

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2018  
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:**

Susan Maggy	President	Sacramento County
Raymond LaTorre	Vice President	Sacramento
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	Secretary	Citrus Heights
Christopher Barker		Davis
Craig Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Frederick Goethel		Galt
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Robert McGarvey	Rancho Cordova
Vacant	Winters

**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
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Maria Robles	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Susan Maggy.

**Roll Call**

Trustee Robert McGarvey is absent. Trustee Gregory Lanzaro has resigned from the Board and the City of Winters will be appointing a new Trustee to finish his term; 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 Burnett, seconded by Trustee Denny the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through e. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

- a. Minutes of the July 17, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for July 2018;
- c. Approval of Catastrophic Leave Bank Policy;
- d. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring David Butler for His Years of Service;
- e. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Gregory Lanzaro 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 with the Local Operating Engineers No. 3. requested to speak to the Board. Mr. Huerta reviewed Union activity indicating a meeting regarding the assignment of overtime in the Lab took place, one grievance has been filed and resolved at the Manager level, and a request to receive and discuss the District Safety Manual has been made by the Union. Mr. Huerta reviewed his request and provided the Board with a copy of e-mails related to the request (Attachment A).

**3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**a. Manager's Report:**

The District's West Nile season is not slowing down and our region is seeing the vast majority of activity. We are ahead of our usual averages for adulticiding and larviciding for the year. The District continues to follow the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan with enhanced surveillance and control efforts in response to positive dead birds or positive mosquito collections. The District is progressing with the aerial applications by UAS with LEA, Inc. We are learning the capabilities of the units in anticipation of CDPR finalizing their regulations to allow for our staff to operate the units without the need for an outside contractor. CDPR has indicated their regulations should be ready by 2019. MVCAC members are meeting with the State Department of Consumer Affairs to discuss mosquito control and the cannabis industry. We have already met with CDPR on this issue earlier this year. The Governor approved the budget which includes \$500,000 for the CalSurv Gateway. The MVCAC put forth a tremendous effort to get AB 2892 pushed through and we are modifying some language to be included in the final bill. We will now focus efforts on long-term funding and monies for research. A Tour for Elected Officials has been arranged by CSDA on the 23rd of August. They will be coming to see the District operations from 9am to 11am. The Integrated Pest Management section of the EPA has expressed interest in a tour of the District to be scheduled in the near future.

**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, Marcia Reed discussed surveillance activities including mosquito abundance, mosquito trapping, dead bird EVS testing, and tick and Lyme disease surveillance. Mosquito abundance is above the 5 year average except for *Cx tarsalis*, which is below the 5 year average. Marcia reviewed the progress of District studies and collaborations including Suspend Polyzone, Rice Residue, and *kdr* in *Cx tarsalis* among others. The Lab will be processing data collected during these studies and trials throughout the fall/winter. Tick flagging and testing will begin in October.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed the Wetland, Agricultural, Stormwater/drainage, Planning, Swimming Pool and UAS programs. Staff has been meeting with duck clubs and landowners in preparation for fall flooding. Staff will be assisting the Department of Water Resources with a meeting for landowners on Sherman Island in late August. Staff is working with Airbus Aerial getting their feedback on satellite imagery for locating blue and green pools. The UAS program development continues and Marty has been asked to speak at a conference that will be held in Las Vegas in September.

**Biological Control:** Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided a written report in the Board packet. Fisheries technicians have been busy with rice fish planting activities with 1,478.87 pounds of fish used in the month of July. About a third of the fish plantings were for residential with the rest in the rice fields. Technicians prepared a live display for the state fair and assisted in pool inspections on two Saturdays. Technicians are performing regular facility maintenance activities as well as cleaning ponds and preparing them for next year.

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos provided a written report in the Board packet. Crews are continuing to respond to WNV activity and high trap counts in our areas of concern in Davis and North Sacramento County. Aerial larvicide treatments have increased due to more rice fields coming up positive for mosquito breeding. Steve reviewed the trials that control is participating in including Sumilarv, Meris, DeltaGard and WAL5. Service requests for Yellowjackets are on the rise as is expected this time of year.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles provided a written report in the Board packet. Luz reviewed advertising and media, outreach to local elected officials, social media and events. Social media outreach was targeted to specific zip codes in our areas of concern to assist in getting the information out to those residing in these areas. This proved to be an effective tactic resulting in an increase of 2,747 people signing up to receive texted spray notifications. Staff also attended and performed outreach at more localized events being held in the areas of concern to further increase education and spray notification enrollments. Other August events that were attended include a UC Davis Master Gardner event and the Yolo County Fair.

#### **4. STATUS OF WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY AND DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef presented the item. He reviewed a map of the areas of concern and the placement of surveillance traps, mosquito sources, and the 1 mile buffers for source radius inspections and treatments. Areas of concern included Elk Grove and the Pocket area south of Fruitridge Road. Treatment efforts are concentrated in the areas to quickly interrupt the transmission cycle of West Nile virus. Samer discussed aerial adulticide treatments that took place from mid-June through mid-August with a map of the spray blocks. He included the result numbers showing the effect the aerial spray had on the populations within the block. No action was taken by the Board as this was an information item only.

**5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CALPERS VALUATION**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item and was available to answer questions. The valuation report sets the rates for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and provides an update of the District Unfunded Accrued Liability or UAL. No action was taken by the Board as this was an information item only.

**6. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AERIAL CONTRACT WITH CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL AND DYNAMIC AVIATION**

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item. Due to the nature of the VDCI contract and MOU's with Placer, San Joaquin, and Turlock there are times when more than two planes are needed and bringing in additional planes can be a challenge. The District would like to proceed with a contingency contract with Clarke Mosquito Control and Dynamic Aviation for the remainder of the season only using them if VDCI cannot meet our needs and timing requirements. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Goethel the Board voted to authorize the Manager to enter into a Contingency Contract with Clarke Mosquito Control and Dynamic Aviation. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2.

**7. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

The annual repellent purchase will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

The MVCAC Quarterly meeting will be held November 1st and 2nd.

The Audit field days are next month from 9/11 to 9/13/18.

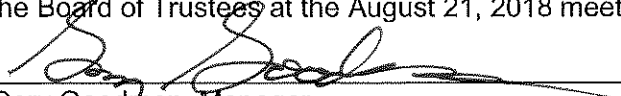
NPDES language is attached to the farm bill and is in conference and may be heard at the end of this month.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

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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 21, 2018 meeting.

  
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Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the September 18, 2018 meeting.

  
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Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Board Secretary

## Huerta, Felix

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**From:** Huerta, Felix  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 12:37 PM  
**To:** 'Gary Goodman'; Janna McLeod; Samer Elkashef; Chris Voight  
**Cc:** Huerta, Felix  
**Subject:** RE: Shoe issue

August 20, 2018

Gary Goodman, General Manager,  
Sacramento Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District  
8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove CA 95624

Unfair Labor Practice

Gary,

While not intentional you failed to notify us. Clearly, this is a work rule. As such we will seek relief from PERB. Had you properly notified us we would have met and conferred over the impact and effect of this work rule and any others contained in the Safety Manual. If you are willing to meet and confer over this matter and the Safety Manual, we can avoid the expense and time of an Unfair Labor Practice charge with PERB. Let me know how you would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Felix Mario Huerta Jr.

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SYMVCD Board

**From:** Gary Goodman [mailto:gwgoodman@fightthebite.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Huerta, Felix <fhuerta@oe3.org>  
**Cc:** Janna McLeod <jmcleod@fightthebite.net>; Samer Elkashef <selkashef@fightthebite.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Shoe issue

Felix,

The District views the open toed shoe issue as a safety concern. The issue was originally discussed in the District's safety committee in September 2010 and the practice has been in place since that time. The District believes that the current practice of requiring closed toe shoes is a safety precaution to minimize injuries, help manage potential workers compensation claims and to protect the health and well being of our employees.

You requested a meeting with the District to talk about this issue and we met with you on the afternoon of August 10th where the District's stance on the issue was reaffirmed.

Article 18 "Health, Safety, and Workplace Violence Prevention" of the MOU states that "This section shall be governed in accordance with District Policy and practice". This particular practice of wearing closed toe shoes while at work has been in place since 2010 and was instituted after being discussed and brought up in the District's safety committee.

It is our understanding that you believe that this practice is a work rule and should have been disclosed at the bargaining table. The District did not intentionally hide this practice from you due to the fact that we did not consider it to be a work rule, but again a safety practice. There are many practices that are in place to help ensure that our employees are working in a safe environment.

The District believes that the current safety practice of wearing closed toe shoes at the workplace should remain.

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Gary Goodman  
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On Fri, Aug 17, 2018 at 3:17 PM, Huerta, Felix <[fhuerta@oe3.org](mailto:fhuerta@oe3.org)> wrote:

Gary,

I need a response by Monday at 12 pm regarding the shoe issue. There is no shoe policy.

We will seek relief from PERB on Monday.

Felix Mario Huerta Jr.

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO

Business Representative/Organizer

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