

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021  
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:**

Craig Burnett	President	Folsom
Gar House	Vice President	Winters
Marcia Mooney	Secretary	Galt
Christopher Barker		Davis
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
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
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Craig Burnett.

**Roll Call**

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call and all Trustees were present. The Isleton Trustee position is vacant.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT**

A correction to the January Minutes was noted; Trustee Karpinski-Costa was listed as Vice President instead of President on items 7 and 8. On a motion by Trustee McGarvey seconded by Trustee DeAnda, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through c, with corrections to the Minutes as noted. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

- a. Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for January 2021;
- d. Board Review and Consideration to Extend a Temporary Work Assignment until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Felix Huerta Jr., Representative of OE3 requested to speak and discussed current and previous Union proposals regarding wages. Mr. Huerta discussed the current state of the housing market and property taxes and requested the Board consider the proposals submitted.

## **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **a. Manager's Report:**

District staff is taking earned vacation time and completing annual training during this time of year. The weather has started to warm up and we are beginning to see more mosquito activity. Staff did an excellent job with their presentations at the virtual MVCAC Annual Conference earlier this month. The District gave five talks at the meeting and most of staff registered for the meeting to earn continuing education credits. Staff has submitted the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Annual Report to the State Water Resources Control Board. The MVCAC and AMCA are working on organizing their respective Legislative Days and both events are being planned on a virtual platform. One of the main efforts of both organizations is to try and secure funding for VectorSurv. Establishing and building a comprehensive surveillance system is a priority for everyone as we have learned from the current pandemic that preparation is much better than reaction. Our Vector Control Joint Powers Authority will be holding their annual workshop virtually on February 25th and 26th. Please be advised that you will need to submit your Conflict of Interest Form 700 prior to April 2021.

### **b. Reports from Trustees Attending the MVCAC Annual Conference:**

Trustee Craig Burnett attended the virtual conference and found attending the various talks was a bit of a challenge in the virtual format. He attended the Ethics course that was available to Trustees and found that it was a very good and informative presentation.

Trustee Susan Maggy reported on her attendance and was impressed with the talks from District staff. For conference overall some presenter slides and visuals were difficult to view and she hoped that the presentations would be available to watch or re-watch at a later date. Manager Goodman indicated that MVCAC would be archiving the talks for that purpose.

Trustee Jayna Karpinski-Costa attended the conference and found the virtual format to be a little cumbersome. She was impressed with District Biologist Sarah Wheeler's talk, especially her incorporation of humor to keep people engaged. The presentations from the State and other Districts were interesting and informative for operational comparisons.

Trustee Chris Barker attended and was very interested in the WALs session presented by MVCAC. He found the sharing of the District's experience with *Aedes* in the City of Winters this past season very useful to others considering the use of WALs (Wide Area Larvicide Spraying).

Trustee Gar House reported on his attendance and echoed the others' sentiments about the challenges with holding conference virtually and offered some comments for staff to share with the MVCAC for future virtual events.

**c. 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 reported on department activities including mosquito surveillance and abundance numbers, invasive *Aedes*, Tick and Lyme disease surveillance, and collaboration and study progress updates. Marcia also discussed the MVCAC conference and the upcoming AMCA conference and staff presentations.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activities including Storm Water and Drainage, Wetland, Cemetery, and UAS programs. Staff presented Managed Wetland Mosquito Control Strategies for the Western Flood Water Summit hosted by Valent Biosciences, LLC in January and they are working on a presentation for the AMCA conference.

**Biological Control:** Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided a written report.

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including winter work, a new chicken coop for on-site sentinel chickens, the production of annual training videos, and conference attendance. Steve and Samer Elkashef presented on WALs at the MVCAC conference and answered some Board follow up questions on WALs treatments in the City Winters for *Aedes* mosquito detections.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including Advertising, Events, and the 2021 Fight the Bite Contest, the District Annual Report and Government Affairs.

#### **4. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF \$295,000 TO FUND THE PUBLIC OUTREACH ADVERTISING PLAN FOR THE 2021 MOSQUITO SEASON**

Manager Goodman presented the item and he and Public Information Officer Luz Robles were available to answer any questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Board voted to approve the 2021 Advertising Plan not to exceed \$295,000. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

#### **5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PESTICIDE PURCHASES CONTAINING *Bti* AND *Bsph***

Manager Goodman presented the item and was available to answer any questions. On a motion by Trustee Karpinski-Costa seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve and authorize the General Manager to negotiate, finalize and sign, a three year contract with Adapco for the purchase of Public Health Pesticides containing *Bti* and *Bsph*. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

**6. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR AERIAL ADULTICIDING SERVICES**

Manager Goodman presented the item and was available to answer any questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee LaTorre, the Board voted to authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with VDCI for aerial services and sign appropriate MOUs with San Joaquin, Placer, and Turlock Districts to share in the cost. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

**7. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

The AMCA conference will be held virtually in March due to the coronavirus pandemic and registration is now open for Trustees interested in attending.

Form 700s are due April 1<sup>st</sup> and those who are due for Ethics will be notified via email.

President Craig Burnett appointed an Ad Hoc committee to explore the feasibility of an employment contract with the Assistant Manager. Trustees Burnett, Hawkins and Denny will participate on the committee.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 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 February 16, 2021 meeting.

*Gary Goodman*

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Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the March 16, 2021 meeting.

*Marcia Mooney*

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Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary