

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held October 10, 2018

Members Present: Secretary A. Thomas Anderson, Gordon Andoe, President Dr. Albert Beck, Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Susan Mason, Steve Ostling, Melissa Schuster, Assistant Secretary Bo Sheppard, Carl Starkey, and Dr. Tom Vickery.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball, Assistant Manager Doug Weseman, and Office Manager's Darlene Starkey and Maritza Sandoval.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on October 10, 2018, at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250.
2. The October 10, 2018, 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, President Beck proceeded to request approval of the minutes.
4. After review it was then moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held September 12, 2018, as written with Members Mason and Schuster abstaining due to their excused absences.
5. No closed session matters.
6. Reports (6.1 – 6.5)
 - 6.1 Under item 6.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported that on September 11, 2018, the District Manager attended the Butte County West Nile virus task force meeting. This is a monthly meeting where mosquito and vector control districts and the Butte Health Department report mosquito surveillance, mosquito-borne disease surveillance, control operations, and public education and outreach activities.

On September 13, 2018, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On September 18, 2018, the District Manager met with a representative from AMVAC to discuss products, prices, and availability.

On September 24, 2018, the District Manager and Regional Supervisor Aaron Lumsden met with Chico Public Works Administrator Linda Sheppard to discuss the possibility of tying a water line with the District's water main temporarily to have the ability to provide cleaning water to the greenway's picnic tables and trash can areas.

On September 27, 2018, Member Mason attended the monthly Comanche Creek Greenway meeting. This is a monthly meeting where the Friends of Comanche Creek, the city of Chico, and other interested parties discuss projects, events, and guidance for the continued enhancement and maintenance of the greenway. Also on this date, the District hosted its 11th Annual Seasonal Appreciation Lunch.

On October 1, 2018, representatives of Fedak and Brown continued working on the District's annual financial audit. The audit was completed on October 2, 2018. Also on October 1, 2018, the District Manager met with John Holick, now with Valent BioSciences to discuss products, pricing, and availability.

On October 4, 2018, the District Manager met with Aflac representative Shannon Thompson to discuss gap insurance plans and to review the agreements the District has with Aflac.

As a reminder, the District Manager reported that he will miss the November 14, 2018, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Assistant Manager will run the meeting.

- 6.2 Under item 6.2 of reports, the District Manager reported that the District's New Jersey light traps and gravid traps have continued catching mosquitoes. All mosquito populations have decreased over the past month. It is important to note, that this time last year there were 26 New Jersey light traps and 21 gravid traps operational. Due to the increased surveillance programs, there are now 28 New Jersey light traps and 31 gravid traps operational. 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 testing. As of October 3, 2018, 401 pools have been submitted for testing.

WNV activity continues to be active within the service area. As of October 3, 2018, the District has received confirmation of 49 WNV positive mosquito pools, 33 sentinel chickens, 4 dead birds, 10 humans, and 5 human asymptomatic blood donors. The District has also received confirmation of one West Nile virus fatality. Over the past month WNV activity continues to increase throughout the state.

A lot of requests for fish have continued to be taken and filled. The public tanks are out in public pickup spots and the District ponds are rearing a lot of fish. The District's Aquaculture Center continues to rear fish. Currently, the tanks are producing in excess of 15,000 fry per month. Two of the four indoor tanks will need to be drained and altered. This most likely will lead to a reduction in fry production temporarily. The District's fish ponds have been mucked (vegetation removal). The ponds have large populations of fish this season.

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 number of targeted sources were captured during the District aerial surveillance project. Pools and other large sources are being inspected. Rural and agricultural lands are continuing to breed mosquitoes. Managed wetlands, pastures, rice, and other agriculture sources have been treated. Rice is heading out and starting to lean over. This has dramatically decreased the number of acres needing to be treated.

The District's aircraft has continued making larvicide applications. As of September 30, 2018, 714Y has treated 6,434 acres of managed wetlands. The acreage at this time last year was 6,295 acres. 6633K has treated 38,512 acres of rice. The acreage at this time last year was 31,202 acres. 606Y has made 15 ULV adulticide treatments this year. Last year at this time, 606Y had made 14 ULV treatments.

The Public Relations (PR) Department is actively engaged in public relations. 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 continues to conduct interviews on local news channels and newspapers as requested. The District had a booth at the Oroville Salmon Festival. The District's billboard campaign ran through the end of September. The District had 8 billboards rotated throughout the county. Radio and TV advertising has ceased for the year. These programs ran through the end of September. Advertising with the Chico News and Review, Chico ER/Oroville Mercury Register, and Gridley Herald has ceased for the year. They ran through the end of September.

- 6.3 Under item 6.3 of reports, the District Manager reported that Member Mason, Member Sheppard, and Member Schuster, have terms expiring December 31, 2018, and were asked if reappointment is desired. Member Mason has served since 2013 (.5 years), Member Sheppard has served since 2010 (8 years), and Member Schuster has served since 2016 (2 years). Member Mason stated she would not be asking for reappointment as she was moving to San Diego. Members Sheppard and Schuster both expressed interest in being reappointed.
- 6.4 Under item 6.4 of reports, 2018/2019 1st Quarter Fiscal Reports, the District Manager reported that salaries and benefits category is 30.9% expended, services and supplies category is 51.0% expended, capital outlay category is 73.7%. It was then stated that overall expenditures are currently at 40.5% expended and current revenues are at 5.2% received.
- 6.5 Under item 6.5 of reports, 3rd Quarter Newsletter, the Assistant Manager reviewed and explained the 3rd Quarter Newsletter with the Board.

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

7. Policy matters (7.1)

- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider voting for the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Service with Meritorious Service Award and the MVCAC Officers for 2018. The Board agreed with the District Manager's recommendation and directed the District Manager how to vote. No action taken, nor needed.
8. Under topic of the month, the District Manager provided a report on WNV activity within the service area and the state.

9. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month it was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Vickery, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 43796 through 43930 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$345,612.20.
10. Under personnel, the District Manager reported that nine of the District's seasonal employees were laid off on September 27, 2018. The remaining seasonal employee will be laid off on October 11, 2018.
11. No items of correspondence to report.
12. Under other business, the District Manager reminded the Board that he would not be present for the November 14, 2018, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.
13. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
14. Closed session matters (14.1)
 - 14.1 Under closed session matters, President Beck announced that the District was going into closed session for Labor Negotiations – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(s). Gov't. Code 54957.6. District Designated Representative(s): District Manager Ball. Labor negotiations involving unrepresented employees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District; Office Manager; Regional Supervisors; Pilot II; Entomologist II; Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist; and Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists. The Board went off the record and in to close session at 7:03 PM, and returned from closed session and on the record at 7:13 PM. No action taken, nor needed, but direction and parameters were provided to the District Manager
15. President Beck announced adjournment at 7:13 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 6:30 PM on November 14, 2018, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Approved as written at the Board of Trustees meeting held November 14, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

A. Thomas Anderson,
Secretary