

***Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held May 11, 2022***

**Members Present:** Michael Barth, Darlene Fredericks, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Bruce Johnson, Philip LaRocca, Chuck Reynolds, Secretary Bo Sheppard, and Carl Starkey.

**Members Excused:** President Dr. Albert Beck and Assistant Secretary Melissa.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** District Manager Matt Ball, Assistant Manager Aaron Lumsden, Administrative Manager Maritza Sandoval, and Entomologist Amanda Bradford.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on May 11, 2022, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The May 11, 2022, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:05 PM by Vice President Kirk.
3. Under persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, the District Manager gave an update on Dr. Beck and his excused absence. After seeing and hearing no additional persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, Vice President Kirk proceeded to request approval of the minutes.
4. After review, it was then moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Barth, and passed unanimously with Member Starkey abstaining due to his excused absence to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held April 13, 2022, as written.
5. No persons wishing to address the Board on closed session matters.
6. No closed session matters needing legal counsel.
7. Reports (7.1 – 7.2)
- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported that on April 14, 2022, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On March 15, 2022, District management met with representatives of M&I to discuss the completion of the server migration project, evaluated projects and timeframes, and discussed future projects.

On April 20, 2022, the District Manager attended the Sac Valley Region meeting to discuss MVCAC action items including the MVCAC's budget deficit, discuss the dead bird program, and to hear updates from the MVCAC committees, industry partners, and Sac Valley Region district reports.

On April 22, 2022, the District Manager attended the MVCAC budget review session. This meeting was for participants and attendees to discuss the MVCAC budget, explore areas of the budget to cut, revenue increase considerations, and the direction of the MVCAC.

On April 27, 2022, the District Manager and Entomologist attended via Zoom parts of the MVCAC Spring Quarterly meeting. Also on this date, the District Manager gave a lecture for California State University of Chico's environmental science class.

On April 28, 2022, some of the District's Administrative staff attended a virtual presentation on NearMap and its possibilities as well as an in depth look into MapVision and PowerBI.

On April 29, 2022, the District Manager attended the MVCAC Legislative Committee biweekly call. The meeting consisted of legislative bill reviews, legislative projects, and regulatory issues.

On May 2, 2022, pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board to the District Manager and Legal Counsel, the District has settled its 2018 Camp Fire insurance claim under the Alliant Property Insurance Program. A Settlement Agreement has been signed on behalf of the District. Under the Agreement, the insurers will make payable to the District the lump sum payment of \$983,630. This payment is in addition to the \$388,150 previously paid by the insurers on this claim. Payment is to be made within 45 days of execution of the Agreement. The Settlement Agreement contains a standard confidentiality term. The parties may disclose that the claim has been settled; they may not disclose the terms of settlement, except in limited circumstances specified in the

Agreement. A violation of the confidentiality term is a breach of the Settlement Agreement and could subject the violating party to legal action for damages.

On May 3, 2022, the District's Administrative staff attended a virtual presentation of MapVision 3.0 by Leading Edge and Associates.

On May 4, 2022, the District's management staff attended the District's bi-annual management meeting. This meeting is to recall and summarize the projects and tasks completed during the offseason, to discuss seasonal staff hiring, review logistics and procedures for the upcoming season, and discuss any matters relating to management.

On May 9, 2022, the District Manager hosted the monthly WNV Task Force meeting with Butte County Public Health. During the meeting topics such as WNV activity, mosquito counts, and operations are shared.

- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of reports, the Assistant Manager reported that the tick surveillance has now ceased for the season. Tick surveillance will again commence in the fall of 2022. A total of 126/200 tick pools have been submitted to Placer MVCD for the 2021/2022 tick season. In summary, currently 11 pools tested positive for the presence of *B. burgdorferi* and 6 pools tested positive for the presence of *B. miyamotoi*. No pools tested positive for both *B. burgdorferi* and *B. miyamotoi*. Areas where pools were collected include Bidwell Park, Lime Saddle, Lake Wyandotte, and Loafer Creek. The District's New Jersey light traps were placed and operational on April 12, 2022. The District's gravid traps were placed and started operating on April 11, 2022. The sentinel chickens arrived and were placed in their coops on April 21, 2022. CO2 trapping will commence in the upcoming weeks.

No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area in 2022. WNV has been identified in 2 mosquito pools in California to date.

The District's four indoor fish tanks continue to operate normally. Currently, three tanks are working as rearing tanks with another tank holding the fry from the rearing tanks. Fry numbers continue to increase. Over 8,900 fry were produced in March. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist maintained the stock in each rearing tank and will continue to test the tanks for optimal production. The public fish tanks will be placed the last week of May and the District ponds have a good amount of fish.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with winter/spring mosquito surveillance and treatments in rock pits, dredger pits, flood water areas, agricultural, ditches, drains and urban sources. Specialists have completed the first round of storm drain treatments. Specialists have also continued with annual training, calibration, maintenance, required annual reading, and winter compound projects. Service requests for inspections, fish, and treatments have increased over the past month.

The District's Air Operations is continuing annual maintenance on the three District aircraft. The District's granule ship has already made applications to managed wetlands and rice.

The Public Relations (PR) Department is currently preparing for the upcoming public relations season. The PR Department is reviewing and updating (if needed) the District's website, brochures, photo and video files, and other informational documents. The District mobile friendly website continues to be updated as needed. The District public service announcements will begin on May 12, 2022, running on newspapers, radio and television. The District's billboards went up in May and will be rotating throughout the county. The District also attended the Gold Nugget Craft Fair, in Paradise, on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to attend the Red Suspender Day in Gridley this month.

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

## 8. Policy matters (8.1 – 8.3)

- 8.1 Under item 8.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider reviewing the Hamilton City Benefit Assessment. It was the recommendation of the District Manager to maintain the current level of service provided to Hamilton City based on previous discussions with a representative from Hamilton City and having no complaints from the residents of Hamilton City. No action taken nor needed, but the Board agreed with the District Manager's assessment, and directed that the District continue the same level of service.
- 8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider authorizing Assistant Manager, Aaron Lumsden to be an authorized signer on the District's Mechanics Bank account with unlimited signer authority and to remove retired Assistant Manager, Doug Weseman. District Manager, Matt Ball and Administrative Manager, Maritza Sandoval will remain as authorized

signers on the Mechanics Bank account with unlimited signer authority. It was then moved by Member Barth, seconded by Member Fredericks, and approved unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays to authorize Assistant Manager, Aaron Lumsden to be an authorized signer on the District's Mechanics Bank account with unlimited signer authority and to remove retired Assistant Manager, Doug Weseman.

- 8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution No. 22-06, a Resolution of Appreciation for Meritorious Service to the Citizens of Butte County and Hamilton City for Doug Weseman. It was moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays to adopt Resolution No. 22-06, a Resolution of Appreciation for Meritorious Service to the Citizens of Butte County and Hamilton City for Doug Weseman.
9. Under topic of the month, the District's Entomologist gave a presentation on yellow jackets.
10. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month, it was then moved by Member LaRocca, seconded by Member Barth, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 50750 through 50864 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$322,465.33.
11. No items under personnel to report.
12. No items of correspondence to report.
13. Under other business, the District Manager addressed that the Trustees did not receive a reminder call for the May 11, 2022, Board meeting, he asked if not receiving a call worked for everyone and if any of the Trustees preferred a call. No Trustees requested a reminder call going forward.
14. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
15. No closed session matters not warranting legal counsel.
16. Vice President Kirk announced adjournment at 5:09 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on June 8, 2022, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Bo" Sheppard,  
Secretary