

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held June 10, 2015

Members Present: A. Tom Anderson, Gordon Andoe, Dr. Albert Beck, Jack Bequette, Charles Bird, Jerry Ann Fichter, Dr. Larry Kirk, Terry Mallan, Bo Sheppard, and Carl Starkey.

Members Excused: Allan Seefeldt.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball, Assistant Manager Doug Weseman, Office Manager Darlene Starkey, and SCI Representative Kyle Tankard.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on June 10, 2015, at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250.
2. The June 10, 2015, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 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 Sheppard, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 13, 2015, as written.
5. No closed session matters.
6. Reports (6.1 – 6.2)
- 6.1 Under item 6.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported on May 14, 2015, the District completed the monthly staff meeting, safety committee meeting, and all vehicle inspections.

On May 18, 2015, the District's contractor conducting aerial surveillance of unmaintained swimming pools and other potential mosquito sources completed flying. Total flight time was less than the 12 hours the Butte County Sheriff's Department granted. A thank you letter has been sent to the Butte County Sheriff. Preliminary reports indicate more targets were observed this year than the last several years. Over 300 targets alone in the greater Chico area. Only 15% of the service area target were repeats from 2014.

On May 19, 2015, the District had its compliance inspection from the Butte County Public Health's Environmental Health Division. BCPH representatives complimented the District for its quality and thoroughness of record keeping, data, pesticide storage, and all other areas of the inspection. The inspection reviewed the District's Hazardous Materials Business Plan, Hazardous Waste Generator Program, and Aboveground Storage Tank Program.

On June 8, 2015, the District hosted a mosquito season monthly meeting with Butte County Health to discuss mosquito and tick populations, vector-borne disease activity, and to formalize responses and plans during West Nile virus season.

- 6.2 Under item 6.2 of reports, Department Reports, the District Manager reported tick surveillance has ceased until the fall, but the last tick flagging yielded *Ixodes pacificus* and *Dermacentor occidentalis* in areas of the District (Upper Bidwell and Lake Oroville areas). Tick pools were tested by Placer MVCD. The District's New Jersey light traps and gravid traps have continued catching mosquitoes. *Culex pipiens* populations are very high for this time of year. The sentinel chickens have arrived and samples are being taken biweekly. Yellow jacket surveillance has commenced and small populations have been caught. CO2 trapping has commenced and traps are being deployed routinely. Mosquito pools are being submitted for mosquito-borne disease.

No WNV activity has been reported within the District's service area for 2015. WNV activity has been detected in the state and has increased over the past month.

The District is demolishing, repairing, and improving the steam rack building and prepping the area for the new fish tanks. The District's contracted work has been completed to the exterior as well as

the insulation. Work is also progressing for pond reared fish hatchery. A lot of requests for fish have already been taken and filled. The sentinel tanks are out in public pickup spots and the District ponds are rearing a lot of fish.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with urban mosquito surveillance and control. Such sources inspected and controlled include but not limited to, storm drains, catch basins, retention/detention ponds, and unmaintained swimming pools. A large amount of targeted sources were captured during the District aerial surveillance project. Pools and other large sources are being inspected. Rural and agricultural lands are now actively breeding mosquitoes. Managed wetlands, pastures, rice, and other agriculture sources have been treated.

The District's Air Operations has completed annual maintenance on the three District aircraft and loader truck. All aircraft are operational. 714Y and 6633K (larvicide) aircraft are busy making applications. 606Y will be flown when treatment criteria has been met.

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 PR Department recently had a booth at the Chico Home and Garden Show, Gold Nugget Days, Red Suspender Days, Feather Fiesta, and the Silver Dollar Fair. The PR Department has done several TV, radio, and newspaper interviews, has released several press releases, and recently published a public notice. The billboard campaign is now again running. Billboards will be present from May to September and the locations will rotate on a monthly basis. This year's theme is Fight the Bite. The District is currently advertising in the Chico ER and News and Review. The District is also advertising with Deer Creek Broadcasting on 103.5 FM, 97.7 FM, 95.1 FM, and KPAY 1290. This program started on June 1 and will run through the end of October.

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

7. Policy Matters (7.1 - 7.5)

- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution 15-02 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 Anderson, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously (10 ayes: 0 noes : 1 absent) to approve and adopt Resolution 15-02 as written.
- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution 15-03 which affirms the District's intent to continue assessments for fiscal year 2015-2016, 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 Mallan, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously (10 ayes: 0 noes : 1 absent) to approve and adopt Resolution 15-03 as written and approving the Engineer's Report with several corrections.
- 7.3 Under item 7.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a transfer of appropriations of \$50,000.00 from Salaries and Benefits category to the Capital Outlay category to cover projected over-expenditures by the end of the fiscal year. The District Manager and Office Manager explained the reasons for the projected over-expenditures in Capital Outlay. It was then moved by Member Bird, seconded by Member Bequette, and passed unanimously to approve the transfer of appropriations of \$50,000.00 from Salaries and Benefits category to the Capital Outlay category.
- 7.4 Under item 7.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider renewing membership with the AMCA. The District Manager explained to the Board the benefits of belonging to the association. The cost for a sustaining membership with (2) employees is \$2,000.00. It was then moved by Member Fichter, seconded by Member Mallan, and passed unanimously to renew the District's sustaining membership with (2) employees with the AMCA for the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 7.5 Under item 7.5 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider authorizing the District Manager to obtain an area-wide "blanket" warrant that will cover the District's entire service area or individual warrants for property owners denying the District access to a potential public health threat. The District Manager explained why the warrant(s) may be needed. The District Manager

sought Board direction on how the Board wishes to proceed with potential mosquito-breeding sources on private property with property owners denying access. After a discussion it was moved by Member Bequette, seconded by Member Andoe, and passed unanimously to authorize District management to obtain individual warrants on properties where a public health threat may exist and the property owner/manager refuses District personnel to access the potential source. The Board also directed District management that all potential mosquito-breeding sources need to have visual inspections completed by District staff and individual inspection warrants need to be obtained should access be denied to District staff.

After this final item of policy matters, President Beck asked the District Manager to proceed to topic of the month.

8. Under topic of the month, the Board watched a demonstration on the District's new MicoEYE digital video scope.
9. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month it was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Sheppard, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 38809 to 38923, inclusive be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$159,926.50.
10. Under personnel items, the District Manager reported that most Seasonal Employees have been hired and started work on May 18, 2015, with the exception of two. One started part-time on April 28, 2015, and one started on June 1, 2015.
11. Under correspondence the Board reviewed a thank you letter sent on May 28, 2015, to Sheriff Kory Honea and a letter recapping the aerial surveillance project from Ron O'Hanlon and Associates.
12. No other business to report.
13. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
14. No closed session matters.
15. President Beck announced adjournment at 8:32 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 7:30 PM on July 8, 2015, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Approved as written at the Board of Trustees meeting held July 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tom Anderson,
Secretary