

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. Trustee Eldridge joined the meeting at 10:10am and Trustee Hawkins left the meeting at 10:34am. 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

On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee Maggy, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through d. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

- a. Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for February 2021;
- c. District Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2020;
- d. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Paula Matney for Her Years of Service.

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 contract reopeners and upcoming negotiations for the next contract with the District. Mr. Huerta discussed the current state of the housing market, property taxes, and District revenue receipts and reports.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The weather is starting to warm up and we are starting to see more mosquito activity and the potential for breeding sources. The MVCAC Legislative Day will be held virtually and is planned for April 6th and 7th. We will be setting up meetings with our legislators online. Our main ask is for funding for Vectorsurv. The AMCA annual conference was held virtually in March. The District is very proud of the staff members that gave presentations and helped in making the event a success. The talks will be available to registered participants until the end of March. The AMCA Washington Conference will be held virtually May 10-14. The association will be putting together various talks with regulators and legislators throughout the week to help educate those in DC of our concerns and how they can help. The AMCA has been active in getting appropriations requests in to members of Congress to support funding the SMASH Act and trying to find funds to support Vectorsurv. District staff is working on scheduling interviews to fill current full time and seasonal vacancies within various departments.

b. Reports from Trustees Attending the AMCA Annual Conference:

Trustee Craig Burnett attended the virtual AMCA conference and said that the content including District presenters was very good.

Trustee Jayna Karpinski-Costa attended the conference and said this may have been the best virtual conference to date. She watched all District staff presentations and was impressed by all of them. She also particularly enjoyed the NASA Symposium discussing satellite imagery, predictive modeling and habitat identification.

Trustee Christopher Barker attended the conference and agreed with Trustee Burnett and Karpinski-Costa that it was a good conference with some really good topics, including the 20 year West Nile Virus Symposium that was organized by Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef.

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 provided a written report.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl provided a written report.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including mosquitofish planting, fish production, and regular maintenance. This time of year fish plants are mainly for abandoned swimming pools and other small sources. As overnight water temperatures increase larger sources will begin to be planted as well. In addition to regular activities, Tony has been assisting other staff and supervisors with the recording of District and department training videos.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including service requests at which Field Technicians are performing inspections, stocking fish where needed and educating homeowners on preventative measures they can do to help. Winter brush projects are being completed, training is ongoing and equipment is being prepared for the 2021 season.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including Government Affairs, Advertising Plan, Events, and the 2021 Fight the Bite contest. Several presentations to city councils have been scheduled for April and May. Pool notices have gone out and residents are responding with texts and photos or requests for service. The Annual Report has been released and is available on the District website.

4. DESIGNATION OF LABOR NEGOTIATORS (UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE: ASSISTANT MANAGER) - DISTRICT'S PROPOSED NEGOTIATOR: GARY GOODMAN

Manager Goodman introduced the item and he and Legal Counsel Jennifer Buckman were available to answer any questions. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Board voted to appoint Manager Goodman as the District negotiator for a potential contract with the Assistant Manager. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

5. CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6- UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE: ASSISTANT MANAGER)

At 10:50am President Burnett adjourned the regular meeting to go into Closed Session for Item 5. The Closed Session began at 10:51am and adjourned at 11:16am. President Burnett re-opened the regular meeting at 11:17am. The Board reported that they met in Closed Session and gave direction for negotiations with the Assistant Manager to General Manager Gary Goodman.

6. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Forms 700s are due April 1st

A District employee is currently serving on a jury and the trial is anticipated to end next week; if the trial goes beyond fifteen days an extension of jury duty pay may be requested.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 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 March 16, 2021 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the April 20, 2021 meeting.

Marcia Mooney

Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary