

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012
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:

Frederick Goethel	President	Galt
Lyndon Hawkins	Vice-President	Elk Grove
David Tamayo	Secretary	City of Sacramento
Christopher Barker		Davis
Craig R. Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Gregory Lanzaro		Winters
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton
Neal Peart		Woodland
		Rancho Cordova

ABSENT: Robert J. McGarvey

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer
Marty Scholl	Ecological Mgmt Supervisor
Debbie Ackerman	

Call to Order:

Roll Call

Trustee McGarvey is absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

All cell phones, pagers, pda's, and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.

1. Items for Approval by General Consent:

On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Karpinski-Costa, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: Minutes of the January 17th, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for January 2012.

Manager Brown introduced newly appointed Board member Bruce Eldridge. He is the representative appointed by Yolo County.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were none.

3. **Reports to the Board**

- a. **Managers Report:** A written report was included in the Board packet, and Manager Brown provided the following: adult mosquito activity has begun due to the warm weather, and Lab Director Macedo will provide more information in her report; the District has been contacted regarding the 2012 Central Valley Flood and Protection Plan, which Ecological Management Supervisor Marty Scholl will provide more information in his report.
- b. **MVCAC Annual Meeting reviews:** Manager Brown reported the annual conference was very well attended and a variety of topics were discussed. One specific point of interest and concern is the Clean Water Act and the NPDES permit compliance. Assistant Manager Goodman moderated a very good symposium providing information on the potential impact of NPDES compliance within our State; our MVCAC public outreach committee was very active during the meeting in providing the social medium of blogs, tweets, etc. Within a two hour period the House Committee on Agriculture in Washington D.C. responded to the impacts NPDES permits are going to have on California mosquito control operations. **Trustee Goethel** attended the Sexual Harassment training and commented that a lot of new information was provided; Trustee Goethel is also a Board member of the Mosquito Research Foundation and reported that the committee accomplished a lot during their meeting, receiving 14 RFP's in research requests; the Association is in the process of sending out RFP's for a regulatory specialist position to continue the work that Assistant Manager Goodman has provided to the Association. Mr. Goethel also added that due to the social media, the news media showed up outside the conference doing reports on the constraints the districts are facing with the Clean Water Act and the NPDES compliance. **Trustee Tamayo** attended the Trustee session. He also participated and gave a presentation in the Storm Water session chaired by District Ecological Management Supervisor Marty Scholl and Marco Metzger, from the California Department of Public Health. He also thanked District staff Paula Macedo, Rhonda Laffey and Marcia Reed for providing excellent help to him for his presentation.
- c. **Written Reports from District Departments:** Written reports were provided in the Board packets from each department, and the department supervisors are available to answer any questions. **Lab/Surveillance** – Paula Macedo reported that the Anopheles freeborni counts are higher than the five year average, which is similar to last year counts, and the warm weather is prompting a lot of service calls. We have our first blooded female Culex pipiens in our traps and our first positive dead bird for the State. We

3. Cont'd. conducted our response protocol in the area of the dead bird, and will also be conducting some surveillance and testing in a few of the areas that were hot spots last year.

We are finding an increase in ticks this year and identified four positive pools (Lyme Disease) in January. We are collaborating with the Department of Public Health in finding nymphs and adults. We are also working with the public parks biologists to identify the most appropriate posting of tick areas.

Chickens will be tested every other week this year, and will not be tested in house this year to save costs. Continued chicken surveillance was discussed.

Ecological Management: Marty submitted a written report that was included in the Board packet and commented on the following: Marty attended a meeting with the Bay Delta Conservation Protection and the Yolo Bypass Fishing Enhancement group. A Department of Pesticide Regulations representative gave a presentation about the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and also the long term operations of the pump station in the south Delta in San Joaquin County. The Central Valley Flood Protection plan is open for comment right now. The comments are due by April 20th, 2012.

March 6th is the release date for the Environmental Impact Report for the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, with comments also due by April 20th. The Flood Board is set to approve this plan in June.

Regarding the NPDES Storm Water Permit, the permits are updated every five years and Yolo County is under a smaller phase II type of permit and their permit is scheduled to be approved by the Water Board in May. This new plan adequately covers vector control and contains some stringent requirements of the county as a whole.

Notification to dairy owners about implementing the BMP's has begun so our staff can get adequate access to ditches and sumps.

Fisheries: Demetri Dokos provided a written report but was not present for this meeting. Manager Brown stated that there are going to be some presentations on biological control at the AMCA conference and Demetri has been providing information about our fisheries program and operations.

Control Operations: Assistant Manager Gary Goodman reported control operations are beginning to pick up with the warmer temperatures. We are doing some in-house training and preparing for the season, including staff training on the NPDES permit requirements.

Public Information/Outreach: Luz also spoke of the quick media response that took place at the MVCAC conference due to the social medium being used (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) by the public information officers in attendance. Due to the warm temperatures we have received several requests from the TV stations for live interviews about the beginning of mosquito season. We are sending out letters

- 3. Cont'd.** to our local elected officials regarding the NPDES permit and it is initiating some meetings with them to learn more about the compliance issues. Luz is part of a collaborative group that is working on developing a regional tool kit including an NPDES fact sheet, frequently asked questions, compliance information and what it means to the Districts regionally. The "Fight the Bite" contest is underway, with information packets being distributed to the school districts. Community events are being scheduled and we have had many requests for presentations. Our advertising campaign is ready and will be presented later on the agenda. **Update on NPDES:** Gary Goodman reported that the MVCAC sent a letter to the State Water Board requesting some clarification or help with the 303(d) issue, as well as clarification with the toxicity study they are funding. We have been doing the pre-planning for the upcoming season, and need clarification with impaired waters restrictions. The SWRCB responded with a proposed amendment to reduce or remove the current 303(d) language from the permit. The State Board also extended the toxicity study for another year. The permit will be on the SWRCB agenda for adoption the first week in April so there is another comment period available until March 12th. MVCAC is in the process of developing a comment letter with language suggestions from the NPDES committee above and beyond the 303(d) issue. Last year we started working with the Granite Canyon Laboratory in a pilot study on the toxicity of our particular products. We tested 24 samples, finding only 2 toxicity hits. The actual products used were not found in the 2 samples, but some toxicity was found. Discussion continued.

4. Board Review and Consideration of \$ 266,000.00 to Fund Public Outreach Plan for 2012 Mosquito Season.

The District's Public Information and Education Department strives to raise awareness of the District, our services, mosquitoes and prevention of mosquito transmitted diseases incorporating various elements of a paid advertising campaign, extensive media relations, public outreach, government affairs and community involvement. We need to get the marketing contracts signed to begin the advertising and outreach. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board unanimously approved this Public Outreach plan not to exceed \$ 266,000.00.

5. **Board Review and Consideration for the Purchase of a New 6 X 6 ATV for District Operations in Yolo County.**

Woodland control operations have requested the District purchase a new 6 wheel drive ATV. The load capacity is double the size of the 4 wheel ATV and the increased traction allows it to safely navigate rough terrain. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Moore, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the Polaris 6 X 6 ATV not to exceed \$13,100.00.

6. **Board Review and Consideration to Make Appointments to Successor Agency Oversight Boards Pursuant to ABXI 26 Dissolution Act Where the District is the Largest Special District by Property Tax Share.**

The Governor and the Legislature eliminated Redevelop Agencies. Many of those agencies of California had existing obligation bonds and projects etc. Successor agencies shall have an oversight board composed of seven members, and one member will be "...appointed by the largest special district, by property tax share, with territorial jurisdiction of the former redevelopment agency, which is of the type of special district that is eligible to receive property tax revenue pursuant to Section 34188." In Sacramento County, the City of Folsom is the only area that has redevelopment projects in which the District is the largest taxing special district. In Yolo County, we are the largest in West Sacramento, and potentially Woodland and Davis. Discussion continued. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Tamayo, the Board voted in favor of Craig Burnett as the representative for Folsom; Trustee Karpinski-Costa voted no. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted in favor of Trustee DeAnda as the representative for West Sacramento; Trustee Karpinski-Costa voted no. On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted in favor of Trustee Peart as representative for Woodland; Trustee Karpinski-Costa voted no. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Moore, the Board voted in favor of Trustee Barker as representative for Davis; Trustee Karpinski-Costa voted no.

7. **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.


7. **Cont'd.** District staff attending then AMCA conference next week will be Manager Brown, Assistant Manager Goodman, and Lab Director Macedo. Trustee Tamayo is also attending. Trustee Hawkins commended Gary Goodman, David Brown, and Legal Counsel Shanahan for their leadership roles in the NPDES compliance issues among the MVCAC.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.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 21st, 2012 meeting.



David Brown, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the March 27th, 2012 Board meeting.



David Tamayo, Secretary