

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held August 12, 2020

Members Present: Gordon Andoe, President Dr. Albert Beck, Michael Barth, Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Philip LaRocca, Steve Ostling, Assistant Secretary Melissa Schuster, Secretary Bo Sheppard, and Carl Starkey.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball, Assistant Manager Doug Weseman, Office Manager's Maritza Sandoval and Edith Del Rio, and Vector Ecologist/Fish Biologist Amanda Bradford.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on August 12, 2020, was live streamed via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6414173404>.
2. The August 12, 2020, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 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 Andoe, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held July 8, 2020, as written.
5. No persons wishing to address the Board on closed session matters.
6. No closed session matters.
7. Board Member of the month: Member Schuster: Member Schuster provided a verbal summary of her public and professional service and how she came to be a member of the Board.
8. Reports (8.1 – 8.2)
- 8.1 Under item 8.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported that on July 9, 2020, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On July 21, 2020, the District Manager attended the biweekly COVID-19 MVCAC Manager's meeting via conference call. The managers of the MVCAC discussed, shared current conditions, and planned for district operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each district sounded off with what each has learned, shared legal counsel advise, and planned on how best to protect employees of districts and the communities each serves. Also, on this date, the District Manager attended a Zoom web meeting with the managers of Colusa MAD and Yuba-Sutter MVCD to discuss the idea of a mutual aid agreement and reviewed the Southern Region's draft of said agreement. The District Manager also attended the OMAD Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to provide a services report, observe the district's Prop 218 public hearing, and to receive payment for services rendered.

On July 23, 2020, the District Manager met with a representative of Adapco to discuss products, pricing, and availability for the current mosquito season.

On July 24, 2020, the District Manager attended the biweekly MVCAC Legislative and Regulatory conference call. The meeting discussed pending and drafted legislative bills, the state budget, COVID-19 issues, and reviewed a few regulatory issues.

On July 27 & 28, 2020, the District's hired videographer followed members of the Entomology & Fisheries department and field operations around to capture still and video photography to create educational videos to be used for public education and outreach when completed.

On July 29, 2020, the District Manager attended another Zoom web meeting with the managers of Colusa MAD, Glenn County MCVD, and Yuba-Sutter MVCD to continue the discussion of a mutual aid agreement, finalized the draft agreement with all districts, and all agreed to take to their respective Boards.

On July 30, 2020, the District Manager per the request of Lundberg Family Farms, hosted a Zoom meeting with Lundberg Family Farms and district managers from the Sac Valley Region where rice is grown to discuss mosquito control operations and the Lundberg's hope to have zero detection products.

On August 3, 2020, the District's new tank truck was completed, picked up by staff, and delivered to the Oroville headquarters. With some final outfitting and training, the new truck will be ready to serve.

On August 4, 2020, the District Manager attended the biweekly COVID-19 MVCAC Manager's meeting via conference call. The managers of the MVCAC discussed, shared current conditions, and planned for district operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 6, 2020, the District Manager attended Butte LAFCo's Regular Meeting of the Commission where OMAD dissolution and BCMVCD's annexation was discussed. The Commission unanimously agreed to dissolve OMAD and annex OMAD's service area within the District's sphere of influence and service area. Additionally, the District Manager reported that OMAD's outstanding liabilities will be paid in full prior to the District annexation.

Currently, the District is still following all the procedures, protocols, and worker protection policies reported to the Board in April. The District offices are still closed to the public, but have 11 locations to pick up mosquitofish, answering any and all service requests, and providing all services as normal. District continues to be on good supply of personal protective equipment and sanitization products.

The District Manager continues to follow the Butte County Public Health Department's Public Health Officer's guidance and recommendations and is monitoring the Governor's daily press conferences. The District received detailed guidance for employers regarding COVID-19 infections and exposures. The District's current procedures and policies are in place to minimize the loss of the District's workforce.

The Board discussed COVID-19 moving forward, considerations such as the September Board Meeting, District office closure, and employee worker protection policies. It was decided to continue status quo and September's Board meeting would be conducted via Zoom.

- 8.2 Under item 8.2 of reports, the department reports, the District Manager reported that the District's New Jersey light traps and gravid traps have continued catching mosquitoes. According to the graph, *Culex pipiens* and *Culex tarsalis* populations are currently lower than the previous year at this time. Sentinel chickens 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 August 3, 2020, 257 pools have been submitted for testing. The sentinel chickens are having sera samples taken biweekly. Yellow jacket surveillance continues.

West Nile virus (WNV) is now active within Butte County. The District has 7 positive mosquito pools, 2 sentinel chickens, and confirmation of 1 human infection. WNV activity has been detected in the state and has increased over the past month.

The District's four indoor fish tanks are operational. Currently, three tanks are working as rearing tanks with another tank holding the fry from the fry producing tanks. Tank stocks will continue to increase now that fish are available. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist will continue to test the tanks for optimal production. The public mosquitofish tanks were placed at their locations with signs and were stocked with fish on May 28, 2020. The District added two Oroville locations in early June.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with mosquito surveillance and control operations in man-made containers, storm drains, retention ponds and other urban sources. Camp Fire surveillance and control continues. Countless burnt properties have yielded many mosquito-breeding sources with an abundance of larvae. Surveillance and control of mosquitoes within rice, other agricultural sources, and managed wetlands has continued and a large number of acres have been treated already. Pool maps have been produced and pool inspections are under way. Service requests for inspections, fish, and treatments have increased dramatically over the past month.

The new loader truck construction has been completed. The District picked it up and brought it back to the District on August 3, 2020. The tank has a leak and West Mark picked the truck up on August 11, 2020, to fix the leaks. As of June 29th, 2020, 714Y has treated 1,957 acres of managed wetlands. The acreage at this time last year was 1,081 acres. 6633K has treated 7,339 acres of rice. The acreage at this time last year was 1,993 acres. 606Y has made 1 ULV adulticide treatments this year. Last year at this time, 606Y had made 2 ULV treatments.

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 Assistant Manager is working with Matson & Isom on the District's new website. All public events scheduled for the months of March through July have been cancelled due to COVID-19. All the District public service announcements began on May 1, 2020, and will continue running on radio and television through September. The District's billboards continue to rotate throughout the county and will through the end of September. The District had professional educational District operations videos created for the District's new website and YouTube page. Member LaRocca requested that the District look into the creation of another educational video be made highlighting the relationship between organic growers and the District.

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

9. Policy matters (9.1 – 9.3)

- 9.1 Under item 9.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a mutual aid agreement for mosquito and vector control services within the Sacramento Valley Region, specifically, Glenn County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Colusa Mosquito Abatement District, and Sutter – Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District. All districts have met, discussed, and agree to the draft agreement. The District's VCJPA litigation team has reviewed the agreement. It was then moved by Member Barth, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes (Andoe, Beck, Barth, Johnson, Kirk, LaRocca, Ostling, Schuster, Sheppard, and Starkey) and 0 nays to enter into the mutual aid agreement with Sac Valley Region districts.
- 9.2 Under item 9.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a Capital Expenditure for a new Hyster, Model H70UT forklift from PAPE Material Handling in the amount of \$25,425.00. The District Manager reported that the expenditure has been budgeted. It was then moved by Member LaRocca, seconded by Member Andoe, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes (Andoe, Beck, Barth, Johnson, Kirk, LaRocca, Ostling, Schuster, Sheppard, and Starkey) and 0 nays to approve the Capital Expenditure.

- 9.3 Under item 9.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider reviewing the quotes for asphalt services to be provided to the front of the District's Oroville office. At the May 13, 2020, Board meeting, the Board directed the District Manager to receive quotes and professional recommendations on whether to repave or to seal coat the existing driveway and parking lot. All contractors recommended to repave. The Board was asked if they wish to proceed with paving, to choose a contractor, and direct when the service should be conducted. After questions and discussion, the President of the Board directed the District Manager to hire a professional engineer to identify the exact scope of work and to solicit that scope of work to asphalt contractors so that quotes/bids are comparing identical work. No action taken, nor needed.
10. Under topic of the month, the Vector Ecologist/Fish Biologist provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the District's sentinel chicken program. The Board thanked Amanda Bradford for the outstanding and educational presentation.
11. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month it was then moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Schuster, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes (Andoe, Beck, Barth, Johnson, Kirk, LaRocca, Ostling, Schuster, Sheppard, and Starkey) and 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 48014 through 48043 and 48064 through 48205 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$750,317.94
12. No personnel items to report.
13. Under correspondence the Board reviewed a letter received by the Butte County Board of Supervisors.
14. No other business to report.
15. No persons wishing to address the Board on closed session matters.
16. No closed session matters.
17. President Beck announced adjournment at 5:04 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on September 9, 2020, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bo Sheppard,
Secretary