

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SACRAMENTO-YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

Location: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Trustees Present:

Craig Burnett	President	Folsom
Gar House	Vice President	Winters
Marcia Mooney	Secretary	Galt
Christopher Barker		Davis
Janell Darroch		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Staci Gardiner		Isleton

Trustees Absent:

Bruce Eldridge, Yolo County

Legal Counsel Present:

Jennifer Buckman

Staff Present:

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager (Outgoing)
Shelley Eckler	Administrative Manager (Incoming)
Marcia Reed	Laboratory Director (Outgoing)
Sarah Wheeler	Laboratory Director (Incoming)
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer
Kara Kelley	Microbiologist
Debbie Dritz	Vector Ecologist
Ruben Rosas	GIS Administrator
Kevin Combo	North Sacramento Supervisor
Brett Day	North Yolo County Supervisor
Demetri Dokos	South Sacramento Supervisor
Will Hayes	South Yolo County Supervisor
Ryan Wagner	Catch Basins Supervisor
Tom Price	Shop Supervisor
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. All Trustees except one were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present. Trustee Maggy left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the Pledge of Allegiance and for the duration of the meeting.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent

On a motion by Sean Denny and seconded by Trustee Ray LaTorre, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through g. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

- a. Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. Expenditures for November 2021
- c. Deposit VCJPA Retrospective Adjustment of \$115,569 into District Member Contingency Fund
- d. District Investment Report for Period Ending September 30, 2021
- e. Board Review and Consideration of Legal Services Agreement Effective January 1, 2022
- f. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Marcia Reed for Her Years of Service
- g. Board Consideration to Surplus District Property

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Mr. Felix Huerta Jr, representative of OE3, requested to speak during public comment. Mr. Huerta noted that they do have a scheduled unfair labor practice hearing on March 9-10.

3. Reports to the Board

Manager's Report: The year is at an end and staff are preparing for the upcoming 2022 season with planning, training, and equipment maintenance.

The Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) planning meeting was held on December 7th and 8th. The goals of the association for the upcoming year will be to continue engaging with stakeholders on various issues relevant to vector control including educating our legislators and regulatory agencies on the importance of our role in protecting public health. The major topics for education and engagement include issues associated with storm water systems, wetland management, NPDES, cannabis cultivation, sterile insect technology, vector control research, and increasing the overall profile of MVCAC and public health. The MVCAC committees gave updates on their standing charges.

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 plan.

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:

Kara Kelley, Microbiologist: Kara reported on the lab findings throughout the year.

- Ticks: We found 433 pools of ticks out of 1831 tested with 18 positive which is very similar to last year's numbers.
- Chickens: 302 chickens tested – 5 positive
- Dead Bird Program: 478 tested, 110 positive birds (23%) as compared to last year with 402 birds tested and 120 positive making a 29% positivity rate.
- Mosquito Samples: 197 positive resulting in a 2.72% positivity rate

Debbie Dritz, Vector Ecologist: Debbie discussed how successful the surveillance program has been as well as how much more efficient the conversion to single battery traps is. Debbie also discussed how they are closing up some data gaps with the resistance testing program.

Sarah Wheeler, Laboratory Director: Sarah noted that it has been a very busy year in 2021 for the Lab and that she is looking forward to new challenges as Lab Director. Sarah gave an overview of the work that was performed on larvicides and adulticides. Lastly Sarah noted that many of the projects performed were in collaboration with either University and Industry partners and that the results of said studies would be presented at the upcoming annual conferences.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl provided a written report in the Board packet.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided a written report in the Board packet.

Larval and Adult Control:

Kevin Combo, North Sacramento Supervisor

Kevin shared a video of his team in action.

Kevin noted that he and his team are preparing for the 2022 season and maintaining equipment and staff are taking their vacations.

Brett Day, North Yolo County Supervisor: Brett discussed the monitoring efforts and inspected sources he and his team have been involved in throughout the year. The rice fields were their main focus for 2021. They treated over 6200 acres of organic rice and over 31K acres of conventional rice. The rice numbers are less than in 2020, largely due to water availability.

Brett and his team responded to 80 service requests, which is down by 40% compared to 2020. With the season winding down, the team is focused on building water soluble packets for catch basins.

Demetri Dokos, South Sacramento Field Supervisor: Demetri noted that his team is currently staffed with eight full-time team members and he will hire two seasonal employees in April. His region covers Elk Grove down to Sherman Island in the Delta. This year's numbers are similar to the 2020 findings. In April Demetri and his team sent out pool mailers to 97 residents with historically unmaintained pools. They saw 75 % of the mailers were responded to before tech needed to visit in person. From those mailers and follow up they made contact with 24 residents.

Demetri noted West Nile Virus in his area started with positive mosquitoes detected in Galt in June of 2021. Demetri also stated that they had 526 service requests which is up from 521 in 2020.

Will Hayes, South Yolo County Supervisor: Will took over for Garth Ehrke in August of 2021 and is covering areas in and around Davis, Winters, and West Sacramento.

Will stated that in his area conventional rice numbers are up but organic numbers are down. Overall 51K total acres between treatments and retreats have been covered. Service requests went from 252 to 156. West Nile Virus positive numbers dropped compared to last year – as did dead bird positives. Will saw a large difference from South to North with invasive species found in Winters this year in May versus finding them in September in 2020. With help from Kevin's teams, Will and his team were able to get in to backyards they would not have otherwise been able to.

Ryan Wagner, Catch Basin Supervisor: Ryan shared a video that highlighted the acquisition of the right-handed jeeps, as well as the App development that was put in place to replace hard copy reports and the many projects he and his team have been working on.

In February Ryan's will present some of the recent projects that his team has been working on at the upcoming AMCA and MVCAC annual meetings.

Ruben Rosas, GIS Coordinator: Ruben stated that the biggest changes this year were the reduction of rice planted that showed a 37% decrease from last year. The largest reduction was seen in Yolo County.

Ruben highlighted the work he has been doing on the Navigation system In Route. Ruben then discussed the Aerial survey being used for neglected swimming pools. Over 230 mailers asking residents to send photo of their pools went out and we saw a high response rate of 80% in targeted areas. For the upcoming season the team will coordinate sending notices to known neglected pools.

Tom Price, Shop Supervisor: Tom shared a video highlighting the shop operations that he narrated in real-time. The video showcases the outfitting of the right-hand jeeps and the modifications made to the ATV's as well as footage of team members out in the field using the various vehicles.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer Luz Robles provided a written report in the Board packet.

Administration

Janna McLeod, Administrative Manager (Outgoing): Janna gave an overview of the latest Covid protocols and discussed the testing availability options. She also reported that we hired 34 employees for 2021, most of them seasonal employees. Janna stated that one of the major projects listed in the 5-year plan, The Records Retention Management project, has been completed

Janna mentioned that she was involved in Labor negotiations through meetings with OE3 throughout the year and in July 2021 the most recent MOU was agreed upon. The Annual Audit was completed in November and resulted in an unmodified – clean opinion. Janna noted that in all of her 10 years with the district all audits have received unmodified status and she has faith that will continue with the support of Kellee and Raj.

Shelley Eckler, Administrative Manager (Incoming): Shelley provided a brief overview of her career path and noted some of the industries she's worked in and what she hopes to be able to provide the District.

Samer Elkashaf, Assistant Manager: Samer noted how busy the year has been and discussed some housekeeping items specifically that an auxiliary car port was completed and upgrades were made to the fire alarm system.

Samer has been busy representing the District at both the National and State levels He is part of the Chemical and Control committee. Samer is also the Chair of the MVCAC Regulatory Affairs Committee where they tackle a number of topics of concern to vector control agencies.

Gary Goldman thanked everyone for their department summaries and noted that the common theme seen in all of the presentations is how prevalent the inter-department collaborative efforts are.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW UTILITY VEHICLE FOR DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Gary explained that the team had tried the mist blower equipment on the existing ATVs and it is too heavy. The team wants to be able to use the mist blower on a more heavy duty vehicle. Tom Price tracked down two vendors that have the vehicles that will work for the District

Trustee Jayna Karpinski-Costa moved to approve the purchase and Secretary Marcia Mooney seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

5. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Gary gave thanks to Janna and Marcia for their years of service. Board Training will be available on Vector Solutions and Shelley will send information out to each board member on how to log in and complete the training.

Gary also mentioned the District is looking at a potential construction expansion and will be seeing the advice of an architect to see what would be needed to build between the Lab and the Administration building to connect the two. The building that the District leases to CDPH will end at the end of 2022. District staff is working with the State on the development of new lease terms and will bring it to the Board for approval.

The District will be looking to expand the Aedes program. Gary noted that staff is looking a bringing on a new Field Supervisor to handle the program, which would need Board approval.

Gary reminded all that the January board meeting will include the election of officers. He also noted that with the increase in Covid cases, and a newly enacted statewide mask mandate issued, the January 2022 Board Meeting is scheduled to take place virtually pending Board approval.

6. Adjournment

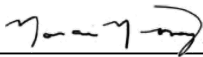
The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the December 14, 2021, meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written, and/or corrected, by the Board of Trustees at the January 18, 2021, meeting.



Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary