

**Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control  
District Meeting held February 10, 2016**

**Members Present:** Secretary A. Tom Anderson, Gordon Andoe, President Dr. Albert Beck, Jack Bequette, Vice President Charles Bird, Bruce Johnson, Dr. Larry Kirk, Terry Mallan, Assistant Secretary Bo Sheppard, and Dr. Tom Vickery.

**Members Excused:** Carl Starkey.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** District Manager Matt Ball 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 February 10, 2016, at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250.
2. The February 10, 2016, 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 proceeded to request approval of the minutes.
4. After review it was then moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Anderson and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held January 13, 2016, 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 January 14, 2016, the District completed the monthly staff meeting, safety committee meeting, and all vehicle inspections. Also on this day, all District employees attended AB 1234, AB 1825 training, and pesticide safety review and completed all of the required training.

On January 18, 2016, the District was closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

On January 20, 2016, all District staff attended hostile work environment training, respectful workplace training, discrimination training, and harassment training.

On January 21, 2016, the District Manager hosted a tour of the Chico Substation's property to members of the Friends of Comanche Creek. The tour and meeting was to look at future projects the city, volunteers, and the District may be involved in.

On January 28, 2016, the District Manager attended the monthly meeting of the Friends of Comanche Creek and the city of Chico. The project is progressing, the foot bridge is on schedule to be installed this summer, and the District may assist with vegetation removal on a future date.

On February 9, 2016, the District Manager met with the Teichert Ponds Restoration Foundation regarding the kiosk that will be located on the northwest corner of the Teichert Pond area. This was a steering committee meeting to discuss the options of the kiosk and the content. The kiosk has been finalized and should be installed soon.

The District Manager reminded the Board that the District would be closed on February 11th and 15th in observance of Lincoln's birthday and President's Day. Board reimbursement checks will be delayed by the closure.

- 6.2 Under item 6.2 of reports, Department Report, the District Manager reported that tick surveillance has continued and tick flagging has yielded *Ixodes pacificus* and *Dermacentor occidentalis* in areas of the District (Upper Bidwell and Lake Oroville areas). *Ixodes pacificus* and *Dermacentor occidentalis* populations have decreased over the past month. The District's New Jersey light traps and gravid traps are being serviced and scheduled to be set up for operation around the first week of April. The sentinel chickens are scheduled to arrive sometime in early April. Yellow jacket surveillance and CO2 trapping will commence when populations and climate conditions warrant.

Under virus surveillance, the District Manager reported that no additional 2015 West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area over the past month. No WNV activity has been reported within the District's service area or within the state for 2016. The District Manager then provided a brief report on Zika virus, chikungunya virus, dengue, and California invasive mosquito species.

The District has completed all of the upper and lower cabinets in the fish room. The tanks will be installed soon. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist will work to setup the tanks after they are installed and will begin cycling the tanks and creating a procedures manual.

Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have commenced with winter/spring flood water mosquito surveillance in rock pits, dredger pits, flood water areas and urban sources. Specialists have also continued with annual training, calibration, maintenance, required annual reading, and winter compound projects. Specialists are progressing towards completing "Mosquito Readiness." Several winter projects have been completed and many more are currently in progress.

The District's Air Operations is continuing annual maintenance on the three District aircraft and loader truck. 606Y (Bat) had an engine replaced and final tweaks and items are being addressed. 6633K (Jaws) and 714Y (Horse) are receiving annual maintenance and repairs.

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 now has a mobile friendly website. Several public events are slated for the near future.

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 a new policy to Vector Control Operations, Policy #4130, Inspection and Surveillance. The District's legal counsel recommended the proposed policy. It was moved by Member Bird, seconded by Member Vickery, and passed unanimously to approve the new policy to Vector Control Operations, Policy #4130, Inspection and Surveillance.
8. Under topic of the month, the Board viewed a District generated video and informational brochure on the biology of ticks and concerns with Lyme disease.
9. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month it was then moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Bequette, and passed unanimously to authorize checks numbered 39861 to 39991, inclusive be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$364,882.22.
10. No items of personnel to report.
11. No items of correspondence to report.
12. No items of other business to report.
13. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.
14. No closed session matters without District legal counsel.
15. President Beck announced adjournment at 7:07 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 6:30 PM on March 9, 2016, at the Chico Substation's Board Room, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Approved as written at the Board of Trustees meeting held March 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tom Anderson,

Secretary