

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2020
SPECIAL 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:

Jayna Karpinski-Costa	President	Citrus Heights
Craig Burnett	Vice President	Folsom
Gar House	Secretary	Winters
Christopher Barker		Davis
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Gar House		Winters
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Marcia Mooney		Galt
Vacant		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Susan Maggy	Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey	Rancho Cordova

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
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Teleconference. Trustees Maggy and McGarvey were absent; however, there was a quorum 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 LaTorre seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. and b. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2.

- a. Minutes of the March 17, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for March 2020.

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:

The Coronavirus has definitely disrupted operations to an extent. Staff has done an amazing job of adapting and innovating to ensure that our work is being done. We have increased our cleaning regimen of high touch locations, instituted staggered shifts to minimize contact, encouraged social distancing for those in the office together, promoted telework when feasible and have made masks for staff to use when needed. The season is picking up as our surveillance is showing an increase of mosquitoes in the field with the warm weather. Control crews are seeing more activity as the recent rains have filled up some of our spring sources. Our seasonal employees are beginning to come on board and we are implementing remote training for them. Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness week is April 19-25. Normally, we have a number of events planned however due to the pandemic we have to adjust as no public gatherings or events are planned. We will be issuing press releases to educate the public on how we protect public health as well as distributing repellent to the homeless shelters. The District is working on compiling the annual budget for FY 20-21. A draft version will be presented at the May meeting. The AMCA Legislative Day was cancelled however we are hoping for a small contingent to be able to discuss our issues with legislators when travel is restored.

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, tick surveillance, and dead bird programs. Laboratory staff has been busy making masks for employees to wear when in public and when social distancing is difficult to do as recommended by the Public Health office. The dead bird hotline opened April 13th and we picked up our first five birds for the season and the samples will be tested the in May. Encephalitis virus surveillance (EVS) and testing will begin in May as well. We have one more month of tick flagging before the season ends. Three sample pools of ticks collected have tested positive along the American River corridor near Folsom.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Stormwater, Drainages and Planning Program, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program, Wetland Program, and Pool Program. Staff has begun annual access road mowing around dairy sumps, ditches, duck clubs and wetlands in both counties as weather allows. Staff will be assisting with the evaluation of Sumilarv larvicide on select dairy sumps this season.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided a written report.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos provided a written report

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including the School Program, Advertising, Events, the Fight the Bite Contest, and, Repellent and Materials Distribution. Mosquito Awareness Week is April 19-25, due to COVID-19 and the Stay At Home order the District will not be participating in any events as in years past. Winners of the Fight The Bite Contest will be announced and repellent will be distributed to Loaves and Fishes. Media stories will be pitched to obtain media coverage for the week with the District and MVCAC both putting out press releases, Facebook and other social media posts to assist with the information and education campaign.

4. District Projects and Collaborations for 2020 Season

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef presented the item and was available to answer questions. Projects and Collaborations for the 2020 Season include Catch Basin Pesticide Residue, Sugar Bait Virus Detection, Surveillance Technologies, Truck Mounted Low Volume Larvicide Spraying, Rice Habitat Adulticide Product Evaluation, Larvicide Product Evaluation, Efficacy of Mosquito Control in Rice Field Habitat, and Sterile Insect Technique (SIT). No action was taken on this item as it was for information only.

6. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION

President Karpinski-Costa moved up Item 6 to go before the Closed Session.

The first reading of the Draft FY 2020-2021 Budget will be presented at the May Board meeting.

Prior to adjourning the Open Session to go into Closed Session President Karpinski-Costa called for any public comments on Item 5. Local OE3 Union Representative Felix Huerta Jr. addressed the Board regarding the upcoming negotiations of the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the District and OE3. He discussed the Safety Manual, COVID-19, and reopener items within the MOU. The Board thanked Mr. Huerta Jr. for his comments.

5. CLOSED SESSION- Provide Instruction to Designated Labor Representatives (Gov. Code s. 54957.6-Labor Negotiations) Agency Designated Representatives: [Gary Goodman, Janna McLeod, Samer Elkashef, Chris Voight] Employee Organization: [Operating Engineers Local Union #3]

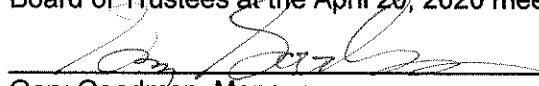
At 10:49 am President Karpinski-Costa adjourned the Open Meeting to go into the Closed Session for Item 5. The Board returned to Open Session at 11:22 am. The Board reported that it provided direction to the District designated representatives to move forward with the process of negotiations.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.

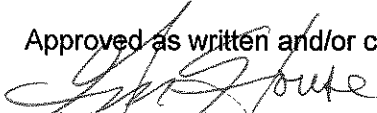
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I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the April 20, 2020 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the May 19, 2020 meeting.



Gar House, Board Secretary