

**MINUTES OF THE May 25, 2022
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SACRAMENTO-
YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

Location: 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 and
704 West Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
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
Christopher Barker		Davis
Craig Burnett		Folsom
Janell Darroch		West Sacramento
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Staci Gardiner		Isleton
Vacant		Sacramento County

Trustee Barker arrived at 10:05am. Trustee McGarvey was absent. Trustee Burnett left the meeting at 12:00pm.

Legal Counsel Present:

Jennifer Buckman

Staff Present:

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Sarah Wheeler	Laboratory Director
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Mario Novelo Canto	Biologist

Roll Call

This meeting was held in person and also by video teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. All Trustees aside from Trustee McGarvey and Trustee Barker were in attendance and Trustee House was present via teleconference; 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. Items for Approval by General Consent

On a motion by Trustee Denny and seconded by Trustee LaTorre, 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 April 19, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. Expenditures for April 2022

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Mr. Felix Huerta Jr, representative of OE3, noted the ongoing bargaining sessions between OE3 and the District with some of the items the bargaining unit is interested in addressing.

3. Reports to the Board

Manager's Report: General Manager Gary Goodman highlighted that mosquito sample testing for West Nile Virus has started but the windy weather has kept mosquito trap count low. The drought is still a concern that can have impacts on mosquito breeding. He then provided highlights for the AMCA Washington Conference. Gary Goodman was accompanied by Trustee Denny at the Conference where they met with elected officials and the various federal agencies seeking funding and providing advocacy for issues relevant to mosquito control. Trustee Denny commented on the staffing shortfalls at federal agencies and on messaging of the uniqueness of public health pesticide applications. Gary Goodman introduced the new District Biologist, Mario Novelo Canto, who gave a brief introduction on his background and education.

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, Sarah Wheeler provided an oral report in addition to her written report. She highlighted that mosquito populations are on the rise but that so far no mosquitoes or birds have tested positive for West Nile virus. An overview of the District's tick program was given. Sarah then discussed the state of *Aedes aegypti* detections within the District.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl provided an oral report in addition to his written report. Marty presented on meetings he's attended with various State departments to go over District programs. He then gave a status update on irrigations in agricultural areas and on beaver blockages which can impact irrigations and mosquito breeding. Marty closed with an overview of the pool program and the enforcement process his department goes through.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided an oral report in addition to his written report. He highlighted the status of fish production in his department and early stocking of wetlands that are being used as brood ponds. Due to the lower rice acreage this year, the department is looking to stock those sources at higher rates to

minimize the need to treat with pesticides. He closed with an overview of the upgrades that were made to the fish ponds to rear extra fish.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator Steve Ramos provided an oral report in addition to his written report. He commented that field technicians have been very busy going to mosquito sources trying to curb breeding as much as possible before West Nile virus is detected. He noted that the yellow jacket program has been very successful in trapping queens in Northern Sacramento County which will hopefully reduce the number of workers later in the summer. Steve gave an update on aerial applications and rice acreage. He closed with an overview of the changes made in the Catch Basin program.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Maria Robles provided a written report in the Board packet.

The Board took a recess at 11:20am and came back to open session at 11:32am

4. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT PLAN FOR 2022 RICE LARVICIDE APPLICATIONS AND AERIAL ADULTICIDING PROGRAM

General Manager Gary Goodman gave an update on the status of rice in the District. The report included the different products used to curb mosquito breeding in rice and an overview of the District's methodology for monitoring and controlling mosquito breeding in the rice habitat.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF LEASE WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

General Manager Gary Goodman presented the new contract to lease 8633 Bond Road in Elk Grove to the Department of Public Health. The proposed rent is \$4000 per month with a 3% escalator per year.

Trustee Burnett moved to approve and Trustee Denny seconded the motion to approve the contract to lease 8633 Bond Road to the California Department of Public Health. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0. Absent 1.

6. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS FOR THE 2022 SEASON

Assistant Manager Samer Elkashef gave a review of the projects that the District is planning to work on this summer. Projects include larvicide, adulticide and trap evaluations.

7. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

General Manager Gary Goodman gave a review of the proposed 2023-2023 budget. He highlighted that revenues are projected to increase by 5% based on the reports by the assessors office. Some of the larger projects proposed for the new fiscal year include a building expansion, parking improvements and new equipment. The CPI is reported to be over 8% and the General Manager reported what a 1% salary increase would be for staff. The Board gave direction on budget items such as the research fund, fuel and salary.

8. CLOSED SESSION-PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO DESIGNATED LABOR REPRESENTATIVES (Gov. Code 54957.6 –Labor Negotiations) AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES [GARY GOODMAN, SAMER ELKASHEF, KIM

BOGARD] EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: [OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION #3]

Mr. Felix Huerta Jr from OE3 provided a public comment on employee salary and benefits before the Board went into Closed Session at 12:26pm. The Board came out of closed session at 1:07pm. They reported that they gave direction to their designated representatives.

9. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

The Board confirmed that the next Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 21st at 10am. .

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:08pm

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the May 25, 2022, meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written, and/or corrected, by the Board of Trustees at the June 21st, 2022, meeting.



Sean Denny, Board Secretary