

***Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control
District Meeting held May 10, 2017***

Members Present: Secretary A. Thomas Anderson, President Dr. Albert Beck, Jack Bequette, Dr. Suzanne Hanson, Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Melissa Schuster, Assistant Secretary Bo Sheppard, Carl Starkey, and Dr. Tom Vickery.

Members Excused: Gordon Andoe.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball, Assistant Manager Doug Weseman, Office Manager Darlene Starkey, and Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist Chris Ocegueda.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on May 10, 2017, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The May 10, 2017, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Beck.
3. Seeing and hearing no persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, President Beck announced that the Board will need to go into closed session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the District Manager's performance evaluation. Member Anderson stated this was not on the agenda, did not qualify as an emergency, and requested this item be placed on the June Board agenda. President Beck directed the District Manager to add this item to the June 14, 2017, Board agenda.
4. After review it was then moved by Member Bequette, seconded by Member Sheppard, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held April 12, 2017, 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 that on April 13, 2017, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On April 17, 2017, the District Manager met with Sun Works Solar to discuss a proposal to purchase and install a solar system. The proposal included the site of the panels, the energy consumption offset, the costs, the return on investment, and much more.

On April 18, 2017, District staff attended a WebEx conference call and presentation with Leading Edge and Associates to discuss, plan, and review the District's MapVision 2.0 project. The project is progressing and the go live date is approaching. Also on this date, the District Manager met with AES Solar to discuss a proposal to purchase and install a solar system. The proposal included the site of the panels, the energy consumption offset, the costs, the return on investment, and much more.

On April 25, 2017, District staff attended a WebEx conference call and presentation with Leading Edge and Associates to discuss, plan, and review the District's MapVision 2.0 project. The project is progressing.

On April 26, 2017, the District Manager met again with AES Solar to discuss a proposal to purchase and install a solar system. The proposal included the site of the panels, the energy consumption offset, the costs, the return on investment, and much more. Also on this date, the District celebrated Administrative Professional's Day. The District Manager and Assistant Manager provided a lunch for the District's Administrative Professional staff.

On April 27, 2017, the District hosted the Sac Valley Regional meeting at the Chico Substation. The region discussed MVCAC action items, organic control constraints, committee updates, district updates, industry updates, and updates from CDPH. AB 718 (Frazier) bill was sent to the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and passed the committee with the amendments provided in last month's District Manager's report. The District Manager sought direction from the Board as the

MVCAC wishes for all districts that wrote a letter of opposition to retract the letter and to send a letter taking a neutral position. The Board directed the District Manager to keep the oppose position on AB 718 unless the amendments add levels of protection (i.e. reference to the HSC). Also on this date, the District Manager met with United Sun to discuss a proposal to purchase and install a solar system. The proposal included the site of the panels, the energy consumption offset, the costs, the return on investment, and much more.

On May 1, 2017, the District Manager met with Sun Works to discuss a proposal to purchase and install a solar system. The proposal included the site of the panels, the energy consumption offset, the costs, the return on investment, and much more. Also on this date, the District Manager was invited to speak on behalf of Butte County Public Health Department (BCPH). BCPH is currently being evaluated by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). PHAB wished to meet with partners/stakeholders to ascertain how well BCPH performs, cooperates, and supports other businesses, programs, and/or agencies. District vehicle 179 was picked up from the shop. All the repairs from the March 15, 2017, vehicle accident have been completed. The District has been reimbursed for the damages, less the \$500.00 deductible from the VCJPA. Since the District was not at fault, a subrogation demand has been filed with the other driver's insurance company.

On May 8, 2017, the District Manager and Assistant Manager hosted a meeting with BCPH to discuss mosquito control, the upcoming WNV season, strategize public education and outreach efforts, and to plan for the season. This was the first of the season's monthly meetings with BCPH.

On May 9, 2017, District staff attended a WebEx conference call and presentation with Leading Edge and Associates to discuss, plan, and review the District's MapVision 2.0 project. The project is progressing.

- 6.2 Under item 6.2 of reports, Department's Report, the District Manager reported that tick surveillance has now ceased for the season. Tick surveillance will again commence in the fall of 2017. A total of 301 tick pools have been submitted to Placer MVCD for the 2016/2017 tick season with 36 pools testing positive for either *Borellia burgdorferi* or *Borellia miyamotoi*. 26 positive pools that were collected from tested positive for *Borellia burgdorferi* and 10 positive pools tested positive with *Borellia miyamotoi*. Areas where positive pools were collected include, Bidwell Park, Lime Saddle, Lake Wyandotte, and Loafer Creek. The District's New Jersey light traps were placed and operational on April 18, 2017. The District's gravid traps were placed and started operating on April 11, 2017. The sentinel chickens arrived and were placed in their coops on April 20, 2017. Yellow jacket surveillance and CO2 trapping will commence when populations and climate conditions warrant.

No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area in 2017. WNV has been identified in four California counties to date; Kings County (human infection), San Mateo County (dead bird), Orange County (dead bird), and San Diego County (dead bird).

The District's four indoor fish tanks have continued to produce a high volume of fry. The tanks are producing over 10,000 fry per month. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist will continue to test the tanks for optimal production. The public mosquitofish tanks were placed on May 1, 2017.

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. Specialists have just completed the first round of storm drain treatments. Specialists have also continued with annual training, calibration, maintenance, required annual reading, and winter compound projects. The District has completely finished with construction of three new chicken coops. Service requests for inspections, fish, and treatments have increased dramatically over the past month.

The District's Air Operations is continuing annual maintenance on the three District aircraft and loader truck. All three aircraft are having SatLoc G4 GPS units installed and the pilot is having to retrofit and/or create new instrument panels to accommodate the new equipment.

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. Several public events are slated for the near future. The District has already conducted several interviews on local news channels and newspapers. The District recently had a booth at Gold Nugget Days (April 29 and 30) and will have a booth at Feather Fiesta Days in Oroville on May 13, 2017.

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

7. Policy Matters (7.1 - 7.4)

- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to receive, review, and order posted for 30 days the 2017/2018 preliminary budgets. The District Manager and Office Manager reviewed and explained the proposed preliminary budgets. After some questions by the Board, it was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously to receive 2017/2018 fiscal budgets and ordered the budgets to be posted for 30 days
- 7.2 Under item 7.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to review the Hamilton City benefit assessment. The District Manager reported the activities conducted over the past year within Hamilton City and recommended maintaining the assessment and current activity level. It was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Vickery, and passed unanimously to maintain the current assessment and activity level.
- 7.3 Under item 7.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider reviewing a list of Capital Assets that are obsolete or irreparable and declare the items surplus to need, remove from the Capital Asset Listing, and dispose of the items. It was then moved by Member Vickery, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously to declare a Beecomist Promist Fogger, fogger #61E, surplus to need, remove from the Capital Asset List, and to dispose and/or use as parts.
- 7.4 Under item 7.4 of policy matters, the Board as asked to consider writing off unpaid open invoices. The District has two open invoices. Shari Brown, treatment and invoice date of September 17, 2014, in the amount of \$144.26 for application to a pasture and Terrel Storm, treatment and invoice date of June 27, 2016, in the amount of \$930.22 for application and surveillance to a pasture. Attempts to contact both residents have failed to produce payment. The District Manager explained that there is no legal way to recover the funds and then explained the District's Aggressive Larvicide Program. Member Anderson expressed his desire to keep the accounts/records illustrating that these two parties have not been forgiven nor have they paid. The Board requested this item be tabled until the June 14, 2017, Board meeting and directed staff to ask the auditor if there was a way for accounting purposes to zero the books while maintaining the records which illustrates unpaid. No action taken, nor needed at this time.

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 District Manager reviewed and explained Cocobear.
9. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month it was then moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Bequette, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 41717 to 41825 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$289,633.18.
10. No items of personnel to report.
11. Under items of correspondence, the Board reviewed an update from Christopher M. Barker regarding research of the Transmissibility of Zika virus by California mosquitoes.
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 7:21 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 6:30 PM on June 14, 2017, at the Oroville Head quarter's Board Room at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250.

Approved as written at the Board of Trustees meeting held June 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Thomas Anderson, Secretary