Cont'd.** *qualifications as determined by the General Manager with a clear and express warning to the employee that any further violation of the sexual harassment policy will subject him to immediate termination. The vote was five members in favor (Trustee's Hawkins, Tamayo, Biederman, DeAnda, Washino); three opposed (Trustee's Lewallen, Peart, Whitfield); one abstention (Trustee Butler).  
Trustee Butler left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.*

**Pledge of Allegiance:** *Trustee Raul DeAnda led the 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 was none.*

**1. Items for Approval by General Consent:**

*On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 15th, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting; on a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for August 2006.*

**2. Board Review and Consideration of Resolution Honoring District Retiree Myra Cradduck.**

*On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 9-19-06A honoring District retiree Myra Cradduck for her years of service.*

**3. Reports to the Board.**

**A. Manager's Report:** *Due to the lateness, field reports from the various supervisors will postponed until next meeting, and Assistant Manager Gary Goodman will give a brief report on the*

*field activities on their behalf. Placer County MAD is searching for a new Manager*

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**3. Cont'd.** *to replace retiring Manager Charlie Dill. Manager Brown assisted with the interview process. Manager Brown spoke about significant mosquito problems outside of our District that are having a direct effect on our District. The Sutter County Mosquito Control District has been contacted but has not been receptive to addressing the issue. Manager Brown is considering serving abatement notices and will bring this item back for consideration next meeting. Manager Brown also reported that the Conway property in Yolo County has been settled out of court and District staff has met with the new owners.*

*Manager Brown introduced our new Lab Director, Dr. Paula Macedo. She comes to us from Montana. She co-authored the risk assessment of West Nile Virus activity and pesticide exposure.*

***B. Mosquito Counts, Field Activities, and Update on WNV.***

*Lab Director Dr. Paula Macedo added that she is very excited to be here and be a part of our District. She gave a brief description of her background and then provided a summary of the various lab activities. She reviewed two graphs and discussed the reduced virus activities in the dead birds, mosquito pools and counts; and the EVS traps and the reduction in the infection rate.*

*Assistant Manager Gary Goodman discussed the control activities, adding that staff members will give a summary report to the Board next month. We have continued to perform mosquito control activities pursuant to our adopted plan. Dr. Macedo and the lab staff will be compiling and assessing all the data from our control activities of this year. Service requests are down significantly; we have maintained an increased and steady manpower effort in sources checked and sources treated; record year in fish planting, and also increased in acreage planted; Catch Basin program treated over 80,000 catch basins, setting their own best record of 23,000 catch basins treated in one month. The District staff has been exemplary in demonstrating their on-going strive for improvement over last year. West Nile virus cases in Yolo County are at 25, and 12 cases in Sacramento County.*

Manager Brown reported that the California Special District Association has awarded our District with the "Exceptional Public Outreach Award for 2006" for Special Districts within California.

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**3. Cont'd.** This is a great acknowledgement for our public information program and the work of Jennifer Benito. She and Gary Goodman will accept the award at a banquet on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Board Review and Consideration of Establishing 45-Day Comment Period to Amend District Conflict of Interest Code.**

Multi-county agencies are required to review their Conflict of Interest Code every two years and submit a determination to the Fair Political Practices Commission as to whether the code requires amendment. District staff has reviewed the code and has determined it requires amendments due to new and deleted positions within the District. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved the 45-day comment period to amend the District Conflict of Interest Code.

**5. Board Review and Consideration of Proposal to Study Second-Year Impact of West Nile Virus on Yellow-billed Magpie, American Crow, and other Birds in the Sacramento Valley Not to Exceed \$8,000.00**

The District funded a research study in 2005 to determine the Impact of West Nile virus on Yellow-billed Magpies, American Crows,  
and other birds in the Sacramento Valley. Dr. Sean Smallwood proposes to continue the study of impact to our local bird population.  
This year he is also going to include correlation of mosquito control

measures in certain areas. Trustee Washino requested that the study also coincide with sunrise and sunset when mosquitoes are most active. After some discussion, on a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board voted in favor of authorizing the funding of a second-year study of impacts on Yellow-billed Magpies, American Crows, and other birds in the

Sacramento Valley not to exceed \$8,000.00. Trustee Whitfield and Trustee Biederman abstained.

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**6. Board Review and Consideration of 2007 Annual Operating Plan for Mosquito Control on Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.**

Manager Brown presented the District Operating Plan for 2007 mosquito season, pursuant to the MOU with the US Fish & Wildlife Services. On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the annual operating plan on Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

**7. 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.

Staff is proposing to update and modify our current Information Technology policy. The policy was created in 1997 and because the use of the internet has grown and changed, staff felt it important to make the necessary changes. A draft is included for review and this will be brought back to the Board.

A study of long term clinical and neuropsychological outcomes of West Nile virus has been published and was included in the Board packets. It shows that there are long-term effects of persons infected with West Nile virus

Next month there will be presentations from the various departments on this year's mosquito season.

Trustee Washino complimented the 2005 Annual Report, beautiful job.

**8. Adjournment.**

*Meeting adjourned at 3:40 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  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting.*

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*David Brown, Manager*

*Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at  
the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting.*

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*John Lewallen, Secretary*

