

***Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held February 14, 2024***

**Members Present:** Darlene Fredericks, Andrew Haymond, Assistant Secretary Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Philip LaRocca, Steve Ostling, Secretary Melissa Schuster, President Bo Sheppard, and Carl Starkey.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Eric Smith.

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

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on February 14, 2024, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The February 14, 2024, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 PM by President Sheppard.
3. Seeing and hearing no persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, President Sheppard proceeded to request approval of the minutes.
4. After review, it was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting held January 10, 2024, 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 January 11, 2024, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee held their monthly meeting as well as management. In addition, staff attended annual training on the safe use and handling of pesticides, pesticide review, forklift training, and respirator training.

The District was closed on January 15, 2024, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On January 17, 2024, District management attended a webinar provided by the California Air Resources Control Board regarding the new Clean Vehicle Fleet regulations. The District Manager provided a brief update and informed the Board that the District has three vehicles that are affected by the new Clean Vehicle Fleet regulations. The District Manager informed the Board that District management continues to work on getting clarification from the California Air Resources Control Board.

On January 19, 2024, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues throughout the state.

January 22 through January 24, 2024, District management and laboratory staff attended the MVCAC Annual Conference. The conference was full of useful information on many different topics including, but not limited to, invasive Aedes, dengue infections in California, laws and regulations, public education and outreach, and drone use for mosquito control.

On February 6, 2024, the District Manager met with a representative of Valent Biosciences to discuss products, product availability, and pricing.

On February 7, 2024, District management attended a Butte County Special Districts Association meeting held at CARD in Chico. The District Manager was appointed as Vice President to a one-year term.

On February 8, 2024, District management attended a CalPERS webinar on the Districts CEPPT account update and informed the Board that the fund had earned nearly 5%.

On February 14, 2024, the District Manager attended a MVCAC Legislative Committee meeting reviewing the new legislative bills for 2024 and strategized and planned for the MVCAC Lobby Day.

The District Manager gave an update on the above ground tank project and potential change orders in the future that have been identified during the permitting process with the City of Oroville.

- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of Reports, the Assistant Manager reviewed the 2023 BCMVCD Annual Report with the Board. The Board complimented staff to the quality of the report.
8. Policy Matters (8.1 – 8.3)
  - 8.1 Under item 8.1 of Policy Matters, the Board was asked to consider authorizing the District Manager to execute the Fire Victim Trust releases on behalf of the District, the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District. The District Manager gave the Board a brief explanation for the request. It was moved by Member LaRocca, seconded by Member Johnson and approved with a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays to authorizing District management to execute the Fire Victim Trust releases on behalf of the District.
  - 8.2 Under item 8.2 of Policy Matters, the Board was asked to consider approving an application for eligibility for the State and Federal Surplus Property Program. The District Manager reminded the Board that a similar application was presented to the Board in 2020 and this application would be a renewal. It was then moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays to approve the application for eligibility for State and Federal Surplus Property Program
  - 8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, time was set aside to allow the Board of Trustees to complete the Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission.
9. Under topic of the month, the District Manager gave a presentation on overwintering *Anopheles freeborni*.
12. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month, it was then moved by Member Kirk, seconded by Member Schuster, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 53444 through 53556 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$442,788.38.
13. No items under personnel to report.
14. No correspondence to report.
15. Under other business to report, Member Kirk provided information to the Board regarding some research he had done on Lyme disease. The District Manager reported to the Board information regarding a Dengue outbreak in South America occurring before and during Carnival and had also heard about a new vaccine that is available to children of certain age group.
16. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
17. No closed session matters not warranting legal counsel.
18. President Sheppard announced adjournment at 4:47 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on March 13, 2024, at the Chico Substation Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Schuster,  
Secretary