

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held June 11, 2025

Members Present: Andy Haymond, Assistant Secretary Bruce Johnson, Dr. Larry Kirk, Philip LaRocca, Steve Ostling, Melissa Schuster, Eric Smith, and Carl Starkey.

Members Excused: President Bo Sheppard and Darlene Fredericks.

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 June 11, 2025, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The June 11, 2025, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 PM by Vice President Kirk.
3. Seeing and hearing no 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 Johnson, seconded by Member Smith, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 14, 2025, 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 May 15, 2025, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections. Also on this date, the District Substation was used as a meeting place requested and hosted by Butte LAFCo for the northern LAFCo association meeting.

On May 20, 2025, the District Manager met with a representative of Central Life Sciences to discuss products, availability, pricing, and the company's rebate program.

On May 21, 2025, the District's Safety Committee met to discuss the past month's safety issues and to plan for the next month's training. Also on this date, the District Manager attended GSS One Health Collaboration meeting to discuss mosquitoes, mosquito-borne disease, and collaborations between health departments and mosquito and vector control districts.

On May 22, 2025, the District Manager met with a representative of Clarke Mosquito Control to discuss products, pricing, and availability as well as to review projected use.

On May 28, 2025, District Management attended a webinar presented by ERMA regarding new ways claims will be handled. Also on this date, the District Manager attended a meeting with the AB 896 working group to discuss the relationships between local mosquito and vector control districts and CDFW.

On June 2, 2025, the District Manger met with representatives of Azelis and MGK to discuss products, pricing, and availability.

On June 4 and 5, 2025, District management attended training by CSDA regarding updates to the Brown Act, the Public Record Act, ADA website requirements, and audits. Also on June 5, 2025, the District Manager attended the Butte LAFCo meeting.

On June 6, 2025, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues throughout the state.

On June 9, 2025, District management hosted the monthly West Nile virus (WNV) task force meeting with Butte County Public Health attending. The two agencies reviewed mosquito abundance, WNV activity (if any), discussed the roles of both agencies, and discussed public education and outreach. Also on this date, District management met with CDFW to review PUPs and the SUP for the 2025 season.

On June 10, 2025, the District Manager attended the monthly MVCAC Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting. Topics discussed were cannabis, Pollinator Protection Act, storm water recapture, the Monarch butterfly, and various other items.

- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of reports, the Assistant Manager reported that the District's New Jersey light traps and gravid traps have continued catching mosquitoes. *Culex pipiens* populations are lower than the previous year. *Culex tarsalis* populations are on par with the previous year at this time and have not made any significant increase year-to-date. Most mosquito species populations have increased over the past month. Sentinel chickens sera samples are continuing to be taken biweekly. CO2 trapping has continued and traps are being deployed routinely. Mosquito pools are being submitted for mosquito-borne disease. As of June 4th, 2025, 5 pools have been submitted for virus testing. Also, as of June 4th, *Aedes aegypti* has been detected in the cities of Gridley, Chico, and Oroville.

No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area. WNV has been identified in 13 dead birds, and 33 mosquito pools in California to date.

The District's four indoor fish tanks have been shut down for the season and are undergoing annual maintenance. The District has begun utilizing the outdoor fish ponds, which are producing good amounts of fish. The District public fish tanks were placed into the field on May 29th.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with mosquito surveillance and treatments in rock pits, dredger pits, flood water areas, agricultural, ditches, drains and urban sources. Service requests for inspections, fish, and treatments have increased, with a total of 363 requests taken in the month of May.

As of June 4th, the District has treated 826 acres of wetlands; compared to 289 acres at this time last year. The District has treated 1,217 acres of rice this year, compared to 295 acres at this time last year. The District has made 0 ULV adulticide treatments thus far, which was the same at this time last year.

The District's public service announcements have continued to run on newspapers, radio, television, digital advertising, billboards, bus stop shelters, and on buses. The Public Relations Department continues to review and update the District's website, brochures, photo and video files, and other informational documents as needed. The District attended Red Suspenders Day on May 17th.

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 approving and adopting Resolution No. 25-02 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2025-2026, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, and providing for notice of hearing for the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment. It was then moved by Member LaRocca, seconded by Member Smith, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays to approve and adopt Resolution No. 25-02 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2025-2026, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, and providing for notice of hearing for the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment.
- 8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider renewing the annual membership with the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) in the amount of \$11,730.00. MVCAC membership provides the District with legislative advocacy at the State level, continuing education programs, facilitates state certification programs, and coordinates the arbo-virus surveillance program. The District is a MVCAC NPDES Coalition Member which requires MVCDs to be members of the MVCAC. It was then moved by Member LaRocca, seconded by Member Schuster, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays to renew the annual membership with the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) in the amount of \$11,730.00.
- 8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider an amendment to Vector Control Operations, Policy 4050, Vector and Vector-Borne Disease Risk Assessment and Response. The suggested amendment will allow the District to utilize CDPH's current response plan. It was then moved by Member Haymond, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays to consider an amendment to Vector Control Operations, Policy 4050, Vector-Borne Disease Risk Assessment and Response.

9. Under topic of the month, the District's Entomologist gave a presentation on the biology of *Culex pipiens*.
10. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month, it was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 55479 through 55597 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$486,301.52.
11. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that seasonally employed personnel commenced work with the District on May 27th and are expected to remain with the District through the end of September.
12. No correspondence to report.
13. No other business to report.
14. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
15. No closed session matters warranting legal counsel.
16. Vice President Kirk announced adjournment at 4:35 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on July 9, 2025, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Schuster,
Secretary