

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21st MEETING
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:

David Tamayo	President	City of Sacramento
Craig R. Burnett	Vice-President	Folsom
Rosemarie Butler	Secretary	Isleton
Robert Biederman		Galt
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Mary Heilman		Winters
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
Joel Buettner, Paula Macedo	

Legal Counsel: Richard Shanahan

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public comment given by Roger Andriola, Steve Zien, Paul Schramski regarding mosquito control activities and public involvement .

1. **Board Hearing on Notice to Abate Nuisance Order Issued to William/Norma Pellandini Family Revocable Trust c/o Gary Pellandini (APN: 146-023-001-200-000) and Consideration of Resolution Ordering Abatement.**

Board President Tamayo opened the public hearing on the "Notice to Abate Nuisance" order issued to William and Norma Pellandini by reading an introductory statement and proceedings instructions. Mr. Gary Pellandini was acknowledged as present for the hearing. District Legal Counsel Richard Shanahan described the nature of the nuisance abatement proceedings against the Pellandini property and the abatement order sought by the District. In the Board packets, the District's Ecological Management Supervisor Joel Buettner

1. **Cont'd.** provided a copy of a letter that was sent to Mr. Pellandini and a copy of the BMP Implementation Plan that had been presented to Mr. Pellandini. Mr. Buettner spoke in favor of management's request for the abatement order and presented a Power Point slide presentation. Mr. Pellandini reported that many of the items stated in the BMP have been completed and he is cooperating with the District. After all the evidence and testimony had been presented, there were some brief questions and discussion. President Tamayo closed the hearing. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 08-21-07 ordering Abatement of Public Nuisance on the Pellandini Property as amended.

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

On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the Board meeting held July 17th, 2007; the expenditures for July 2007.

3. **Correspondence to the Board.**

Included in the Board packets were correspondence both for and against aerial spraying, a public records request, and a letter from California Department of Public Health in recognition of the District following the State Plan and supporting our efforts. Late yesterday afternoon Manager Brown received an email correspondence from Kim Glazzard that was distributed to each Board member.

4. **Reports to the Board.**

(a) Managers Report:

The Governor declared a "State of Emergency" in Colusa, San Joaquin and Kern counties, based on the significant increase in West Nile virus activities. Funds were provided to commence adult mosquito control in those areas. Additional funding was then distributed through the Department of Public Health to identify other counties that may be at risk, of which Sacramento County was identified as one, for increased and immediate adult mosquito control, surveillance, and BMP's through our State Association and the Department of Fish and Game.

The District has received one claim from the adulticiding activity. It has been submitted to the appropriate agency for review.

4.(a)Cont'd. We have offered the Public Information Officer position to a candidate with a probable starting date of August 28th.

(b) Sacramento City Council Meeting and Public Participation in District Decision Making: Manager Brown was asked by a member of the Sacramento City Council to give an update on West Nile virus activity at their August 9th meeting. Following Manager Brown's report was a power point presentation by members of Organic Sacramento, Pesticide Watch, and other people that were opposed to the aerial spraying, along with copies of the power point presentation given to the council members to review. Much of the presentation is misleading and demonstrates a lack of understanding of a public health prevention program. After some discussion, the Manager was asked to respond to the letter and report back to the Board.

(c) Mosquito Counts and Field Activities: Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reported on the status of WNV activity currently. We believe the peak of WNV activity was the last two weeks of July. The first positive mosquito pool occurred the first week of July and continued to increase over the following weeks to 38. District staff followed our Management Plan, responding to positive areas with increased surveillance and increased larval inspections within a one mile radius to isolate the area. What we saw was the virus amplifying and progressing very quickly, thus implementing the adulticiding applications. Mr. Goodman provided multiple graphs of mosquito species counts, a summary of the aerial applications, and the current status of the field activities.

Lab Director Paula Macedo spoke to the Board about the trapping scheme that was initiated after the aerial treatments. The report was a preliminary analysis.

Trustees Parrella and Washino exited the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

(d)Review of the Employee Assistance Program: VCJPA provided a utilization report on the Employee Assistance Program that was included in the Board packets. We are utilizing the program and the reports are self explanatory.

5. Board Review and Consideration to Purchase a Water Absorbing Polymer from Watersorb™ Not to Exceed \$6,500.00.

The Ecological Management Department has responded to multiple positive WNV dead birds and mosquito pools within one mile of cemeteries in Northeastern Sacramento County by applying super

5. **Cont'd.** absorbent polymer. Tentatively the plan is to have the cemeteries share the costs of the material with the District. The initial applications to vases would be done by District staff with the cemeteries being responsible for the long-term maintenance. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Lewallen, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of one pallet of Medium Watersorb Polyacrylamide at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00.

6. **Board Review and Consideration to Ratify Acceptance of \$45,250.00 from the Department of Public Health Vector-Borne Disease Section to be Used for WNV Surveillance.**

Manager Brown reported that we applied for and received \$45,250 for WNV surveillance. Our District has been one of the leaders in the nation in identifying backyard mosquito sources relative to swimming pools. We want to enhance our surveillance in doing aerial fly overs. On a motion by Trustee Peart, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously ratified the acceptance of \$45,250.00 from the Department of Public Health to perform enhanced surveillance.

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.

The quarterly meeting of the MVCAC will be October 31st – November 2nd at the Embassy Suites in Lake Tahoe.

District staff is preparing BMP's and possible abatement notices for two specific entities. One is with the City of Davis and their wastewater treatment facility. The second is the City of Sacramento combined stormwater/sewer system.


8. **Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation**
Title: Manager.

The Board returned to open session. There was nothing to report at this time.

9. Adjournment.

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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 August 21st, 2007 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the September 18th, 2007 meeting.



Rosemarie Butler, Secretary