

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held June 9, 2021

Members Present: 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 Maritza Sandoval, Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist Ryan Rothenwander, Steve Lucas with LAFCo, and Jeff Carter with Carter Law Offices.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on June 9, 2021, was live streamed via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6414173404>.
2. The June 9, 2021, 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 Kirk, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 12, 2021, as written.
5. No persons wishing to address the Board on closed session matters.
6. No closed session matters.
7. Reports (7.1 – 7.2)
- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported on May 13, 2021, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On May 17, 2021, the District Manager attended a MVCAC and CFW AB 896 meeting to discuss best management practice projects that may take place during 2021 and reviewed current CFW staffing and water availability.

On May 18, 2021, the District Manager attended via Zoom the MVCAC Executive Board meeting. This monthly meeting is where all member district managers attend to discuss legislation, action items of the MVCAC, plan, and discuss challenges for the upcoming season. Also, on this date, the District Manager met with a representative from Adapco to discuss product availability, prices, and shipping logistics.

On May 19, 2021, the District Manager and Office Manager attended a conference call with Butte LAFCo, OMAD, and CalPERS to discuss OMAD's dissolution process, OMAD's CalPERS contract, and options for the District to consider.

On May 25, 2021, the District Manager and Office Manager presented two classroom presentations to 2nd graders in Oroville.

On June 2, 2021, District management attended a Microsoft Teams training webinar provided by Matsom and Isom. Also, on this date, a representative from Valent Biosciences assisted the District with calibration and characterization of the District's new WALS sprayer.

Currently, the District is still following all the procedures, protocols, and worker protection policies reported to the Board in April 2020. The District offices are still closed to the public, but have 13 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. 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 District has experienced employees missing work due to isolation/quarantine orders as well as COVID positive case(s). Due to the District's proper practices such as masks, sanitization efforts, and social distancing, no other employees have missed work due to workplace exposures as of today.

The Board discussed COVID-19 moving forward, considerations such as the July's Board meeting, District office closure, and employee worker protection policies. The consensus of the Board was to keep the District offices closed to the public with limited access, to continue to operate under the procedures and policies that have been followed since April 2020, and to continue to host the Board meetings remotely. The District will reassess these procedures next month.

- 7.1 Under item 7.2 of reports, the department reports, the District Manager reported, 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 much lower than the previous year at this time. Most mosquitoes species populations have increased over the past month. 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 June 2, 2021, 7 pools have been submitted for testing. The sentinel chickens are having sera samples taken biweekly.

No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area in 2021. WNV has been identified in 2 California counties to date (Sacramento and San Joaquin).

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 rearing tanks. Fry numbers continue to increase. Over 4,000 fry were produced in May. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist will continue to test the tanks for optimal production. The public mosquitofish tanks have been placed and a total of 13 locations are stocked with fish for the public.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with winter/spring flood water mosquito surveillance in rock pits, dredger pits, flood water areas, and urban sources. Camp Fire surveillance and control continues. Specialists have completed the first round of storm drain treatments. Specialists have also continued with annual training, calibration, maintenance, required annual reading, and winter compound projects. Service requests for inspections, fish, and treatments have increased dramatically over the past month. The last flight for aerial surveillance of unmaintained swimming pools was on June 1, 2021. Pool maps are currently being processed and pools are being inspected.

As of June 1, 2021, 714Y has treated 830 acres of managed wetlands. The acreage at this time last year was 650 acres. 6633K has treated 637 acres of rice. The acreage at this time last year was 485 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 on May 1, 2021, running on radio and television. The District's billboards went up on May 1 as well and will be rotating throughout the county. The District had a booth at Gridley's Red Suspenders (May 18th) and two school presentations were made on May 25th.

After this final item of reports, President Beck 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 CalPERS determination making the BCMVCD, OMAD's successor agency and to transfer the accumulated contributions, assets, and liability for prior and current service under the OMAD contract to the District's contract. The Board was asked to consider termination costs or merging the CalPERS plans. Jeff Carter and Steve Lucas both commented on the matter. After further discussion, it was moved by member Sheppard, seconded by member LaRocca, and passed unanimously to set a cap of \$150,000.00 to payoff and terminate OMAD's contract and if the District's capped amount is not enough to cover OMAD's termination cost, District staff were instructed to merge OMAD's contract with BCMVCD's contract.
- 8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution No. 21-05 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2021-2022, 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 moved by Member Barth, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes (Beck, Barth, Johnson, Kirk, LaRocca, Ostling, Schuster, Sheppard, and Starkey) and 0 nays to approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-05.

- 8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution No. 21-06 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 moved by Member Kirk, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes (Beck, Barth, Johnson, Kirk, LaRocca, Ostling, Schuster, Sheppard, and Starkey) and 0 nays to approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-06.
- 8.4 Under item 8.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution No. 21-07, a Resolution to Transfer \$200,000.00 from Accumulated Capital Outlay Reserve to Capital Outlay, Buildings and Improvements, to cover the costs of the District's front asphalt project. It was moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously with a vote of 9 ayes (Beck, Barth, Johnson, Kirk, LaRocca, Ostling, Schuster, Sheppard, and Starkey) and 0 nays to approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-07.
- 8.5 Under item 8.5 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving an internal budget transfer of \$40,000.00 from Capital Outlay to Service and Supplies and a transfer of \$40,000.00 from Capital Outlay to Salaries and Benefits. It was moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously to make a budget transfer of \$40,000.00 from Capital Outlay to Service and Supplies and a transfer of \$40,000.00 from Capital Outlay to Salaries and Benefits.
9. Under topic of the month, the District's Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist presented 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 Sheppard, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 49315 through 49391 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$197,570.28.
11. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that on May 24, 2021, seasonal hired employees commenced work with the District
12. No correspondence items to report.
13. Under other business, the District Manager reported that there may be a Hamilton City Board Member joining our Board in the near future.
14. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
15. No closed session items.
16. President Beck announced adjournment at 5:06 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on July 14, 2021, via Zoom.
Approved as written by the Board of Trustees meeting held on July 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Bo" Sheppard,
Secretary