

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
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:**

Craig Burnett	President	Folsom
Gar House	Vice President	Winters
Marcia Mooney	Secretary	Galt
Christopher Barker		Davis
Janell Darroch		West Sacramento
Sean Denny		Woodland
Bruce Eldridge		Yolo County
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
Raymond LaTorre		Sacramento
Susan Maggy		Sacramento County
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
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 10:00 a.m. by President Craig Burnett.

**Roll Call**

This meeting was held and attended by Video Teleconference. Attendance was taken by Roll Call. All Trustees were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present. The Isleton Trustee position is vacant. The City of West Sacramento recently appointed Trustee Janell Darroch who joined the Board for her first meeting.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

*All phones and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.*

### **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY GENERAL CONSENT**

A correction made to item e., the Resolution, after initial posting of the packet was noted. On a motion by Trustee Denny seconded by Trustee LaTorre, the Board voted to approve General Consent Items a through e. 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 August 17, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting;
- b. Expenditures for August 2021;
- c. District Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2021;
- d. Annual Cooperative Agreement Between the California Department of Public Health and the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District;
- e. Board Consideration of Resolution Honoring Raul DeAnda for His Years of Service.

### **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, Representative of OE3, requested to speak to the Board. Mr. Huerta discussed the Union position as it relates to the Unfair Labor Charge filed with PERB to be discussed by the Board in the closed session (Items 6 and 7) later in the meeting. Mr. Huerta urged the Board to provide staff with direction to resolve the issue during the closed session.

### **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

#### **a. Manager's Report:**

The District's West Nile season started slowly but picked up at the end of August and into September. This is unusual as our peak of activity is usually 4 weeks earlier. The District continues to follow the Mosquito Borne Disease Management Plan with enhanced surveillance and control efforts in response to positive dead birds or positive mosquito collections. The District has continued to find invasive mosquitoes in some new areas this year (Elk Grove and Orangevale). We expect the numbers to begin to fall with the cooler weather in November so we still have a few weeks left to manage the populations. The District has received the CalPERS valuation and scheduled a meeting with their staff to discuss. An update to the valuation is expected by the end of September so we will have a report to the Board in October. The District Audit is ongoing and progressing well. We hope to have a report to the Board at the November meeting.

**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 reported on department activity including mosquito surveillance and abundance, invasive Aedes detections, and collaborations. Marcia discussed weekly surveillance trap data and the vector index for the area of concern in Galt, North Sacramento, and Davis. The index in each area has reduced once control operations perform treatments where positive samples have been detected. Sentinel chickens in the Knight's Landing flock have tested positive for West Nile and have been replaced with new un-exposed chickens.

Invasive Aedes surveillance continues with detections in Elk Grove, Orangevale, Winters and Arden.

**Ecological Management:** Ecological Management Supervisor, Marty Scholl reported on department activity including the Wetland, Planning, Fall Flooding, UAS and Stormwater/creek programs. Staff contacted wetland and duck club owners to provide cost estimates prior to the beginning of the Fall Flooding program. Winter brush clearing projects are being identified for fall/winter completion once technicians become available. Pictures of projects being performed at Deadman's Gulch in Galt, and Dry Creek in Wilton.

**Biological Control:** Fisheries Supervisor, Tony Hedley reported on department activity including fish stocking in rice fields, regular fisheries maintenance activities and projects including dissolved oxygen levels, crayfish trapping, and testing of ideal stocking rates. Tony reviewed the process of pond rehabilitation and included pictures showing the cleaning of the bottom of the ponds once drained.

**Larval and Adult Control:** Program Coordinator, Steve Ramos reported on department activities including Aerial Applications, Trials, Culex and West Nile Virus control, and Invasive Aedes control. High mosquito abundance numbers can typically be seen this time of year in the rice fields which in turn keep our aerial adulticide and larvicide treatment planes busy. After fields are drained and harvested in September this will decrease while duck ponds and wetlands treatments will increase as fall approaches depending upon water availability due to ongoing drought conditions and curtailments. Control staff has been responding to Aedes detections and mailers are being sent to zip codes within the detection areas to inform residents why staff is in the area.

**Public Outreach:** Public Information Officer, Luz Robles provided a written report discussing department activities with the Board packet. As Aedes detections continue additional outreach efforts in the form of mailers and social media posts are being done for the areas where the invasive mosquitoes have been found. Staff is reaching out to local elected officials with informational materials and notices for these areas as well. Repellent wipes were distributed to the River City Food bank, Harm Reduction Services and a Galt Boy Scouts troop.

#### **4. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO DISTRICT CAFETERIA PLAN DOCUMENT**

In response to the continued impacts of the pandemic the Consolidated Appropriates Act of 2021 provides employers with additional options to amend their Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) to provide further relief to employees who have FSA accounts. Manager Gary Goodman introduced the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Mooney seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to approve the Amendment to the District Cafeteria Plan Document. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

#### **5. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION FOR FENCING OF TWO PONDS**

Manager Gary Goodman introduced the item and was available for questions. On a motion by Trustee Maggy seconded by Trustee Denny, the Board voted to authorize staff to contract with Stockton Fence & Material Company for the project not to exceed \$80,000. The vote was taken by roll call and the motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 12, Noes: 0, Absent: 0.

At approximately 11:07am President Burnett called for the adjournment of the Regular meeting to go into the closed session for items 6 and 7. Mr. Huerta requested to speak prior to the Board going into closed session. Mr. Huerta again discussed the Union position as it relates to the Unfair Labor Charge filed with PERB and urged the Board to direct staff to resolve the issues brought forth by the Union.

**6. CLOSED SESSION-CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREATENED OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code s. 54956.9 (d)(1), (d) (2)) - ONE (1) MATTER UNFAIR LABOR CHARGE FILED WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD BY OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 3.**

The Board went into closed session for Items 6 and 7 at approximately 11:08 am.

**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].**

The closed session was adjourned and the Regular meeting restarted at 11:52am.

The Board reported they met in closed session on items 6 and 7 and provided direction to the labor negotiating team.

**8. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

Manager Goodman asked our new Trustee, Janell Darroch, to introduce herself and give the Board a brief description of her background and interests in mosquito control. President Burnett thanked her for joining the Board and welcomed her to the District.

The MVCAC Annual Conference will be held at the end of January 2022 and is planned to be an in person conference.

The AMCA Annual Conference will be held in Jacksonville in March of 2022.

The appointing agencies will be receiving a letter during the month of October regarding the Trustees whose appointments are expiring at the end of this calendar year.

Recruitment has begun to fill the Laboratory Director position due to retirement.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 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 September 21, 2021 meeting.

*Gary Goodman*

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Gary Goodman, Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at the October 19, 2021 meeting.

*Marcia Mooney*

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Marcia Mooney, Board Secretary