

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 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
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Marcia Mooney		Galt
Christopher Barker		Davis
Vacant		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Jennifer Buckman

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Goodman	Manager
Samer Elkashef	Assistant Manager
Janna McLeod	Administrative Manager
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Luz Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Roll Call

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. All Trustees were present creating a quorum. The Isleton 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 Burnett seconded by Trustee Denny, 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: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

- a. Minutes of the October 20, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for October 2020;
- c. 2021 District Annual Operating Plan Pursuant to Section 8 of the MOU between the USFWS and SYMVCD;
- d. District Investment Report for Period Ending September 30, 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.

None

3. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2019-2020 DISTRICT AUDIT

Erica Pastor, partner with Mann, Urrutia, Nelson, CPAs and Associates, LLP, presented the audit report and was available to answer questions. Ms. Pastor indicated the District received an unmodified opinion, meaning they had no significant findings and no compliance issues as part of the audit. On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee LaTorre, the Board voted to accept the 2019-2020 Audit. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1 Trustee Hawkins was present; however he experienced technical difficulties and was not able to vote by roll call.

4. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The District's West Nile testing season is complete. We will begin testing again in late spring. We are continuing to monitor the invasive mosquito issue in Winters, Arden-Arcade, and the other new detection areas found in 2020. The colder weather should make surveillance efforts more difficult in finding these mosquitoes. Staff will be working on winter projects including maintenance of equipment, the facility, and completing our annual training. The MVCAC Quarterly Meeting was held online with the committee meetings held in October and the Board meeting on November 4th. We have included a brief summary of the discussion points from each committee. The MVCAC Planning Session will be held online during the first week of December.

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 provided a written report.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Storm Water and Drainages, Wetland, Agricultural and UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) programs. Marty's report included photos of Deadman's Gulch in Herald where a brush

removal project was prompted by service requests revealing low areas within the gulch that were holding water and were not accessible for inspection or treatment due to the brush. Service requests also prompted staff to work with the Department of Water Resources out at Sherman Island. A “permanent” wetlands area located with the lower portion of the Island was allowed to dry out and then reflooded causing uncharacteristic breeding for this time of year. Treatments were made by ULV and aerial applications. Winter projects including drainage ditches are starting as the mosquito season winds down. With the recent passing of Dr. Bill Walton, Marty along with other MVCAC and AMCA members will be assisting with the completion of Dr. Walton’s current research papers and publications on his behalf.

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

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos provided a written report.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including, Invasive Aedes detections, Nextdoor and Social Media, Educational videos, and Repellent and Materials Distribution. Aedes aegypti was detected in the Arden-Arcade area and staff reached out to local elected officials to get the word out to resident in this area. Parks departments in Arden-Park, Arden-Manor, and Mission Oaks were contacted and offered mosquito repellent wipes. Detections have also occurred in Isleton and South Sacramento. A Press Release was issued to provide an update on all the detections with medica coverage obtained from the Sacramento Bee, the Winters Express, and CBS-13. Social Media posts continue to be directed towards educating the residents in these areas and encouraging them to sign up for spray notifications. An Educational video has been put together with assistance from Field Technicians which will demonstrate a Service Request and Inspection as well as preventative measures residents can take around their homes. Repellent has been distributed to the City of Davis and the Chamber of Commerce in Isleton.

5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW QUANTITATIVE REAL TIME POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (QRTPCR) MACHINE

Manager Goodman presented the item and was available for questions. The Board asked if the District planned to use or surplus the current machine. Manager Goodman responded that while the machine is older and slower than the proposed machine, it still has life in it. The current machine will continue to be used to help the District test more mosquito sample plates for the presence of mosquito-borne viruses when needed. On a motion by Trustee Burnett seconded by Trustee Maggy, the Board voted to authorize the purchase of the QuantStudio5 from Life Technologies not to exceed \$35,000. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Absent: 1, Trustee Hawkins was present; however he experienced technical difficulties and was not able to vote by roll call.

6. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

The upcoming MVCAC meetings will be held virtually instead of in person due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 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 November 17, 2020 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the December 15, 2020 meeting.

Gar House

Gar House, Board Secretary