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;

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, Manager

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

Gar House, Board Secretary