MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 SPECIAL 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:

Raymond LaTorre Jayna Karpinski-Costa Vice President

Craig Burnett

Raul DeAnda Sean Denny

Bruce Eldridge Lyndon Hawkins

Gar House Susan Maggy

Rosemarie Moore

President

Secretary

Sacramento Citrus Heights

Folsom

West Sacramento

Woodland Yolo County Elk Grove Winters

Sacramento County

Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Christopher Barker Frederick Goethel

Robert McGarvey

Davis

Galt

Rancho Cordova

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Jennifer Buckman

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Goodman Samer Elkashef

Janna McLeod Marcia Reed

Marty Scholl Steven Ramos

Tony Hedley Luz Maria Robles Manager

Assistant Manager Administrative Manager Laboratory Director

Ecological Management Supervisor

Program Coordinator Fisheries Supervisor Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Raymond LaTorre.

Roll Call

Trustees Christopher Barker, Frederick Goethel, and Robert McGarvey were absent; however, a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT

Trustee Hawkins asked about two vendors listed on the Check Register, the first was Omni Bags Inc., which is the vendor for the water soluble packets used in Catch Basins. The second was Tender Corporation, which is the vendor for the purchase of repellent wipes. On a motion by Trustee Maggy seconded by Trustee Denny the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through c. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

- a. Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for January 2019;
- c. District Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2018.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were none.

3. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2017-2018 DISTRICT AUDIT

Erica Pastor and Bowen Au Young with MUNN CPAs presented the item and were available to answer any questions from the Board. After a few questions, one correction was noted in the Management Discussion and Analysis section. The current make-up of the Board of Trustees includes eleven trustees appointed by their city and two trustees appointed by each county, rather than eight and two as stated on page 17 of the report. On a motion by Trustee Burnett, seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to accept the Audit report with the change to page 17 as noted. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

4. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

District staff is taking earned vacation time and completing annual training. Staff submitted the NPDES Annual Report to the State Water Resources Control Board. Staff did an excellent job with their presentations at the MVCAC Annual conference in Burlingame. The District gave eleven talks at the meeting and moderated one symposium. The MVCAC Board meeting discussed the live session requirements for continuing education units. The vector control research committee is focused on trying to engage with the PacVec Regional Center of Excellence on operational research ideas. The MVCAC Spring Quarterly meeting will be held on April 2nd in conjunction with the Annual Legislative Day on April 3rd in Sacramento. The MVCAC is trying to ensure that we visit all of our state legislators and we may be making visits to other Districts representatives. Our main concern will be focused on getting the CalSurv Gateway into statute along with securing funding for the program. The last day for bill introduction is February 22nd. The AMCA Annual Legislative Day will be May 13-16 in Washington DC. Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Funding, USFWS Mosquito Control Practices and NPDES issues will again be the main ask of our federal legislators. Please be advised that you will need to submit your Conflict of Interest Form 700 by April 2, 2019.

b. Reports from Trustees Attending the MVCAC Annual Conference:

<u>Trustee Gar House</u> attended his first conference. He was impressed by the knowledge and expertise displayed by the presenters, especially District staff. As a new Trustee to the Board Gar discussed the talks he attended indicating what he learned about mosquito control technology and research. He was very interested in the talk regarding attitudes and opinions of the public related to mosquito control including awareness of government agencies and control activities.

<u>Trustee Jayna Karpinski-Costa</u> attended the conference. She really enjoyed the talk on attitudes and opinions and would be curious to see what the specific results were in our District. The general session for everyone gets better and better every year. The presentation by Ron Rosenberg was really impressive and District staff was incredible. She would like to see more variety of trainings and presentation topics for Trustees.

<u>Trustee Bruce Eldridge</u> attended the conference. He too enjoyed the talk by Ron Rosenberg, and asked if staff could request a copy of his talk. Trustee Eldridge also discussed the presentation on Preparing for the Unknown, the threat of diseases and vectors, and new pathogens. He feels this is a particularly important topic for Districts moving forward.

c. <u>Reports from District Departments:</u> Written reports were provided in the Board packet from each department. Department supervisors gave an oral presentation and were available to answer any questions.

<u>Lab/Surveillance</u>: Laboratory Director, Marcia Reed reported on Laboratory activities including tick flagging and trap pick up. Lab personnel are working on CE webinars and other training. They are also preparing and deploying traps and other equipment and integrating it into the surveillance program. Lab Technician, Bret Barner will be moving on at the end of the month. He will be the new Biologist for the Solano Mosquito District. Marcia and Sarah will be attending the AMCA conference with Sarah presenting on WALS and Marcia on BG Counter Traps. While at the MVCAC conference they were able to take a Tour of the Bio Hub facility in San Francisco.

<u>Ecological Management:</u> Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities. A staff member is working on obtaining their Class A license and will be taking the exam soon, once passed the department will have two drivers. Marty moderated the UAS Software Symposium at MVCAC with Ruben Rosas sitting on the panel. The department purchased a new drone that has the ability to take images for topographic modeling. Planning for the upcoming season for drone usage and applications is currently underway. Marty will be giving two talks at the AMCA conference, one on water management and the other on UAS spray technology.

<u>Biological Control</u>: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including servicing equipment, repairing nets, and fish usage. Fish usage is down at this time of year probably due to the colder, wetter weather we've been having. Technicians are continuing with training, CEs and annual safety. The department is doing research on potential predator prevention including traps and additional nets. His written report included a picture showing where the new bike path is next to District property including where the trees that were removed and the privacy fencing which seems to be working well.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos discussed activities including regular maintenance and training including annual safety and continuing education. *Anopholes* had picked up with warmer weather and have now reduced with the cooler temperatures and rain. Maps for catch basins are being completed by staff. Technicians are beginning to gear up for the season calibrating equipment and updating manuals including SDS sheets. Phase two of the WALS treatment study will be taking place this season.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on activities including the Fight The Bite contest. All flyers have gone out to the schools and a few entries have started to come in. One school tour of the District was given this past month for a home based charter school. A presentation has been requested, and will be scheduled for a group of nursing students. Staff attended the Galt bird festival and will be attending the upcoming Duck Days event in Yolo County. The events for the upcoming season have been selected and the District will be submitting registration applications and fees to attend. Mosquito Awareness Week for this year will be the 4th week of April. Luz is also setting up the calendar for annual spring meetings with local elected officials leading into the upcoming season.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF \$260,000 TO FUND PUBLIC OUTREACH ADVERTISING PLAN FOR 2019 MOSQUITO SEASON

Public Information Officer Luz Maria Robles presented the item and was available to answer any questions. The Board voted and approved the 2019 Advertising Plan not to exceed \$260,000. The item passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 3.

6. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION

Recruitments are ongoing to fill two Field Technician positions as well as all Seasonal Helper positions. Bret Barner leaving to go to Solano creates a Laboratory Technician vacancy in the Lab. Staff expect to begin interviews for these position within the next couple of weeks.

Gary will be participating on a CDC strategy conference call

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the February 19, 2019 meeting.

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Craig Burnett, Board Secretary