

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2018
REGULAR 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:

Susan Maggy	President	Sacramento County
Jayna Karpinski-Costa	Secretary	Citrus Heights
Christopher Barker		Davis
Craig Burnett		Folsom
Raul DeAnda		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Frederick Goethel		Galt
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Gar House		Winters
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Rosemarie Moore		Isleton

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Raymond LaTorre	Vice President	Sacramento
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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
Luz Maria Robles	Public Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Susan Maggy.

Roll Call

Trustee Raymond LaTorre is absent; however, a quorum is present. Trustee Barker arrived at 10:02 a.m. and Trustee Moore arrived at 10:08 a.m.

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 Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Trustee Denny the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a. through d. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

- a. Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for September 2018;
- c. Actuarial Valuation of Other Post-Employment Benefit Programs as of June 30, 2017.

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 with the Local Operating Engineers No. 3 requested to speak to the Board. He discussed Union activities including an Unfair Labor Practice Charge the Union filed regarding the Safety Manual. A copy was provided to the Board and it is available upon request at the District office. Mr. Huerta also talked about a complaint filed by an employee in the lab and the District vacation use policy for the months of May and October.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The District's West Nile season is almost over. We typically only see a few positives throughout October and then will cease testing operations over the winter. Staff is following the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan to help respond to the remaining positive locations. I have been asked to participate in a working group with USDA to investigate the impacts of vector control operations on organic properties. This movement originated after Hurricane Harvey in Texas two years ago. We had a conference call with USDA last week to begin the conversation and a meeting to further discussions is in the works. The Farm Bill will hopefully be signed by the end of the year. Our language is still included in the House version and numerous outreach efforts to federal legislators are ongoing. We are beginning to meet with our state legislators in their home offices to recap the season and remind them of the importance of vector control. The District auditors have completed the full audit and will present their findings to the Board at the November meeting. The District is working with our benefit broker, Alliant, on open enrollment prices.

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: Lab Director, Marcia Reed discussed surveillance activities including mosquito abundance, mosquito trapping, dead bird EVS testing, and tick and Lyme disease surveillance. The last testing of dead birds and pools was yesterday with no new positives. As of October 1, 279 dead birds and 390 mosquito sample pools have tested positive for West Nile virus. Nine sentinel chickens tested positive from the three flocks kept by the District. Marcia and Sarah are getting prepared and will be presenting at the AMCA conference. Sarah, Debbie and Marcia will all be presenting for the Lab at the MVCAC conference.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed the Wetland, Agricultural, Stormwater/drainage, Swimming Pool and UAS programs. Marty reviewed fall flooding and the cost share program for early flooding has been implemented. Trials for disked fields vs. non-disked fields with UAS treatments were performed in the Yolo Bypass wildlife area and at Conaway Ranch. Pictures of Conaway Ranch were included in the report. Alameda County Mosquito District will be coming by to see the UAS program. Marty will be presenting and participating in drone related speaker panel at the upcoming MVCAC conference.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley provided a written report in the Board packet. 2300 lbs. of fish has been used so far this season. 130 lbs. has been used this month which is an increase over last month due to the fish plants for fall flooding. Pond seining and maintenance is ongoing with the increased activity due to fall flooding program.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos provided a written report in the Board packet. Assistant Manager, Samer Elkashef discussed Yellow Jacket control and treatments. Aerial adulticide has decreased with the rice fields being drained and those that have been re-flooded are continuing to be treated as needed. Catch Basin is finishing up the study on sumilarv and will be presenting on it at MVCAC.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles provided a written report in the Board packet. Luz reviewed media coverage during the season as well as recent events attended by the District. We received an invitation to a local pumpkin farm that has school tours coming through which poses an opportunity for us to get more outreach to children. Now is also the time of year when school presentation requests increase including some tours of our facility. We are now up to 10,426 likes on Facebook, which means we gained approximately 1200 more likes this year increasing our social media exposure.

4. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REPELLENT PURCHASE NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000

Public Information Officer, Luz Robles was available to answer questions. On a motion by Trustee Goethel, seconded by Trustee Eldridge the Board voted to approve the purchase of Ben Deet repellent wipes not to exceed \$65,000. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 1.

5. BOARD REVIEW OF DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

Public Information Officer Luz Robles presented the item and reviewed program activities and highlights for the 2018 mosquito season. Twenty-six different radio stations were used for 10-15 second, paid, on-air spots. Nine television station spots including Crossings TV and Comcast cable were used. Thirty-three rotating billboards were up throughout the District including the newer digital billboards. In addition to paid ads, free coverage is valuable in terms of providing additional exposure that gets our message out through appearances on public affairs and radio talk shows. Social media allows us more control over our content including what, when, and where to post our ads. We can have featured content that provides more of a human element such as when we highlight our employee activity out in the field. This helps us show we are here for public health and aren't just another government agency. More direct outreach is accomplished at events with hands on displays and repellent distribution. This year we attended events in areas that had increased WNV activity as a response to assist in educating people

when and where the information is the most relevant. This resulted in enrolling more people in the District spray notice program. No Board action was taken on this item as it was for information only.

6. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

MVCAC will be held February 3rd - 6th in Burlingame

AMCA will be held February 25th - March 1st

Staff is continuing to work on the potential cell tower at Bond Road

The sale of the Madison Property is now in escrow


The Regular November Board meeting is being rescheduled from November 20th to November 13th to avoid the Thanksgiving Holiday week

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11: 31am.

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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 October 16, 2018 meeting.



Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the November 13, 2018 meeting.



Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Board Secretary