Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held October 14, 2026

Members Present: Darlene Fredericks, Andy Haymond, Hank Irick, Assistant Secretary Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Steve Ostling, Secretary Melissa Schuster, President Bo Sheppard, and Eric Smith.

Members Excused: Philip LaRocca and Carl Starkey.

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 October 14, 2026, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

2. The October 14, 2026, 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 Kirk, seconded by Member Johnson and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays with Member Schuster abstaining due to her excused absence to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held September 9, 2026, 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 – 7.5)

7.1 Under item 7.1 of reports, the District Manager reported that on September 10, 2026, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections.

On September 11, 2026, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues.

On September 14, 2026, District management attended a meeting with Golden State Risk Management Agency to review the District's medical insurance renewal. Also on this date, District management hosted and attended the month West Nile virus task (WNV) force call with Butte County Public Health. The task force discussed public education and outreach efforts and the District shared surveillance and control efforts that are currently underway. The task force also covered WNV activity throughout the County.

On September 22, 2026, District management attended a webinar provided by CSDA, free of charge to members, on Mastering Difficult Conversations at Work.

On September 24, 2026, District management attended a presentation provided by CalPERS which reviewed the District's actuarial. Also on this date, District management attended a meeting with other MapVision users to get updates and to report on the status of MapVision.

On September 29, 2026, and September 30, 2026, District management assisted with the District's fiscal audit that took place on site.

On October 1, 2026, the District Manager attended Sac Valley Region meeting. The meeting covered MVCAC Board actions items, reports from MVCAC committees, reports from CDPH, AMCA, industry and other area districts.

On October 7, 2026, District management attended a webinar provided by InterWest Insurance Services, LLC on Navigating the Changing Policy Landscape: Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Their Impact.

On October 8, 2026, the District Manager attended the MVCAC Fall Board meeting. Business of the association and action items were conducted and reports from committees, other agencies, and regions were received. Also on this date, District management met with representatives of

Central Life Sciences and Orion to discuss the status of MapVision 2.0, how long the system will be supported, and what options the District will have.

On October 9, 2026, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues.

On October 13, 2026, 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 the new draft of the NPDES Permit.

On October 14, 2026, District management met with representatives of AIMS to review current claims with the District.

7.2 Under item 7.2 of reports, the Assistant Manager reported that the District's mosquito traps have continued catching mosquitoes. Anopheles and Culex species are currently at or lower than the population levels at this time last year. Additionally, Culex species have slightly increased over the past month. Aedes populations have increased over the past month, and populations levels are higher than this time last year; largely contributed to a delay in annual fall flood-up. 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. *Aedes aegypti* continues to be detected throughout the county and the District has continued to provide countermeasures through surveillance, inspections, and treatments.

West Nile virus (WNV) increased activity has slowed down within the District's service area with a total of 13 positive humans, 1 dead bird, 39 positive pools, and 31 positive chickens. WNV has been identified in 252 human cases (19 fatal), 702 dead birds, 3,839 mosquito pools, 149 chickens, and 14 horses in California to date. As of October 7th, 510 pools have been submitted; with 39 of those pools testing positive.

The District's four indoor fish tanks have been operating as normal in preparation for winter production. For the month of September, the indoor fish tanks produced 7,667 fry. The District's outdoor fish ponds continue to produce high amounts of fish as well. Public tanks will be brought in from the field before the end of October.

Mosquito and Vector Control 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 over the past month with a total of 343 taken for the month of September compared to 577 last year.

As of October 7th, the District has treated 11,005 acres of wetlands; compared to 12,503 acres at this time last year. The District has treated 95,006 acres of rice this year, compared to 83,929 acres at this time last year. The District has made 9 ULV adulticide treatments thus far, compared to 9 ULV adulticide treatments at this time last year.

The District's Public Relations (PR) Department is reviewing and updating the District's website, brochures, photo and video files, and other informational documents. The District public service announcements continued to run through the end of September. On September 26th, the District attended the Salmon Festival in Oroville.

The District Manager reported that this will be the last Department Report for the year as mosquito season is coming to an end.

7.3 Under item 7.3 of reports, 2026/2027 1st Quarter Fiscal Reports, the Administrative Manager reported that current revenues are at 4.2% received, salaries and benefits category is 32.9% expended, services and supplies category is 67.0% expended, capital outlay category is 15.5% with overall expenditures currently at 45.0% expended.

7.4 Under item 7.4 of reports, 3rd Quarter Newsletter, the Assistant Manager reviewed the 3rd Quarter Newsletter with the Board.

7.5 Under item 7.5 of reports, the District Manager reported that Member LaRocca, Member Sheppard, and Member Schuster have a term expiring December 31, 2026, and were asked if reappointment was desired. All Members, besides LaRocca who was absent, signified a desire to be reappointed. District staff will send reminder letters to the respective appointing body.

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

8. Policy matters (8.1 – 8.2)

8.1 Under item 8.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to General Policy, Policy #2080, Claims Against the District. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to General Policy, Policy #2080, Claims Against the District.

8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7150, Compensation. It was then moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member Fredericks, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7150, Compensation.

9. Under topic of the month, the District's Entomologist gave a presentation on the biology and control of *Aedes aegypti.*

10. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month, it was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Irick, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 57289 through 57356 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled $382,649.63.

11. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that all remaining seasonal employees, except the Lab Assistant, were laid off on October 1, 2026. The Lab Assistant will be laid off on October 15, 2026.

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 warranting legal counsel.

16. President Sheppard announced adjournment at 5:01 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on November 11, 2026, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Schuster, Secretary

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Bruce Johnson, Assistant Secretary