

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2021
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:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None

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
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Craig Burnett.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. All Trustees were present; therefore, a quorum was present. Trustee Barker left the meeting at approximately 10:58am. The Isleton Trustee position is vacant.

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 McGarvey seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through c. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

- a. Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for March 2021;
- c. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Michael Fike for His Years of Service.

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 of OE3 requested to speak and discussed current contract reopeners and negotiations for the next contract with the District.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

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 in the field and responding in kind. Our seasonal employees are beginning to come on board and we are implementing remote training for them. The MVCAC Legislative Day was held online April 6-7. Sean Denny and the Manager held meetings with Senators Eggman, Nielsen, and Pan along with members Kiley, Aguiar-Curry, Cooper, Cooley, and McCarty of the Assembly. Our main discussion points were funding for Vectorsurv and invasive species. I have attached the position papers that were discussed with our legislators. Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness week is April 18-24. The week would normally be full of activities, but most community gatherings have been canceled. We are looking to enhance our advertising beginning this week to counteract our inability to host in person events. 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 21-22. A draft version will be presented at the May meeting. The AMCA Legislative Day is scheduled online for the beginning of May. Sean Denny will be helping with the meetings. Our position papers will center around federal funding for the SMASH Act and the TICK Act and discussions on the impact of the Endangered Species Act.

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 reported on department activity including mosquito abundance and surveillance, tick surveillance, studies and collaborations. Regular testing for the presence of West Nile virus in mosquito sample pools will begin the first week of May. Invasive Aedes surveillance had not yielded any detections for this report; however, one aedes mosquito was detected in a trap in the Arden area this week. Further trapping will be conducted in the area. The dead bird hotline resumed as of April 12th and the lab has begun picking up dead birds and samples will be tested the first week of May.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activity including the Wetland/Rice program, Planning, Storm Water and Drainages program, Pool program and mowing. Marty discussed staff participation in seasonal planning meetings for Cosumnes River Preserve, Conaway Ranch, Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, and Lower Yolo Ranch. Staff began annual spring mowing around certain sources to allow technicians better access for treatments.

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

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including service requests, spring source inspections, irrigations on pastures, and catch basin inspections and treatments. Calibration of aerial and ground ULV equipment will take place towards the end of April for the upcoming season.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including Mosquito Awareness Week, a summary of the 2020 advertising campaign, Government Affairs, Social Media, and Events. Mosquito Awareness Week is April 18th through the 24th and includes messaging developed by the MVCAC Public Relations Committee, repellent distribution to agencies that serve the homeless community and the announcing of the Fight the Bite contest winners. Outreach to local elected officials continues with scheduled dates for virtual presentations by Manager Goodman in April and May.

At 11:00am President Burnett adjourned the regular meeting to go into closed session for Item number 4.

4. CLOSED SESSION-PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO DESIGNATION OF LABOR REPRESENTATIVES (Gov. Code 54957.6 –Labor Negotiations) AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES [GARY GOODMAN, JANNA MCLEOD, SAMER ELKASHEF, CHRIS VOIGHT] EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: [OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3]

At 11:01am President Burnett called the Board into closed session. The Board re-opened the regular meeting at 11:35am reporting that the Board provided direction to the Labor Negotiators during the closed session.

5. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

The MVCAC is reviewing and weighing the various Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) strategies that are emerging and the District will continue to monitor this situation to see if any of these options are viable for us locally.

MVCAC conference for 2022 will take place in Sacramento and is being planned as an in person conference. The 2021 fall planning meeting is anticipated to be an in person meeting as well.

A request for temporary Out of Class pay will be brought to the Board in June to allow for the training of the replacement for a retiring Field Supervisor later this summer.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 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, 2021 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Marcia Mooney

Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary