

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2013
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:

Lyndon Hawkins	President	Elk Grove
David Tamayo	Vice President	City of Sacramento
Christopher Barker	Secretary	Davis
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Neal Peart		Woodland

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Frederick Goethel	Galt
Craig Burnett	Folsom
Gregory Lanzaro	Winters

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Richard Shanahan

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Marcia Reed	Program Coordinator
Marty Scholl	Ecological Mgmt Supervisor
Luz Maria Rodriguez	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Hawkins.

Roll Call

Trustees Frederick Goethel, Craig Burnett, 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

On a motion by Trustee Peart, seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Board voted to approve General Consent items a. through c. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

- a. Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting;
- b. Expenditures for April 2013;
- c. Consideration of Resolution Honoring Jeff Fairbanks for his years of service.

President Hawkins commended Mr. Fairbanks' years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Managers Report:

Manager Brown submitted a written report and an oral report. His report included information on the AMCA Legislative Day held in Washington D.C., the MVCAC Quarterly Meeting and an update on the status of the City of Elk Grove's proposed Laguna Creek Trail. In his oral report Manager Brown mentioned he and Trustee Hawkins attended the AMCA Legislative Days in D.C. During the trip they met with our area representatives or their staff. Manager Brown provided a brief summary of the status of pending legislation on mosquito control related matters. Trustee Hawkins was able to arrange a tentative tour of our facility with Congressman Ami Bera and his staff. The visit is tentatively scheduled for late May or early June. A brief discussion of the possibility of holding an open house or similar event which would include inviting public officials as well as the public to learn more about our District took place.

At last month's meeting staff was asked if there were potential costs to the District relative to recent Workers' Compensation reforms. Staff researched this issue with our Workers' Compensation advisor with the VCJPA. The advisor indicated permanent disability rates will be going up; however, it is difficult to forecast costs because of implementation time frames and the severity of individual claims. Incidences of claims resulting in permanent or temporary disability to date have been rare for the District.

Manager Brown also indicated he had been invited to speak at a meeting for Utah Mosquito Abatement Association and would have more details to share at a later date.

At this time, Trustee Hawkins provided a brief summary of his attendance at the AMCA Legislative Days and the MVCAC Quarterly Meeting. He discussed some training topics for the annual MVCAC meeting that will be held in San Diego including Dengue Fever, Sexual Harassment Prevention and the Trustee Breakfast.

b. Written Reports from District Departments: Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department. The department supervisors each gave an oral presentation and were available to answer any questions.

Lab/Surveillance: Lab Director, Paula Macedo discussed mosquito and tick surveillance activities. Mosquito counts have been above the five-year average; however, to date virus activity has not yet been found. Tick surveillance is ongoing and two positive pools were identified in April. Marcia Reed has begun transitioning to her new position as Program Coordinator and Deborah Dritz started as the Vector Ecologist on May 6th.

Trustee Karpinski-Costa let staff know that the Merial representative who was invited to visit the District last month was going to be arriving after today's meeting, around 1pm

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor Marty Scholl reported on his department projects. Mr. Scholl said he was asked to attend and present at a meeting on June 10th that is being put on by the CSD and the City regarding their Camden Lake and Trail Spur Project. The CSD and Laguna Creek Watershed Council requested a presentation at this meeting on the basics of mosquito control and how we control mosquitoes within the Laguna and Elk Grove Creek water systems. He also discussed the maintenance and management plan for the creek system with CSD and City of Elk Grove staff. This discussion included installing beaver excluders and mosquito control treatments of storage areas within the system. This is a positive step which should result in a good working relationship moving forward.

Marty also has a meeting with a reclamation engineer for Delta Meadows on Friday about performing maintenance including excavating and brush cutting.

In addition, Mr. Scholl reviewed activities at Hansen Ranch. Several agencies along with the District are working together to control the beaver dams. This includes removal of some dams and installation of beaver excluders in others. Excluders are devices that allow water to flow through the dam.

Fisheries: Fisheries Supervisor, Demetri Dokos, was not in attendance; however, he submitted a written report.

Control Operations: Program Coordinator, Marcia Reed reported for the Field Supervisors. She reviewed a map of rice fields and treatment areas within the District, highlighting those that are close to populated areas. Rice field planting is about two weeks ahead of the previous year, with an increase in both number of fields and corresponding acreage. The District is using the same larviciding auto-treat schedule and buffer zones as the previous year. Ms. Reed also highlighted that we have treated the Davis Water Treatment Facility for the first time and will be treating it every two weeks until mosquito counts at the facility are back down. Ms. Reed also identified an increase in organic agricultural operations that will limit and/or prohibit the choice of mosquito control measures used and increase costs to control mosquitoes at these sites.

Public Information/Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Maria Rodriguez reviewed her department activities promoting the District including special events, school and community presentations and social media. Ms Rodriguez highlighted that the District received a record 3,350 entries for the 2013 Fight the Bite Calendar Contest and the District Facebook page has reached over 1,000 "likes". She also mentioned the District radio and television campaign for the 2013 season has begun.

c. Report on status of District Compliance with the Affordable Care Act

Administrative Manager, Janna McLeod presented the Board with a written report and a verbal report on the status of District compliance with the Affordable Care Act. At this time information about and interpretation of the Act is still changing. Rates are not expected to be released until October 2013. Ms. McLeod explained the basic "Play or Pay" options that are applicable to the District. As more information is available staff will bring it to the Board and seek a recommendation when rates have been released and the renewal process can begin. A brief question and answer session followed Ms. McLeod's report.

4. BOARD REVIEW OF DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2013-2014.

Manager Brown reviewed the draft budget. This included property tax revenues and potential Redevelopment Funds the District has and may receive. Last month staff indicated the anticipated revenues would be flat and are now projecting an increase of approximately 2%. Mr. Brown highlighted potential expenditures including the purchase of replacement software for tracking pesticide applications, research options, and the District VCJPA Contingency Fund accounts. Further analysis of revenues and expenditures will continue to be included in upcoming meetings until the final draft is submitted for approval.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RESCINDING DECISION TO CONTRACT WITH FRED B. CURTIS INC. ROOFING CONTRACTORS FROM THE APRIL 16, 2013 BOARD MEETING AND SELECTING GUDGEL YANCY ROOFING INCORPORATED TO RE-ROOF THE DISTRICT LABORATORY BUILDING NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000.00.

During contract finalization staff discovered issues of concern with the company that was originally recommended and authorized. Due to those concerns staff recommends rescinding the decision to contract with Fred B. Curtis and recommends the selection of Gudgel Yancy Roofing Inc.

On a motion by Trustee Eldridge, seconded by Trustee Moore, the Board voted to rescind the decision to contract with Fred B. Curtis Roofing and approve the selection of Gudgel Yancy Roofing Incorporated to re-roof the District Laboratory Building not to exceed \$72,000.00. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

6. BOARD /STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION

Manager Brown advised legal council that we may want to check on the status of an older federal organic labeling regulation that previously exempted government treatments that did not exceed 5% of the established tolerance levels to be identified as organic vs. non-organic.

Manager Brown informed the Board that staff has been approached by Dr. Bill Reisen, a researcher with UC Davis to fund a project with an approximate cost of \$40,000 that would do research on the crow population to identify the prevalence of West Nile virus based on the infection rates of crows. Staff is evaluating this as an option for a research project to fund in next year's budget.

Trustee Peart indicated he liked the discussion and idea of having an open house or similar event to which all officials within the District would be invited.

6. BOARD /STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION (Continued)


President Hawkins mentioned he had suggested to Manager Brown that the District work on or support other potentially interested parties such as rice growers to propose a Section 18 process that could be used to identify a mosquito control product that can be used on organic fields since there is not one currently available.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 12:13 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 May 21, 2013 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the June 18, 2013 meeting.



Christopher Barker, Secretary *Dave Tamayo for*