

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held September 9, 2026

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

Members Excused: Secretary Melissa Schuster.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball, 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 September 9, 2026, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The September 9, 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 LaRocca, seconded by Member Kirk and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held August 12, 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 – 7.2)
- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of reports, the District Manager reported that on August 13, 2026, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections.

Also on August 13, 2026, the 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. Also on this date, District management met with CSU Chico GIS to continue to negotiate the terms of the agreement between the project with CSU Chico and the District.

On August 14, 2026, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues.

On August 18, 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 August 27, 2026, the District Manager met with representatives of Clarke Mosquito Control to discuss products, pricing, and availability.

On August 28, 2026, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues.

On August 10, 2026, District management hosted and attended the monthly West Nile virus (WNV) task 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. Currently, the County has 12 human cases with 2 deaths this year due to WNV.

On September 8, 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. Also on this date, the District Manager attended a webinar on various management topics presented by California Special Districts Association.

On September 9, 2026, the District Manager attended Butte County's Weed Management Association meeting where the District is signatory to a cooperative agreement.

The District Manager reported to the Board that effective today, Jaws II is repaired and operational. It passed all inspections after repairs were done, it conducted a test flight and is back in the air. The claim was filed with the District's aircraft insurance which has \$10,000.00 deductible and the District Manager provided an estimate of total costs after all repairs to Jaws II. A claim from Pacific Gas and Electric has not been received as of today but will be forwarded to the insurance, if one is received for the repairs of the damaged power lines from the incident.

- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of reports, the District Manager reported that the District's mosquito traps have continued catching mosquitoes. All species of concern are currently lower than the same time frame as last year. Additionally, all species of concern populations have lowered over the past month. Sentinel chicken 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) activity has increased within the District's service area with a total of 12 positive humans (2 fatal), 0 dead birds, 29 positive pools, and 26 positive chickens. WNV has been identified in 65 human cases (5 fatal), 481 dead birds, 3,001 mosquito pools, 106 chickens, and 8 horses in California to date. As of September 2nd, 421 pools have been submitted; with 29 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 August, the indoor fish tanks produced 11,324 fry. The District's outdoor fish ponds continue to produce high amounts of fish as well.

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 555 taken for the month of August compared to 850 last year.

As of September 1st, the District has treated 7,563 acres of wetlands; compared to 8,722 acres at this time last year. The District has treated 88,204 acres of rice this year, compared to 79,739 acres at this time last year. This is a record for acres of rice treated for the second year in a row. The District has made 6 ULV adulticide treatments thus far, compared to 6 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 continue to run on newspapers, radio, television, digital advertising, billboards, bus stop shelters, and on buses. On September 26th, the District is planning on attending the Salmon Festival in Oroville.

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

8. Policy matters (8.1 – 8.6)

- 8.1 Under item 8.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to General Policy, Policy #3050, Payment Procedures. The suggested amendments were due to changes with the County and its internal processes. It was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to General Policy, Policy #3050, Payment Procedures.
- 8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7035, Pregnancy Disability Leave. The suggested amendments were recommended by the District's legal counsel. It was then moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7035, Pregnancy Disability Leave.
- 8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7040, Sick Leave. The suggested amendments were recommended by the District's legal counsel as well as to be compliant with State law. It was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7040, Sick Leave.

- 8.4 Under item 8.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7045, California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Leave. The suggested amendments were recommended by the District's legal counsel as well as to be compliant with State law. It was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7045, California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Leave.
- 8.5 Under item 8.5 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7065, Other Leaves of Absence. The suggested amendments were recommended by the District's legal counsel. It was then moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to approve amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy #7065, Other Leaves of Absence.
- 8.6 Under item 8.6 of policy matters, the Board had a discussion on how the Board wishes to be reimbursed. Current policy states, each Trustee who attends one or more meetings a month shall each be eligible to receive a set amount per month, for expenses incurred in attending business meetings of the Board. Payment is to be made within five (5) days following a Board of Trustees meeting (Currently the amount is \$100.00 per month, approved 2/8/06). After some discussion, it was then moved by President Sheppard and seconded by Member Johnson and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays to continue to receive the set reimbursement amount of \$100.00 per month and to amend Board Policy, Policy #1040 Board of Trustees. Amendment is to update payment issued within five days to ten days following the Board of Trustees meeting.
9. Under topic of the month, the District's Entomologist gave a presentation on the biology and control of *Aedes melanimon*.
10. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month, it was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously with a vote of 10 ayes 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 57192 through 57288 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$1,262,439.80.
11. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that one seasonal employee's employment was terminated on August 13, 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 5:05 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on October 14, 2026, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Schuster, Secretary

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Bruce Johnson, Assistant Secretary