

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 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
Marcia Reed	Laboratory Director
Marty Scholl	Ecological Management Supervisor
Tony Hedley	Fisheries Supervisor
Steve Ramos	Program Coordinator
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. Trustee House and Denny were absent during roll call and joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m., after the vote to amend the agenda. All other 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.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

On a motion by Trustee Mooney, seconded by Trustee Hawkins, the Board voted to amend the agenda to add Board Item 4.1 as listed below. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 10, Noes: 0, Absent: 2(Trustees House and Denny).

4.1 Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(b)) – one potential claim received from Ortiz Law Group on behalf of Jason Shumras.

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee McGarvey seconded by Trustee Burnett, 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: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

- a. Minutes of the September 15, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for September 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. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

a. Manager's Report:

The West Nile virus season is coming to a close as the District has seen minimal activity over the past few weeks. However, the detection of the invasive species, *Aedes aegypti*, in various parts of the District are keeping staff busy. Detections and treatments in Winters and the Arden Arcade area are higher than last year's detection in Citrus Heights and multiple larviciding and adulticiding applications have been made to these areas. The District audit has been completed and we hope to have a presentation at a future Board meeting. The District is receiving our updated healthcare rates from our Broker for open enrollment in 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 discussed department activities including mosquito abundance and the slowing of West Nile virus activity throughout the District. She then discussed the invasive species detections and highlighted maps that were included in the packet to give a visual of where the findings have been to date.

Ecological Management: Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl discussed department activities including Storm Water and Drainages, Wetland, Rice, Agricultural and UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) programs as well as Planning Reviews. The Fall Flooding Cost Share program came to a close on October 7th. Staff has organized and assisted with winter brush and access projects including the use of aerial imaging to determine where standing water is located for potential ground treatments, inspections and verification of flooded fields.

Biological Control: Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley discussed department activities including fish plants, regular maintenance and special projects. The department has shifted focus from rice field stocking to pond rehab and the wetland program. Daily activities and department projects are ongoing including monitoring of dissolved oxygen levels, crayfish trapping and stocking rates for rice fields and wetlands.

Larval and Adult Control: Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos discussed department activities including service requests, rice and wetland programs. As rice fields drain service requests increased in surrounding neighborhoods as mosquitoes moved to find more suitable habitats. Technicians remained busy in rural areas tending to pastures and crops where landowners were finishing up their final irrigations. Crews have been performing response work related to the Aedes detection and trapping in Winters with door to door inspections and treatments of suburban sources.

Public Outreach: Public Information Officer, Luz Robles reported on department activities including, Advertising and Media, Social Media, Presentations, and Repellent and Materials distribution. Press Releases were issued for the Aedes detections made in September within the City of Winters in Yolo County, as well as for the detections in Davis and the Arden-Arcade area of Sacramento County. As a result, we had media interest and coverage from three local newspapers as well as three television stations. Door to door outreach in affected neighborhoods include an informational door hanger and public relations bags with additional information and repellent wipes inside. Social media efforts include Facebook and Nextdoor posts encouraging residents to sign up for District spray notifications.

4. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

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

4.1. CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (GOV. CODE § 54956.9(b))-ONE POTENTIAL CLAIM RECEIVED FROM ORTIZ LAW GROUP ON BEHALF OF JASON SHUMRAS.

At 11:05 am President Karpinski-Costa adjourned the Open Meeting and the Board went into the Closed Session for Item 4.1. The Board returned to Open Session at 11:15 am. The Board reported that it recommended to return the claim as insufficient to the plaintiff and direct staff to work with the Vector Control JPA (VCJPA) claims team to provide Mr. Shumras and his attorney with the appropriate notice of the defects and a copy of the claim form. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 11, Noes: 0, Abstained: 1(Trustee House) Absent: 0.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 pm

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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 20, 2020 meeting.

Gary Goodman

Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Gar House

Gar House, Board Secretary

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