

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 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
Sean Denny	Vice President	Woodland
Susan Maggy	Secretary	Sacramento County
Craig Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Frederick Goethel		Galt
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Christopher Barker	Davis
Lyndon Hawkins	Elk Grove
Gregory Lanzaro	Winters

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 10:00 a.m. by President Bruce Eldridge.

Roll Call

Trustees Christopher Barker, Lyndon Hawkins, and Gregory Lanzaro 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 Susan Maggy noted the adjournment time listed in Item 1a. the August 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, should be 11:44 am rather than 11:44 pm. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Maggy the Board voted to approve General Consent items a. through e. with the correction noted above. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

- a. Minutes of the August 16, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for August 2016;
- c. District Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2016;
- d. Annual Cooperative Agreement Between the California Department of Public Health and the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District;
- e. District PERS Annual Valuation Report as of June 30, 2015.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Former Trustee David Tamayo was in attendance and requested to speak. After introducing himself he commended District leadership on the Public Information and Education Program as it relates to notifying and educating the public on the Zika virus and the mosquitoes that can carry it.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

Manager Goodman provided written and verbal reports. Manager Goodman indicated the District is beginning to see the decline of West Nile virus activity in bird and mosquito populations. Staff continues to follow the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan to help respond to the positive locations. The MVCAC is working on legislation for language changes in the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR) for the ability to make applications using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV). Unfortunately a suitable legislative vehicle was not found to include it this year. District staff continues to explore possible UAV usage in the future, both internally and with outside vendors. Manager Goodman informed the Board that Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl passed the certification exam to be able to operate UAVs. Federal Zika funding is still stalled in Congress meanwhile the MVCAC continues to compile the needs of Districts for if/when the monies become available. The District is working with our broker to renew employee benefits and comply with Affordable Care Act (ACA) changes. The District audit field days were completed and the auditors will present their findings to the Board later this year. The Lab Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machine went down and will be repaired soon. Fortunately staff has a contingency plan and is able to continue operations.

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 is declining however there is still warm weather forecasted which may briefly increase numbers, but, they should continue to decline overall. Of the 6,719 mosquito pools 687 were positive for West Nile virus. 473 out of 802 dead birds have tested positive as opposed to 124 out of 389 this time last year. Three of our sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile virus and the samples have been submitted for confirmation. 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, and Stormwater programs along with an update on the status of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) usage in surveillance and mosquito control activities. Marty passed the Unmanned Pilot exam and is working on developing the program and associated safety and operational guidelines to ensure compliance with Federal Aviation Administration rules.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on Fisheries activities and maintenance. In August staff transition from planting fish in rice fields to wetlands, duck ponds and re-flooded rice fields. In addition, they start rehabbing some of the ponds by draining them, seining the fish out to seed the netted ponds for overwintering, and repairing or replacing nets.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Marcia Reed reported on control activities. Technicians are responding to positives and increased yellowjacket activity as well as working with Ecological Management on the fall/duck club flooding program. The “blanket” larvicide treatments program that was initiated this season has significantly increased the District’s aerial larvicide numbers over last year. This strategy will be evaluated for efficacy after the season has ended. An aerial pesticide trial was performed with VDCI to evaluate the product Merus 2.0 for use in organic areas.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Maria Robles reported on public education and outreach activities. Outreach and media relations continued to be busy during August with ongoing areas of concern in Elk Grove, Davis and Woodland. The advertising campaign is coming to a close as the season begins to wind down. Staff attended several events and presentations including a newer food truck event at Tahoe Park and an event put on by the UC Master Gardeners. Events were well attended with many visiting and engaging with staff at our booth.

4. BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA APPLICATION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM.

Manager Goodman presented the item. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Karpinski-Costa the Board voted to authorize staff to fill out and submit the application. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

5. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Staff, as part of the 5-year plan, will be bringing a request to purchase or lease vehicles to a future meeting.

Repairs and/or adjustments to the Air Conditioning units at Bond Road are being evaluated and may be performed this fiscal year as a part of the 5-year plan.

Staff is working on longer term projections for revenues and expenditures to be presented later in the year.

The Little Hoover Committee is looking to focus on climate change and MVCAC will work on the Committee's awareness of the impacts on mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito control.

A researcher from Italy will be visiting the District to shadow staff next week.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Denny, President Bruce Eldridge adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.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 20, 2016 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the October 18, 2016 meeting.



Susan Maggy, Board Secretary