

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held June 8, 2022

Members Present: Michael Barth, Darlene Fredericks, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Bruce Johnson, Philip LaRocca, Assistant Secretary Melissa Schuster, and Secretary Bo Sheppard.

Members Excused: President Dr. Albert Beck and Carl Starkey.

Members Absent: Chuck Reynolds.

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 8, 2022, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The June 8, 2022, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:02 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 the Board President. 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 Johnson, and passed unanimously with Member Schuster abstaining due to her excused absence to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 11, 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 May 12, 2022, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On May 13, 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 16, 2022, representatives of Clarke Mosquito Control provided droplet testing and analysis of the District's aircraft. The complete characterization of the ships was provided free of charge.

On May 18, 2022, the District Manager and Administrative Manager attended a conference call with CalPERS actuary to discuss making CalPERS advanced discretionary payments and contributions into the CalPERS 115 trust. Also on this date, District Management attended the annual coordination meeting with USFWS and other Sac Valley Districts to review the Standard Use Permit, Pesticide Use Proposals, and refuge management plans.

On May 24, 2022, pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board to its District Manager and Legal Counsel, the District has agreed to a determination of its 2018 Camp Fire Victims Trust Claim (also referred to as its PG&E Bankruptcy Claim) in the amount of \$233, 755. An initial pro rata payment in an amount equal to 45% of the Claims Determination sum was received on June 6, 2022. Additional partial payments may be made, as the availability of Trust funding is confirmed. One hundred percent payment of the Claims Determination amount is not expected, due to the inadequacy of FVT funding by PG&E. District Manager also reported that the District has received all insurance payments.

On May 25, 2022, a VCJPA representative provided instructional classroom training on defensive driving and then conducted a ride along assessment of the District's seasonal staff and tank truck driver. This is annual training provided free of charge. Also on this date, the District Manager met with representatives of Whitehawk Community Services District to discuss mosquito control options.

On May 27, 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 30, 2022, the District was closed for Memorial Day.

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 much higher than the previous year. *Culex tarsalis* populations are also higher than the previous year at this time. 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 1, 2022, 10 pools have been submitted for testing.

No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area in 2022. WNV has been identified in 5 mosquito pools and 1 dead bird 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. The District's five exterior fish ponds are also being seined to stock our tanks for operational use. The sentinel fish tanks were placed in the public on May 26th.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued mosquito surveillance and treatments in all sources, such as: rock pits, dredger pits, flood water areas, agricultural, ditches, drains, urban sources, etc. Seasonal staff started employment on May 23rd, most of which have been trained and are working in the field. Service requests for inspections, fish, and treatments have continued to increase over the past month. The District also conducted its first ULV fogging operation on June 1st.

As of June 1, 2022, 714Y has treated 282 acres of managed wetlands. The acreage at this time last year was 830 acres. 6633K has treated 682 acres of rice. The acreage at this time last year was 637 acres. 606Y has made 0 ULV adulticide treatments this year. Last year at this time, 606Y had made 0 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 District public service announcements began in May 2022, running on newspapers, radio and television. The District's billboards went up in May as well and will continue to rotate throughout the county throughout the summer. The District also had a booth at Gridley's Red Suspenders Day Parade on May 21st.

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

8. Policy matters (8.1 – 8.5)

8.1 Under item 8.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution No. 22-07 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2022-2023, 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. After some discussion about inflation and other economic issues, it was then moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Schuster, and approved unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays to approve and adopt Resolution No. 22-07, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report with minor revisions suggested by Vice President Kirk, 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 approving and adopting Resolution No. 22-08 which affirms the District's compliance with the California Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (USTCF), as provided in 40 CFR 280.107. The District passed the original Resolution affirming compliance with USTCF of May 11, 1994 and amended the current Resolution to comply with SB 1764 on June 12, 1996. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Barth, and approved unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays to approve and adopting Resolution No. 22-08.

8.3 Under item 8.3 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 \$11,000.00. 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 Sheppard, seconded by Member Schuster, and approved unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays to renewing the annual membership with the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) in the amount of \$11,000.00.

- 8.4 Under item 8.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider an amendment to General Policies, Policy 2120 Employee Status. This amendment is recommended by the District's legal counsel. It was then moved by Member Fredericks, seconded by Member Barth, and approved unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays to adopt amendments to General Policies, Policy 2120 Employee Status as proposed.
- 8.5 Under item 8.5 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Operations Policies, Policy 3010, 3020, 3040, 3050, and 3055. District management is reviewing the District's Policy Manual in sections in their efforts to correct typos, make updates to match current processes, and make recommended updates as needed. It was then moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member LaRocca, and approved unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays to adopt all the amendments to Operations Policies, Policy 3010, 3020, 3040, 3050, and 3055 as proposed.
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 Schuster, seconded by Member Barth, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 50865 through 50968 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$149,339.92.
11. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that seasonally employed personnel commenced work with the District on May 23rd, May 31st, and June 7th and are expected to remain with the District through the end of September.
12. No items of 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 not warranting legal counsel.
16. Vice President Kirk announced adjournment at 5:20 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on July 13, 2022, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Bo" Sheppard,
Secretary