

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20TH, 2007
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

PLACE: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624-1477

TIME: 1:15 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

David Tamayo	President	City of Sacramento
Craig R. Burnett	Vice-President	Folsom
Rosemarie Butler	Secretary	Isleton
Robert Biederman		Galt
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Robert Washino		Davis
Jack Whitfield		Citrus Heights
ABSENT: Vacant		Winters

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Manager
John Fritz, Joel Buettner, Paula Macedo, Jennifer Benito, Betty Perez	

Legal Counsel: Richard Shanahan

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Michael Parrella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices should be silenced during the meeting.

Mr. Warren King approached the Board with information regarding tax sharing in Yolo County. The Board directed Manager Brown to evaluate the information.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Washino, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the Board meeting held January 23rd, 2007; the expenditures for January 2007.

2. Reports to the Board.

(a) Managers Report: *Mosquitoes are beginning to emerge from their over-wintering places. A press release has been sent out informing the public on what they should do at this time of the year.*

Included in the Board packets is the Best Management Practices workshop schedule. We will be working with representatives dealing with storm water devices, wetlands, and agriculture. Water Management Supervisor Joel Buettner will be presiding over the meetings. The Mosquito Source Reduction Contract and the Vegetation Control Agreement have been reviewed and corrected by Legal Counsel Shanahan and will be presented at the workshops.

The District conducted Focus Group meetings on February 13th. The purpose of the focus group is to lay the ground work for our questionnaire to find out what people know about mosquitoes and the District.

We have been notified that a representative from the City of Rancho Cordova will be appointed to our Board at their February Board meeting.

There will be a retirement celebration on March 29th to honor Woody Schon.

The Conflict of Interest forms are due by April 1st.

(b) Report of MVCAC Annual Conference: *Manager Brown, Trustees Hawkins, DeAnda, Tamayo and Washino each spoke about the conference. Copies of the staff presentations given at the conference were included in the Board packets and they were also available for questions during the Board meeting. Trustee Lyndon Hawkins was acknowledged as the Vice President of the MVCAC Trustee Advisory Council. All of the Trustees that attended were very pleased and proud of the level professionalism of District staff who attended and gave presentations at the conference.*

3. Board Review and Consideration of District Quarterly Investment Report.

Manager Brown presented the District Investment Report for the Quarter ending December 31st, 2006. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Board unanimously approved the District Quarterly Investment Report.

4. Board Review and Consideration to Submit Notice of Termination for NPDES General Permit No. CAG990004 to State Water Resources Control Board.

Included in the Board packets was a memo from the Office of Chief Counsel for the State Water Resource Control Board regarding the EPA's new regulation excluding the application of pesticides consistent with federal pesticide law from the need to obtain a Clean Water Act NPDES permit. After discussions with District Legal Counsel, staff recommends termination of our current permit. The SWRCB has provided guidance documents on how to submit the notice of termination. In the event a court decision invalidates EPA's regulation, the District can re-enroll under the existing permit pursuant to the memo. Discussion continued. On a motion by Trustee DeAnda, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board unanimously approved to terminate the District's NPDES permit.

5. Board Review and Consideration of Amendments to Job Descriptions for Vector Control Field Technician Series.

Assistant Manager Gary Goodman explained the proposed changes to Field Technician I, Field Technician II, and Field Technician III. The duties of the Fisheries Culturist have been added to the Field Technician series to allow for enhanced training of all of the District's personnel on the components of the biological program. Field Tech I – possession of mosquito and vector control certificates administered by the State of California Department of Health Services, category A and B or obtained within 12 months of employment instead of 8 months; Field Tech II – Possession of a valid California Department of Health Services Certification in Mosquito Control, Terrestrial Invertebrate Control, and Vertebrate Vector Control (A,B,C,D) and completion of 2 years of accumulated service as a Field Tech I or equivalent; Field Tech III – completion of 5 years of accumulated service as a Field Tech II or equivalent. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved of the job description changes.

**6. Board Review and Consideration to Convert Fisheries
Culturist Position to Vector Control Field Technician Series.**

Assistant Manager Gary Goodman explained the proposed changes to the Fisheries department. The duties of the Fisheries Culturist have been added to the Field Technician series, providing greater flexibility in recruiting both internally and externally and allowing for enhanced training of all of the District's personnel on the components of the biological program. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Board unanimously approved the change from Fisheries Culturist to Field Technician.

**7. Board Review and Consideration to Change Water
Management Department to Ecological Management
Department and Amend Water Management Department Job
Descriptions.**

The proposed changes to the Department name change and the job description were discussed at the last Board meeting. Staff is recommending changing the Department name to Ecological Management Department; and is also recommending the proposed changes to the job description and changing the position name from Equipment Operator to Ecological Management Technician. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Board unanimously approved the name change and job descriptions for the Water Management Department to the Ecological Management Department, Ecological Management Supervisor, and Ecological Management Technician.

**8. Board Review and Consideration to Purchase Utility Bill
Inserts for 4th of July and Postcards for WNV Prevention Day
Not to Exceed \$14,500.00.**

These items were previously discussed in the Public Information Officer's Outreach program. Ms. Benito is proposing utility bill inserts and post cards for WNV Prevention Day not to exceed \$14,500.00. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board voted in favor of the utility bill inserts and post cards for the WNV Prevention Day. Trustee Whitfield voted no.

9. Board Review and Consideration to Purchase Mosquito Repellent for Loaves and Fishes Not to Exceed \$5,800.00

This item was also presented in the PIO's discussion of the District Outreach Program. Staff is recommending the purchase of mosquito repellents to be distributed to the homeless with the assistance of Loaves and Fishes. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Board voted in favor of purchasing the mosquito repellents for Loaves and Fishes not to exceed \$5,800.00. Trustee Whitfield voted no.

10. Board/Staff General Discussion.

Opportunity for trustees and staff to ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements and reports, and for trustees to provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.

WNV Awareness Week is April 23rd through April 29th, 2007. The MVCAC is anticipating the State Legislature to pass the Resolution. Our Open House will be June 23rd.

The draft of the Annual Report was included in the Board packet. The goal is to have it completed for the next Board meeting for review. This year is the District's 60th anniversary.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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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 February 20, 2007 meeting.

David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the March 20th, 2007 meeting.

Rosemarie Butler, Secretary