

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2022
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SACRAMENTO-YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

Location: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board President Marcia Mooney at 10:02 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Marcia Mooney	President	Galt
Gar House	Vice President	Winters
Sean Denny	Secretary	Woodland
Janell Darroch		West Sacramento
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Staci Gardiner		Isleton
Craig Burnett		Folsom
Christopher Barker		Davis
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove

Trustees Absent:

Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
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Legal Counsel Present: Jennifer Buckman

Staff Present:

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Shelley Eckler	Administrative Manager
Sarah Wheeler	Laboratory Director
Marty Scholl	Eco Management Supervisor
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer
Steve Ramos	Program Manager

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. All Trustees except one were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the Pledge of Allegiance and for the duration of the meeting.

1. **Board Review and Consideration to Authorize the Board Meeting be Conducted by Teleconference.**

On a motion by Secretary Denny and seconded by Trustee Darroch, the Board voted to approve Item 1. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

2. **Items for Approval by General Consent**

On a motion by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Secretary Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a and b. 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 15, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. Expenditures for February 2022

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Felix Huerta, Business Representative of OE3, noted three items he wanted to bring to the Board's attention

- The request to meet and confer over the MOU
- The scheduled unfair labor practices file set to be heard on June 24, 2022
- A grievance filed and that he will be filing a follow up unfair practices case with PERB

4. **Reports to the Board**

Manager's Report: 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 MVCAC Annual Conference earlier this month. The District gave five talks at the meeting. Staff has submitted the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Annual Report to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The MVCAC Legislative days are scheduled virtually for March 29th and 30th. The main ask is for increased funding for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to maintain and implement best management practices on their properties.

The AMCA Legislative days are planned for May 16-19 and will be in person. Increased funding for the CDC and monies to fund a more accurate drift model are the main talking points.

Gary mentioned that he had been involved in discussions with PAMCA while he was in Florida for AMCA regarding an exchange project where they send people to the United States to learn about mosquito control. They are asking for funding to send 2 – 3 people to shadow SYMCVD staff.

Reports from Trustees Attending the AMCA Annual Conference:

Janell Darroch appreciated that the focus was more of a worldview, not just local and state. She said the standout presentations were around planetary health in regards to vector control. The lightning rounds were very informational. Janell also mentioned the helicopters used in mitigation and noticed different storage methods for the insecticides.

Chris Barker said the District's representatives all did excellent in their presentations. Gary Goodman informed all that the recorded versions of the presentations would be available soon.

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: Sarah Wheeler stated that numbers are still low and that affords her and her team time to get ready for the season. The West Nile Virus pre-trapping will start in April, as will the monitoring of chickens. Sarah noted they were informed of one human malaria case but it was from traveling and no vector was found. The team is actively working on BG Counter traps to use with the rice program.

Ecological Management: Marty Scholl spoke about his experience at the AMCA Conference, and an overview of his presentation on trials and drone usage.

Biological Control: Tony Hedley provided a review of the fisheries' numbers for February. He also stated that they have started a fish moving program to move fish into the ponds and the seine of the ponds during this time of year.

Larval and Adult Control: Steve Ramos said that the District is taking a proactive process on survey zones and the pool program. They are in the process of sending out more mailers for green pools that include information on how residents can reach out for more information. Steve provided an update on the training processes. The catch basis team is mostly doing inspections now and is not finding high numbers, mostly surface water sources.

Public Outreach: Luz Robles mentioned the city council presentations have been scheduled and they are moving forward on the advertising campaign that was approved at the previous board meeting. She is in the process of securing more pro bono media exposure opportunities. The Fight the Bite drawing contest is underway and the informational flyers were sent to all regional schools. The deadline to submit a drawing is April 6, 2022.

5. Board Review and Consideration for Renewal of Leading Edge Contract for Aerial Larviciding Services by UAS.

General Manager Gary Goodman presented an overview of the Leading Edge Contract and the services and pricing offered. On a motion by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Secretary Denny, the Board voted to approve Item 5. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

6. Closed Session – Consideration and Appointment of Bargaining Team (Gov. Coe s. 54957 (b) (1) and Provide Instruction to Designated Labor Representatives (Government Code Section 54957.6 – Labor Negotiations)

The Board went into closed session at 11:10am and came out of it at 11:41am. On a motion moved by President Mooney and seconded by Trustee Darroch, the board approved the negotiating team as presented. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1

7. Board/Staff General Discussion

Gary noted that we are in the process of obtaining architect bids for some restructuring of the office space, and potentially joining the two buildings. Gary also mentioned the ongoing negotiations taking place with CDPH regarding the building lease. If they choose not to renew that opens up 2500 square feet of usable space in lieu of engaging an architect.

Gary discussed moving the board meetings back to being in-person and we are looking into alternate meeting spaces to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the March 15, 2022, meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written, and/or corrected, by the Board of Trustees at the May 25th, 2022, meeting.



Sean Denny, Board Secretary