

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held May 8, 2019

Members Present: Andoe, President Dr. Albert Beck, Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Phil LaRocca, 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, Office Manager Maritza Sandoval, Priscilla Báez and another representative of Cal OES Health and Social Services, and Darlene Starkey.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on May 8, 2019, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The May 8, 2019, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:03 PM by President Beck.
3. Under persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, President Beck announced the Board Secretary A. Thomas Anderson had passed away unexpected on May 5, 2019, stated that Mr. Anderson had unselfishly served the District for 32 years, and requested there be a moment of silence in memory and for respect of Tom Anderson. After the moment of silence and seeing and hearing no other 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 Starkey, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held April 10, 2019, as written with Member Kirk abstaining due to his excused absence.
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 11, 2019, the District completed the monthly staff meeting and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee also met on this date.

On April 22, 2019, the District Manager met with the managers of Sutter-Yuba MVCD and Colusa MAD to discuss issues with surveillance and control on USFWS properties. The discussion included a review of the Pesticide Use Proposals and the Standard Operating Permit.

On April 24, 2019, the District Manager and Assistant Manager attended the annual USFWS coordination meeting at Colusa MAD. Representatives from mosquito control districts included Sutter-Yuba MVCD, Colusa MAD, and BCMVCD. The districts received their Standard Operating Permits and Pesticide Use Proposals, discussed flood dates, and USFWS projects. Also on this date, the District celebrated Administrative Professionals Day. The District Manager and Assistant Manager treat the administrative staff to lunch and provide some small tokens of appreciation. These items are purchased personally by District management.

On May 1, 2019, the District Manager met with a representative from Target Specialty Products to discuss products, prices, and availability.

Camp Fire Update: District staff have been aggressively locating unmaintained / abandoned swimming pools, septic tanks, ponds, and many other containers holding water. The District has created google posts to inform Camp Fire residents to assist the District in locating the aforementioned sources. The District Manager has been in contact with Cal OES, FEMA, and Butte County as the District continues to explore funding assistance for surveillance and control efforts within the Camp Fire scar. The District has submitted an application to the Department of Homeland Security requesting public assistance. The District Manager and the town of Paradise has been in contact and is working on brainstorming ideas on ways to reduce standing water from burnt properties and vacant lots. Butte LAFCo has reached out on behalf of the District to the North Valley Community Foundation for financial assistance regards to surveillance and control to the Camp Fire burn scar.

- 6.2 Under item 6.2 of reports, department's report, the District Manager reported tick surveillance has now ceased for the season. Tick surveillance will again commence in the fall of 2019. A total of 335 tick pools have been submitted to Placer MVCD for the 2018/2019 tick season. 154 of the 335

tick pools have been tested with 3 pools testing positive with *Borellia burgdorferi* and 7 testing 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 9, 2019. The District's gravid traps were placed and started operating on April 8, 2019. The sentinel chickens arrived and were placed in their coops on April 4, 2019. Yellow jacket surveillance and CO2 trapping have commenced.

The District Manager reported that no West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area in 2019. WNV has been identified in two California counties to date; San Diego (dead bird) and Orange County (mosquito pool).

The District's four indoor fish tanks have continued to produce a high volume of fry. The tanks have had some of their stock used for public fish plants. The tanks will go through a winterization cycle the months of August and September. Very few fry will be produced at this time. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist will continue to test the tanks for optimal production. The public mosquitofish tanks will be placed towards the end of May. The pond project has been completed and water is filling the pond at this time.

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. Camp Fire surveillance and control continues. Countless burnt properties have yield many mosquito-breeding sources with an abundance of larvae. Specialists have nearly completed the first round of storm drain treatments. Specialists have also continued with annual training, calibration, maintenance, required annual reading, and winter compound projects. 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 nearly ready for mosquito season.

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 the Chico Home and Garden Show, Gold Nugget Days, and will have a booth at Feather Fiesta Days. The District will have a booth at many more events throughout the summer.

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 receiving, reviewing, and ordering posted for 30 days the 2019/2020 preliminary budgets. The District Manager and Office Manager reviewed and explained the proposed preliminary budgets. It was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Schuster, and passed unanimously to receive and order the 2019/2020 fiscal 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. It was the recommendation of the District Manager to maintain the current level of service provided to Hamilton City based on previous discussion with Member Anderson. It was then moved by Member Vickery, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously to maintain the current level of service to Hamilton City.
- 7.3 Under item 7.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving and adopting Resolution #19-04, a resolution removing retired Office Manager Darlene L. Starkey as a purchaser and endorser from Rabobank. It was then moved by Member Schuster, seconded by Member Sheppard, and passed unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution #19-04.
- 7.4 Under item 7.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider a special service agreement between Team Builders, Inc. DBA Aerial Services and the District for aerial photography and mapping of potential mosquito-breeding sources. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously to approve the special service agreement with Team Builders, Inc. DBA Aerial Services.
- 7.5 Under item 7.5 of policy matters, the Board was asked to change the location for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 10, 2019, President Beck asked that this item be considered at the May 8, 2019, Board meeting. The Board considered if it wishes to meet monthly at the Oroville Headquarters for the regular meeting

of the Board of Trustees instead of alternating between the Oroville office and Chico substation. After a lengthy discussion, the District Manager was asked to agendaize the commencement time of future Board meetings for the June 12, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. No action taken, nor needed.

8. Under topic of the month, the Assistant Manager provided a report and a narrative on the current status of MapVision 2.0. There was a question and answer period.
9. 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 to authorize checks numbered 46296 through 46402 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$202,679.49.
10. No personnel items to report.
11. No correspondence to report.
12. No other business to report.
13. No persons wishing to address the Board on closed session matters.
14. No closed session items.
15. President Beck announced adjournment at 5:00 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on June 12, 2019, at the Oroville Headquarters Board room at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250.

Approved as written at the Board of Trustees meeting held June 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Bo" Sheppard,
Secretary