

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 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
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Craig Burnett.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. Trustee Barker joined the meeting at 10:04am and all other Trustees were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present. 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 Denny seconded by Trustee Karpinski-Costa, 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: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

- a. Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for July 2021;
- c. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Garth Ehrke 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.

There were none.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The District's West Nile season is picking up. We continue to follow the Districts Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan with enhanced surveillance and control efforts in response to positive dead birds or positive mosquito collections. COVID-19 restrictions continue to change and everyone is doing their best to follow the guidelines to keep ourselves, our families, and our colleagues safe. The District is working on implementing our records retention policy ensuring that we are in line with the regulations from the Secretary of State guidelines. We are actively identifying records that no longer need to be kept and can be destroyed. The District audit is scheduled to be done remotely September 20-24. The fire alarm upgrade should be done by the end of August. We have been busy with product trials this season and will be working on a trial for a new adulticide with Valent Biosciences.

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 surveillance and abundance, invasive Aedes detections, and collaborations. The *Culex tarsalis* abundance is higher than last year and the five year average due to the greater efficiency of the District's locker traps, after the traps have been used for five years the data will provide a more comparable average over time. The vector index in Galt increased after several weeks of no positives and decreased significantly following control work performed by technicians in the area. Aedes mosquitoes continue to be detected in Winters and the Arden areas with one detection in the Citrus Heights area. Various collaborations are ongoing with Clarke Mosquito working with staff this week.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activity including the Wetland/Rice/Agriculture program, Shorebird programs, Storm water/Creek program, Fall Flooding, and UAS programs. Staff has been working with Westlands Water District engineering company to determine the extent of mosquito breeding in a newly created tidal wetland at the Lower Yolo Ranch. Staff has also been working with Department of Water Resources at the Yolo Flyaway Farms on potential corrective actions for pockets of water in the wetlands after king tides.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including fish stocking in rice fields, regular fisheries maintenance activities and projects including dissolved oxygen levels, crayfish trapping, and testing of ideal stocking rates. Tony included and discussed an interactive map that staff uses to record and document rice field fish stocking and other pertinent information. With fewer rice fields due to the drought and water limitations technicians have been able to plant fish in existing fields at higher rates to control larva more effectively this season.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including Aerial Applications, Trials, Culex and West Nile Virus control, and Invasive Aedes control. The drought and water rights limitations have reduced the amount of rice planted. Catch Basin crew is assisting with trials and performing blanket treatments in areas within the vicinity of West Nile positive samples. WALs treatments have been performed to reduce Aedes populations in Winters, with continued monitoring and trapping area expansions.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including National Night Out Repellent and Materials Distribution, World Mosquito Day, Public Affairs Shows, Advertising, Social Media, Government Affairs, MVCAC Public Relations Committee and Presentations. Repellent wipes were distributed to several neighborhood associations and groups for distribution at their National Night Out events. For World Mosquito Day staff assisted in making a video and clips that featuring agencies providing tips and recommendations in various languages for AMCA. Staff continues to update local public officials as West Nile virus or Aedes mosquitoes detections occur in their areas.

4. STATUS OF WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY AND DISTRICT RESPONSE

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef presented the item and was available to respond to questions. He reviewed the activity for the season including West Nile positive dead bird reports, counties with positive mosquito samples and/or dead birds throughout the District and the State. Maps of the District surveillance and treatments were provided and reviewed. No Board action was taken as this was an information only item.

5. CLOSED SESSION-CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREATENED OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code s. 54956.9 (d)(1), (d) (2)) - ONE (1) MATTER UNFAIR LABOR CHARGE FILED WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD BY OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 3.

At 11:20am President Burnett called the Board into closed session. The Board re-opened the regular meeting at 11:30am reporting that the Board took no reportable action during the closed session.

6. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

The District is collecting data in areas of concern for the evaluation of possible Sterile Insect Technique control efforts for Invasive Aedes mosquitoes.

The September Board meeting will be held virtually.

Our West Sacramento Trustee Raul DeAnda has decided to retire from the Board following today's meeting. Raul has been an asset to the Board and a Resolution honoring him for his service will be presented next month.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 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 August 17, 2021 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the September 21, 2021 meeting.



Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary

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