

***Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control
District Meeting held June 10, 2026***

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

Members Excused: None.

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 June 10, 2026, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The June 10, 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. Under persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, Member Schuster provided an update on the Paradise sewer plant location. Seeing and hearing no additional 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 Johnson, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously with a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays with Member Fredericks, Member LaRocca, and Member Starkey abstaining due to their excused absence to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 13, 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 May 14, 2026, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee held their monthly meeting as well as management. District management also attended a webinar presented by the VCJPA on vector-borne disease and the best ways to avoid such diseases.

On May 19, 2026, District management attended a webinar presented by the VCJPA on reasonable suspicion. The District Manager attended a webinar provided by Limelight on new employer-employee laws regarding leaves of absence, paid and unpaid and also met with Butte County Public Health to discuss the possibilities of BCPH conducting in-county testing on the District's mosquito and tick pools.

On May 20, 2026, the Assistant Manager attended the annual meeting between area mosquito and vector control districts and USFWS to review the Special Use Permit, the Pesticide Use Permits, and review the projected flood dates and flooding maps.

On May 21, 2026, the District Manager met with a representative of Valent Biosciences to discuss products, pricing, and availability.

On May 22, 2026, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues.

The District was closed on May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

On May 26, 2026, District management met with CSU Chico, GIS Department, to continue to negotiate the terms of the agreement between the project with CSU Chico and the District.

On May 28, 2026, the District Manager attended a workshop presented by Target Specialty Products on the automation and identification of mosquitoes using new technologies. The District Manager also spoke with the President of Valent Biosciences to discuss some ongoing issues with logistics, availability, and pricing.

On June 4, 2026, the District Manager gave a presentation on “What’s So Special About this Special District” to the Gridley Rotary Club.

On June 5, 2026, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues throughout the state.

On June 8, 2026, District management hosted and attended the month West Nile virus 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.

On June 9, 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.

- 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 higher than the previous year. *Culex tarsalis* populations are slightly 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 3rd, 2026, 17 pools have been submitted for virus testing. Also, *Aedes aegypti* has been detected in several areas throughout the county.

No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area. WNV has been identified in 14 dead birds, and 10 mosquito pools in California to date.

The District's four indoor fish tanks have been shut down for the season and are undergoing annual maintenance. The District has begun utilizing the outdoor fish ponds, which are producing fish. The public fish tanks were placed into the field on June 4th.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (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, with a total of 207 requests taken in the month of May, compared to 363 last year.

Under Air Operations, as of June 3rd, the District has treated 690 acres of wetlands; compared to 826 acres at this time last year. The District has treated 846 acres of rice this year, compared to 1,217 acres at this time last year. The District has made 0 ULV adulticide treatments thus far, which was the same at this time last year.

The Public Relations (PR) Department reported the District's public service announcements have continued to run on newspapers, radio, television, digital advertising, billboards, bus stop shelters, and on buses. The Public Relations Department continues to review and update the District's website, brochures, photo and video files, and other informational documents as needed. The District attended the Red Suspenders Day Parade on May 16th.

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 approving and adopting Resolution No. 26-02 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027, 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 then moved by Member Kirk, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays to approve and adopt Resolution No. 26-02 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027, 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.
- 8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy No. 7110, Dismissal of Regular Employees. The amendments were recommended by the District's legal counsel. It was then moved by Member Starkey and seconded by Member Irick and passed unanimously with 11 ayes and 0 nays to adopt amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy No. 7110, Dismissal of Regular Employees.
- 8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy No. 7260, Disciplinary Action. The amendments were recommended by the District's

legal counsel. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Smith, and passed unanimously with 11 ayes and 0 nays to adopt amendments to Personnel Policy, Policy No. 7260, Disciplinary Action.

- 8.4 Under item 8.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider renewing the annual membership with the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) in the amount of \$5,250.00. AMCA membership provides the District with legislative advocacy at the National level, continuing education programs, public education and outreach, and offers reduced cost attendance at AMCA sponsored events. It was then moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously with a vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays to renew annual membership with AMCA in the amount of \$5,250.00.
- 8.5 Under item 8.5 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 \$11,965.00. 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 Kirk, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays to renew annual membership with MVCAC in the amount of \$11,965.00.
- 8.6 Under item 8.6 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a budget transfer from Salaries and Benefits to Service and Supplies in the amount of \$100,000.00 to cover unanticipated expenditures. It was then moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member Irick, and passed unanimously with a vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays to do a budget transfer from Salaries and Benefits to Services and Supplies in the amount of \$100,000.00.
9. Under topic of the month, the 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 Starkey, seconded by Member Fredericks, and passed unanimously with a vote of 11 ayes 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 56988 through 57038 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$307,965.79.
11. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that on May 26, 2026, all seasonal employees commenced employment with the District.
14. No correspondence to report.
15. Under other business, the District Manager reported to the Board that there is training available through California Special District's Association that meets the mandated SB 827 fiscal and financial management training requirements. Trustees were asked if they wish to have the training assigned to them by the District.
16. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
17. No closed session item to report.
18. President Sheppard announced adjournment at 4:40 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on July 8, 2026, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Schuster,
Secretary