

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held November 11, 2015

Members Present: Secretary A. Tom Anderson, Gordon Andoe, President Dr. Albert Beck, Jack Bequette, Vice President Charles Bird, Assistant Secretary Jerry Ann Fichter, Dr. Larry Kirk, Terry Mallan, Allan Seefeldt, Bo Sheppard, and Carl Starkey.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball and Office Manager Darlene Starkey.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on November 11, 2015, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The November 11, 2015, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Beck.
3. Seeing and hearing no persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, President Beck proceeded to request approval of the minutes.
4. After review it was then moved by Member Fichter, seconded by Member Seefeldt, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held October 14, 2015, as written.
5. No closed session matters.
6. Reports (6.1 – 6.2)
- 6.1 Under item 6.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported that on October 15, 2015, the District completed the monthly staff meeting, safety committee meeting, and all vehicle inspections.

On October 22, 2015, the District Manager and Assistant Manager attended a Sac Valley Region Managers meeting in Artois, California. The region discussed upcoming MVCAC Board action items, the PART Program, MVCAC committee updates, and the possibility of a region-wide aggressive mosquito control program on organic rice. Gary Goodman requested that the region consider an “all for one” approach to surveillance, control, and reimbursement of costs for organic rice. To create a region wide and accepted policy in regards to how and when fields are inspected, when they are treated (treatment thresholds), what they are treated with, and reimbursement costs. Until this year when Colusa adopted a program, our District was the only District that charged reimbursement of mosquito control costs on organic rice.

Also on October 22, 2015, the District Manager attended the Friends of Comanche Creek meeting in Chico. The paths, bridge, parking, and picnic area planning is progressing. Committee members and the City of Chico have been active in invasive plant and trash removal. Increased patrols have continued to be observed.

On October 26, 2015, the District Manager met with a representative from Aflac to discuss supplemental insurance programs that are available to District employees. The District Manager had another meeting with the same representative on November 3, 2015, to review plan costs and to consider a future meeting for the employees to preview.

On October 27, 2015, the District's management and a Mosquito and Vector Control Specialist met with Scott Larrabee of Larrabee Farms to discuss mosquito control challenges at a large pasture (known by the District as Field #93 or Justeson's Pasture) off Pennington Road, near Gray Lodge. Irrigation of the pasture has resulted in the pasture continuing to be a significant mosquito breeding source.

On October 28-30, 2015, the District's Board President and Assistant Manager attend the MVCAC Fall Quarterly meeting in San Diego, California. The Board President and Assistant Manager provided a verbal report of the meeting.

On November 4, 2015, all District licensed employees attended the Sac Valley Region CE Session in Chico, California. The session was informative and educational.

As a reminder, the District offices' will be closed on November 12, 2015, in observance of Veteran's Day, November 26, 2015, in observance of Thanksgiving, and December 21 through 25, 2015, for the Christmas closure week. The District may close early on November 25, 2015, as well.

- 6.2 Under item 6.2 of reports, Department Reports, the District Manager reported that the District's New Jersey light traps and gravid traps continued catching mosquitoes until they were taken down for the season. The New Jersey light traps last collection date was November 10 and the gravid traps last collection was November 9. *Culex pipiens*, *Culex tarsalis*, and *Anopheles freeborni* populations have peaked and are continuing to recede. Although not reflected in the New Jersey light trap reports and graphs, *Culex tarsalis* populations were extremely high for the year. These are being captured in the District's CO2/CDC traps. The last sentinel chickens sera were taken on November 2 and 3. Yellow jacket surveillance has ceased for the season due to weather and inactivity. CO2 trapping has continued and traps are being deployed routinely. Mosquito pools submissions have ceased until next year. The District submitted 415 mosquito pools this year.

WNV activity has continued to remain active. The District has a record number of mosquito pools and humans testing positive with WNV. The number of neuroinvasive cases reported is a record for Butte County. The District has confirmation of human illness infections, asymptomatic human infections, mosquito pools, dead birds, and sentinel chickens wide spread throughout the District's service area. The District received confirmation that a resident has passed away due to WNV. This is the first fatality since 2007. WNV activity has continued to increase throughout the state.

A lot of requests for fish have continued to be taken and filled. The sentinel tanks were taken out of service and picked up on November 5, 2015. Mosquitofish can still be picked up at both the Oroville office and Chico substation.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with urban mosquito surveillance and control. Such sources inspected and controlled include but not limited to, storm drains, catch basins, retention/detention ponds, and unmaintained swimming pools. A large amount of targeted sources were captured during the District aerial surveillance project. Pools and other large sources are being inspected. Rural and agricultural lands are continuing to breed mosquitoes. Managed wetlands, pastures, rice, and other agriculture sources have been treated.

The District's aircraft ceased air operations on October 15, 2015. 714Y treated 7,281.0045 acres of managed wetlands. The acreage at this time last year was 9,113.876 acres. 6633K treated 55,916.41 acres of rice. The acreage at this time last year was 34,357.418 acres. 606Y made 16 aerial ULV applications treating over 120,000 acres.

The Public Relations (PR) Department has continued to be very busy. The PR Department is reviewing and updating (if needed) the District's website, brochures, photo and video files, and other informational documents. The PR Department completed its fair and event booth for the season. The PR Department has continued to conduct TV, radio, and newspaper interviews, and continues to release press releases as needed. Billboards were present from May to September and the locations rotated on a monthly basis. This year's theme was Fight the Bite. The District advertised in the Chico ER and News and Review. The District also advertised with Deer Creek Broadcasting on 103.5 FM, 97.7 FM, 95.1 FM, and KPAY 1290. This program started on June 1 and ran through the end of October.

After this final item of reports, President Beck asked the District Manager to proceed to policy matters.

7. Policy Matters (7.1 - 7.3)

- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a Service and Supply purchase from Clarke Mosquito Control Products. The District Manager explained the quote, the need for the product, and the reason for requesting Board action. After some discussion, it was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Bird, and passed unanimously to approve the Service and Supply purchase from Clarke Mosquito Control Products.
- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a Service and Supply purchase from CDW-G for 10 Panasonic Toughbook laptop computers, 10 Samsung static drive hard drives,

and 10 recycling fees in the amount of \$13,618.00. It was then moved by Member Mallan, seconded by Member Seefeldt, and passed unanimously to approve the Service and Supply purchase from CDW-G for 10 Panasonic Toughbook laptop computers, 10 Samsung static drive hard drives, and 10 recycling fees in the amount of \$13,618.00

- 7.3 Under item 7.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider declaring truck #131 and truck #132 surplus to need and to set a sale price for the trucks. The Assistant Manager discussed the condition of the vehicles and a recommended sale price based on each truck's condition. It was then moved by Member Bird, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously to declare truck #131 and truck #132 surplus to need and set truck #131 sale price at \$1,500.00 and truck #132 sale price at \$2,100.00. The Board also gave the District Manager negotiating flexibility if needed to make the sale of the vehicles possible.

After this final item of policy matters, President Beck asked the District Manager to proceed to topic of the month.

8. Under topic of the month, the Board reviewed a District generated video and informational documents regarding the biology of *Culiseta inornata*.
9. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month it was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Sheppard, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 39520 to 39635, inclusive be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$210,263.08
10. No items of personnel.
11. No items of correspondence.
12. Under other business, the Board directed the District Manager to vote for the Butte County Special Districts election of officers.
13. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
14. Under closed session matters, President Beck announced that the District was going into closed session for Labor Negotiations – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(s). Gov't. Code 54957.6. District Designated Representative(s): District Manager Ball. Labor negotiations involving unrepresented employees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District; Office Manager; Regional Supervisors; Pilot II; Entomologist II; Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist; and Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists. The Board went off the record and in to close session at 6:50 PM, and returned from closed session and on the record at 7:01 PM. No action taken, nor needed, but direction and parameters were provided to the District Manager
15. President Beck announced adjournment at 7:02 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at **6:00** PM on December 9, 2015, at the Oroville Headquarters' Board Room at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250.

Approved as written at the Board of Trustees meeting held December 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tom Anderson,
Secretary