

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2020
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:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference and all Trustees were in attendance, except Isleton which is still vacant; therefore, 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

On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through c. 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 April 20, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for April 2020;
- c. District Investment Report for Period Ending March 31, 2020.

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. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The season is picking up and control operations are in full swing. We are trying to integrate our regular public health work with the limitations required by the Governor and the issues surrounding COVID-19 prevention. A couple of adulticide applications have been made using ground equipment. Airplane treatments are anticipated to begin sometime in June. Testing of both bird and mosquito collections at our new in house facility have begun. No positives have been detected so far. The State of California has seen very little West Nile activity with Santa Clara having a few birds and Napa County recording their first bird. No positive mosquito populations have been detected to date in California. The Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week went very well with some coverage, but quite a bit different than previous years due to the media attention on the global pandemic. Almost all of our seasonal employees are on board with just a few more scheduled to begin over the next couple of weeks.

b. 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 discussed department activities including mosquito abundance, tick surveillance, and dead bird programs. Marcia's report included photos of the new in-house PCR Lab. So far the lab has tested 329 mosquito sample pools, 41 dead bird samples, and 36 sugar bait samples, all of which were negative for West Nile Virus. The Last sorting and testing of samples from the New Jersey Light traps will happen this week and then those traps will no longer be used in favor of Locker and Gravid traps. This will improve efficiency as Light traps required the sorting out of other insects that are commonly found in these traps. Rice Surveillance traps (BG Counters) will be deployed over the next couple of weeks. So far this year there has not been any *Aedes aegypti* activity detected in the traps in the Citrus Heights area where we have five traps set.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Agriculture, Storm Water and Drainages, Swimming Pool, Wetland Program and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program. Staff has meeting with wetland and duck club owners to discuss their plans for this year's flooding and BMPs. The District received our second Federal Aviation (FAA) Public Certificate of Authorization (COA). Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

treatments are taking place with about 120 acres done within the last two weeks. As treatment orders are increasing an additional UAS unit will be purchased to handle these requests.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including winter projects, maintenance, and training. Tony provided an update to the number of mosquitofish plants that was in his written report. Current total amount used is 201lbs. in over 1800 different sites including known sources and unmaintained swimming pools. Fisheries staff has rotated in to assist the technicians with zone work where extra help is needed in addition to assistance with some of this season's special projects. Tony included a photo of a beaver damn illustrating the amount of water that a damn can block creating larger habitats for mosquito breeding.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos discussed department activities including service requests, rice program and acreage, and equipment preparations. Lighter spring rains allowed the Catch Basin program to begin residual treatments in both counties as necessary. Rice fields are being planted and irrigated with acreage from growers being collected, mapped, and calculated to prepare for the growing season. Equipment calibrations have been completed on mist blowers, trucks and backpacks for the season. The VDCI planes the District will be using will be calibrated within the next couple of weeks so that they are ready to go when treatments are needed.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles provided a written report. Manager Goodman discussed the District plan for providing written reports in place of in person presentations due to the pandemic. Manager Goodman indicated that the District website is ready to go live with a new page highlighting information on vector-borne diseases including stories from survivors of West Nile virus.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT PLAN FPR 2020 RICE LARVICIDE APPLICATIONS AND AERIAL ADULTICIDING PROGRAM

Manager Gary Goodman introduced the item and Program Coordinator Steve Ramos presented and was available to answer questions. Mr. Ramos discussed the anticipated acreage of rice, cost of and which larvicide products can be used for organic crops versus conventional. To assist with mosquito control in organic fields, staff is planning to produce enough mosquitofish to stock organic fields at a higher rate than is used for conventional fields. Farm Air will continue to be the primary applicator for performing aerial larviciding treatments. For the Adulticide program the District will continue to utilize both aerial applications performed by VDCI and truck applications made by field technicians. Evaluations of the effectiveness of the adulticide products and application methods after spray events will continue throughout the season. No Board action was taken on this item as it was a report to the Board.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE THE MAPVISION iMobile App NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item. The mobile application would augment the current MapVision platform. This new tool will allow District staff to work offline, create custom entry tools, and be able to bring the system with them when inspecting sources. Technician trucks are outfitted with laptops and this tool would allow them to take an ipad or tablet with them on their service request stops. Staff believes this tool will increase efficiency while out in the field particularly with increase door to door inspections for *Aedes aegypti*. On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve the purchase of the iMobile application not to exceed \$30,000. 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 DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021.

Manager Gary Goodman presented the item. This is the first reading of the draft budget for FY 2020-2021. Manager Goodman reviewed property tax receipts and anticipated amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. As we continue to deal with the pandemic Assessors are informing agencies to anticipate a zero percent increase for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. With the pandemic occurring in the second half of the current fiscal year the impacts may not be fully realized during the 2020-2021 fiscal year and Districts should be prepared for decreases in revenue in the following years due to the timing of property tax payments and receipts. Staff used a conservative 2% increase for 2020-2021 and Manager Goodman discussed how the 2008 housing market downturn may be a useful tool when planning for revenue decreases in future years. The expenditures for salaries and benefits as well as operation expenses were reviewed. The March Western Region CPI was 2.5%. Step increases and longevity incentive increases have been included in the draft budget; however, an adjustment to salaries based on CPI for non-represented employees has not been included in this draft. Any proposal to modify salary and/or benefits for the represented employees within the MOAT unit is a part of the collective bargaining process that is ongoing and will be presented for consideration along with any proposals related to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and OE3 when that is brought to the Board. The discussion concluded after a question and answer period. No Board action was taken on this item as it is the first reading of the draft budget with a second reading to take place at the June meeting and then it will be up for adoption at the July Board meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION- Provide Instruction to Designated Labor Representatives (Gov. Code s. 54957.6-Labor Negotiations) Agency Designated Representatives: [Gary Goodman, Janna McLeod, Samer Elkashef, Chris Voight] Employee Organization: [Operating Engineers Local Union #3]

At 11:20 am President Karpinski-Costa adjourned the Open Meeting to go into the Closed Session for Item 7. The Board returned to Open Session at 11:35 am. The Board reported that it provided direction to the District designated representatives to move forward with the process of negotiations.

8. BOARD/STAFF GENERAL DISCUSSION

Manager Goodman is working with staff from AMCA on obtaining monies through federal funding grants for the CDC Centers of Excellence Training the Trainer program as well as a national version of VectorSurv.


Work on the additional parking structure that will be located behind the Fisheries building is set to start this month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am

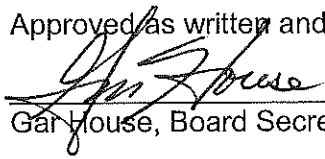
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I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the May 19, 2020 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the June 16, 2020 meeting.



Gar House, Board Secretary