

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2020  
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
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Marcia Mooney		Galt
Christopher Barker		Davis
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
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer
Deborah Dritz	Vector Ecologist
Sarah Wheeler	Biologist
Kara Kelley	Microbiologist
Garth Ehrke	Field Supervisor
Demetri Dokos	Field Supervisor
Kevin Combo	Field Supervisor
Ryan Wagner	Field Supervisor
Tom Price	Shop Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

## **Roll Call**

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Trustees Barker, DeAnda, and McGarvey were absent during roll call; however, a quorum was present. The Isleton position is vacant. Trustee Barker joined the meeting at 10:05am and Trustee McGarvey joined at 11:30am.

## **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 d. 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 November 17, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for November 2020;
- c. Deposit VCJPA Retrospective Adjustment of \$63,341 into District Member Contingency Fund;
- d. Board Review and Consideration of Legal Services Agreement Effective January 1, 2021.

## **2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This item is reserved for members of the public who wish to speak on items not on the agenda.*

None

## **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **a. Manager's Report:**

The year is at an end and staff is preparing for the upcoming 2021 season with planning, training, and maintenance of the equipment.

The District has been very active in responding to and changing protocols in response to COVID-19. The regulations and guidance seem to be changing on a regular basis and we are diligently working to respond in kind to keep ahead and make sure that staff is operating in a safe manner.

The MVCAC planning session was held on December 7th and 8th. The association has been adapting to the current climate with remote meetings instead of in person and working toward achieving the goals of the association, albeit in a different manner. The MVCAC changed the committee structure by limiting the number of official members on the various committees with the hopes that fewer members will lead to more specific direction and accomplishment of tasks. The ongoing goals of securing funding for CalSurv and working with the regulatory agencies are the top priorities.

District staff is continuing the work on the five year plan for future activities and direction of the District. Staff will provide an update to the Board in January on the items highlighted in the five year plan.

**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 provided a written report. Microbiologist, Kara Kelley reported on tick, mosquito, and dead bird sample collection and testing, sugar bait study, and the new in-house PCR Lab. Vector Ecologist Debbie Dritz reported on the District surveillance program including a summary of the invasive Aedes mosquito detections, pesticide efficacy and resistance testing, and trapping and mapping innovations. Biologist Sarah Wheeler reported on research projects including chemical presence, resistance, and efficacy in a certain habitats and/or using specific application methods.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl provided a written report.

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

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos provided a written report. Field Supervisor Garth Ehrke reported on South Yolo County field activities including service requests, WNV positive radius work and Winters and Davis Aedes detections and treatments. Field Supervisor Demetri Dokos reported on Southern Sacramento County field activities including swimming pool program, service requests, inspections and treatments and Aedes detections in South Sacramento Delta area. Field Supervisor Kevin Combo reported on Northern Sacramento County presenting a video of field activities including tree-hole surveillance and treatments, swimming pool program, service requests, and Yellowjacket control. Field Supervisor Ryan Wagner reported on Catch Basin field activities presenting a video highlighting catch basin inspections and treatments, digitized mapping capabilities, residual product studies, educational material distribution and Aedes detections.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles provided a written report

**Shop:** Shop Supervisor Tom Price reported on fleet maintenance and other shop activities including a video illustrating some of the fabrication and repair work done by the mechanics including the conversion of the District gate from manual to automatic and the truck mounted A-1 Mistblower.

**Administration:** Administrative Manager Janna McLeod reported on Finance and Human Resource activities including accounting, recruiting and hiring and in-house training program. Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef reported on COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, facility improvements including the PCR Lab, Library and Fisheries Carport.

#### **4. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

Following the department reports Manager Goodman announced new employees hired during the year and the 2020 Service Award recipients.

The upcoming MVCAC meetings will be held virtually instead of in person due to the Coronavirus pandemic and registration is now open.

New Board Officer elections, 5 Year Plan Review, and the Manager's Review will all take place at the January Board Meeting.

The annual bird count for this year has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 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 December 15, 2020 meeting.

*Gary Goodman*

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Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the January 19, 2021 meeting.

*Gar House*

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Gar House, Board Secretary