



Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

(BCMVCD) Board Room, 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928. The Board of Trustees is committed to making its proceedings accessible to all citizens. Individuals with special needs should call District staff at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350, Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to request disability-related modifications/accommodations or to request materials in alternate formats. All requests for special accommodations and/or alternative format documents must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting.

1. *Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Time: 4:00 PM Date: May 8, 2024*
2. *Call to Order – 4:00 PM Roll Call*
3. *Persons Wishing to Address the Board on Items Not on the Agenda (limit to 5 minutes):*
4. *Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of: April 10, 2024*
5. *Persons Wishing to Address the Board Pertaining to Closed Session Matters:*
6. *Closed Session Announcement (District Legal Counsel Present): N/A*
7. *Reports: (7.1 – 7.2)*
- 7.1 *District Manager's Report*

The District Manager will provide a brief report on current District business and activities. The District Manager will also report on District employees, meetings attended, and current projects.

- 7.2 *District Departments Report*

The District Manager and District staff members present, will provide reports on all the business and activities of all the District's departments. District departments include Entomology, Ground Operations, Aircraft Operations, and Public Information and Outreach.

8. *Policy Matters: (8.1 – 8.5)*
- 8.1 *Consider Reviewing the Hamilton City Benefit Assessment*

The Board will be asked to consider reviewing the Hamilton City Benefit Assessment.

8.2 *Consider Adoption of Personnel Policy, Policy 7018, Paid Administrative Leave*

Per the Direction of the Board President, District management drafted Policy 7018. The Board will be asked to consider adoption of Personnel Policy, Policy 7018, Paid Administrative Leave.

8.3 *Consider Amendments to Operations Policy, Policy 3060, Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment*

The Board will be asked to consider amendments to Operations Policy, Policy 3060, Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment.

8.4 *Open Seal Bids, Select the Highest Bidder, and Announce the Winning Bid*

The Board will ask the Administrative Manager to open the sealed bids. The Board will hear the bid amounts for the trucks and announce the highest bidder for each truck.

8.5 *Consider Lowering the Minimum Bid and Authorize the Sale Should any Surplus Trucks Not Receive Bids*

The Board will be asked to lower the minimum bid amount for each truck that does not receive any bids by May 7, 2024, and to authorize the sale to the highest bidder. Bids would be brought before the Board at the June 12, 2024, Board meeting.

9. *Topic of the Month:*

The Board will watch a presentation on yellow jackets.

10. *Approve Payment of The Bills:*

The Board will be asked to review the demands made upon the District for the past month and consider approving the payment of the bills.

11. *Personnel: N/A*

12. *Correspondence:*

The Board will review a letter from Congressman LaMalfa.

13. *Other Business: N/A*

14. *Persons Wishing to Address the Board Pertaining to Closed Session Matters:*

15. *Closed Session Matters (District Legal Counsel Not Present): N/A*

16. *Adjournment: (Next Regular Meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees is June 12, 2024)*

Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting held April 10, 2024

Members Present: Darlene Fredericks, Andy Haymond, Assistant Secretary Bruce Johnson, Vice President Dr. Larry Kirk, Steve Ostling, President Bo Sheppard, and Carl Starkey.

Members Excused: Philip LaRocca and Melissa Schuster.

Members Absent: Eric Smith.

Also Present: District Manager Matt Ball, Assistant Manager Aaron Lumsden, Administrative Manager Maritza Sandoval, and Entomologist Amanda Bradford.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District held on April 10, 2024, at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.
2. The April 10, 2024, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 PM by President Sheppard.
3. Seeing and hearing no persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda, President Sheppard proceeded to request approval of the minutes.
4. After review, it was then moved by Member Kirk, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held March 13, 2024, as written.
5. No persons wishing to address the Board on closed session matters.
6. No closed session matters needing legal counsel.
7. Reports (7.1 - 7.3)
- 7.1 Under item 7.1 of reports, District Manager's Report, the District Manager reported that on March 14, 2024, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee held their monthly meeting.

On March 15, 2024, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues throughout the state.

On March 18, 2024, the District Manager met with a representative of Azelis to discuss products, pricing, and availability.

On March 19, 2024, District management and administrative staff attended a weekly meeting with Leading Edge and Associates to review the status of MapVision 3.0 and to discuss the needs still needing to be completed on the project. Also on this date, the above-mentioned staff attended a webinar on new employment laws for 2024. Additionally, the District Manager met with a representative of Valent Biosciences to discuss products, pricing, and availability. Clarke provided droplet testing on all District foggers. This service was free of charge.

On March 20, 2024, the District Manager met with Action News Now to complete a new voice over for the District's 2024 public service announcement.

On March 26, 2024, District management and administrative staff attended a weekly meeting with Leading Edge and Associates to review the status of MapVision 3.0 and to discuss the needs still needing to be completed on the project. Also on this date, the Administrative Manager met with a representative of Cintas to discuss the District's uniforms and the Assistant Manager met with representatives of Nwestco to discuss the change order to the AST project.

On March 27, 2024, District management reviewed the draft budget and the process to create the budget.

On April 1, 2024, the District was closed in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

On April 2, 2024, District management and administrative staff attended a weekly meeting with Leading Edge and Associates to review the status of MapVision 3.0 and to discuss the needs still needing to be completed on the project.

On April 3, 2024, the Assistant Manager met with representatives of Nwestco to begin work on the AST footings.

7.2 Under item 7.2 of reports, 2023/2024 3rd Quarter Fiscal Reports, the Administrative Manager reported that current revenues received are at 69.1%, salaries and benefits category is 68.3% expended, services and supplies category is 78.8% expended, capital outlay category is 85.7%. It was then stated that overall expenditures are currently at 73.3% expended.

7.3 Under item 7.3 of reports, the Assistant Manager reviewed the District's 2024 1st quarter newsletter. The Board was pleased with the newsletter.

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

8. Policy matters (8.1 – 8.5)

8.1 Under item 8.1 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider receiving, reviewing, and ordering posted for 30 days the 2024/2025 preliminary budgets. The District Manager and Administrative Manager reviewed and explained the proposed budgets. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Fredericks, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays to receive and order posted for 30 days the 2024/2025 preliminary budgets.

8.2 Under item 8.2 of policy matters, the Board was asked to review and consider the draft copies of the organic rice letter and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the aggressive mosquito control on lands in excess of three acres (new owner/manager) letter and MOU, the aggressive mosquito control on lands in excess of three acres (reminder) letter, and the post-harvest rice re-flooding letter. The Board was also asked to authorize the mailing of the aforementioned letters and MOUs when appropriate. It was then moved by Member Kirk, seconded by Member Fredericks, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve the letters and MOUs and authorized staff to send when appropriate.

8.3 Under item 8.3 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider declaring three (3) Satloc G4 Aerial Guidance Systems and one (1) AIMMS 20 surplus to need. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Starkey, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve declaring three (3) Satloc G4 Aerial Guidance Systems and one (1) AIMMS 20 surplus to need.

8.4 Under item 8.4 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving the Non-Emergency COVID-19 Prevention Program. The District Manager reported to the Board in April 2020 that the District's Safety Committee created an Emergency COVID-19 Prevention Program pursuant to state law. The District has been following that plan pursuant to the requirements of state law and CalOSHA. With the emergency declaration ended, the District proposed the new plan. It was then moved by Member Fredericks, seconded by Member Ostling, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve the Non-Emergency COVID-19 Prevention Program.

8.5 Under item 8.5 of policy matters, the Board was asked to consider approving a payment for an invoice from Nwestco for \$9,528.99 for the new above ground storage tank (AST) permits, blueprints, and engineering plans. Capital expenditure for the AST was approved by the Board on April 12, 2023. The approved quote stated that permit and administrative fees which included engineering plans and blueprints would be invoiced separately and through the duration of the project. It was then moved by Member Fredericks, seconded by Member Sheppard, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve a payment to Nwestco for \$9,528.99 for the AST permits, blueprints, and engineering plan fees.

9. Under topic of the month, the District's Entomologist gave a presentation on the biology of *Aedes sierrensis*.

10. After reviewing the demands made upon the District for the past month, it was then moved by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Johnson, and passed unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays to authorize checks numbered 53693 through 53813 be signed and distributed. Expenditures for the month totaled \$210,224.26.

11. No other business to report.

12. Under correspondence, the Board received a copy of a letter the District Manager sent to Chairwoman Duranzo, Committee on Local Government.

13. No other business to report.

14. No persons wishing to address the Board pertaining to closed session matters.

15. Closed Session Matters (District Legal Counsel Not Present): (15.1-15.2)

- 15.1 Under closed session matters 15.1, President Sheppard announced closed session, Government Code 54957, for a conference with District Manager Ball for an annual public employee performance evaluation and went into closed session and off the record at 4:49 PM and returned on the record / back in session at 5:17 PM. President Sheppard announced that the Board had discussed the District Manager's performance and progress. The consensus of the Board was that the District Manager's performance was deemed to be exceeding expectations in all performance criteria. President Sheppard stated that a letter would be submitted to the District Manager for inclusion into the District Manager's personnel file. No action was taken nor needed.
- 15.2 Under closed session matters 15.2, the Board of Trustees and District Manager agreed that there was no need to go into closed session for labor negotiations, Government Code 54957.6, employment agreement extension. Currently both parties are satisfied with the terms of the employment agreement. It was then moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Kirk, and passed unanimously to approve a one-year contract extension. President Sheppard announced that the contract extension revalidates the terms of the five-year contract and this approval will be executed by both parties. The executed amendment will be attached to the agreement and identified as Amendment No. 4.
16. President Sheppard announced adjournment at 5:19 PM and concluded by stating that the next regular meeting of the BCMVCD Board of Trustees would meet at 4:00 PM on May 8, 2024, at the Chico Substation's Board Room at 444 Otterson Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Schuster,
Secretary

On April 11, 2024, the District completed the monthly management meeting, staff meeting, and all vehicle inspections. The District's Safety Committee held their monthly meeting as well as management. Also on this date, District management attended the Oroville Building Review Committee meeting where the District's vehicle shed expansion project was approved.

On April 12, 2024, the District Manager attended the biweekly Legislative Regulatory Committee call. MVCAC lobbyists and committee members reviewed legislation and current regulatory issues throughout the state.

On April 16, 2024, District management and administrative staff attended a weekly meeting with Leading Edge and Associates to review the status of MapVision 3.0 and to discuss the needs still needing to be completed on the project. Also on this date, District staff met with a prospective pilot.

On April 17, 2024, District management attended a CalOSHA workshop as well as attended the Sac Valley Region meeting.

On April 18, 2024, the District Manager attended the MVCAC Budget meeting. The MVCAC is proposing a deficit budget.

On April 22, 2024, District management attended a webinar on Initiative 1935 provided by CSDA free of charge.

On April 23, 2024, District management and administrative staff attended a weekly meeting with Leading Edge and Associates to review the status of MapVision 3.0 and to discuss the needs still needing to be completed on the project.

On April 24, 2024, the District management met with representatives of UC Davis and Bird Haven Ranch to discuss the ongoing project at the Bird Haven Ranch. This multi-year study is on year three.

On April 25, 2024, the District Manager met with representatives of Central Life Sciences to discuss products, pricing, and availability. The District Manager also attended the MVCAC Spring Board meeting.

On April 29, 2024, the District gas tank was fixed and the three-year SB 989 testing was completed.

On April 30, 2024, District management and administrative staff attended a weekly meeting with Leading Edge and Associates to review the status of MapVision 3.0 and to discuss the needs still needing to be completed on the project.

On May 2, 2024, District management met with the District's auditor to begin the interim audit requirements for fiscal year ending 6/30/2024.

The District Manager, at the time of the meeting, will provide a report regarding the District's aerial operations and provide a summary of what District management has done, looking into, and plans for the upcoming season.

LAB / VECTOR SURVEILLANCE: Tick surveillance has continued for the season. A total of 34 tick pools have been submitted for testing, with 0 pools testing positive for the presence of *B. burgdorferi*, 4 pools testing positive for the presence of *B. miyamotoi*, and 1 pool testing positive for the presence of *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*. Areas where 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 16th. The District's gravid traps were placed and started operating on April 15th. The sentinel chickens arrived and were placed in their coops on April 25th. CO2 trapping will commence in the upcoming weeks.

VIRUS SURVEILLANCE: No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported within the District's service area. WNV has been identified in 1 mosquito pool and 14 dead birds in California to date (Attachment #1).

MOSQUITOFISH OPERATIONS: The District's four indoor fish tanks continue to operate normally and produced 25,303 fry for the month of April. The Vector Ecologist / Fish Biologist is maintaining the stock in each rearing tank and is preparing to conduct annual maintenance on the system as soon as our ponds are fully operational for the year. The District will be looking to place sentinel fish tanks into the field towards the end of May and into June. The timing will depend on the production of the District's fish ponds.

CONTROL OPERATIONS: Mosquito and Vector Control Specialists (Specialists) have continued with winter/spring mosquito surveillance and treatments in rock pits, dredger pits, flood water areas, agricultural, ditches, drains and urban sources. 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, with a total of 69 requests taken over the past month.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS: The District's Air Operations is continuing annual maintenance on the three District aircraft and are on track to be ready as needed.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH: The Public Relations (PR) Department is currently preparing for the upcoming public relations season. The PR Department continues to review and update (if needed) the District's website, brochures, photo and video files, and other informational documents. Nearly all the District's public service announcements have begun running on newspapers, radio, television, digital advertising, billboards, bus stop shelters, and on buses. The District attended the Chico Home and Garden Show on April 6th and 7th, the Gold Nugget Craft Fair on April 27th and 28th, and is planning to attend the Red Suspenders Day Parade on May 18th.

Attachment #1

**West Nile Virus Activity
in California Counties
2024 Year-to-date**

Human cases (fatal) 0 (0)
 Dead birds 14
 Mosquito samples 1
 Sentinel chickens 0
 Horses 0

Updated 04/26/24

**0 counties
with human cases**



	Humans	Horses	Dead Birds	Dead Squirrels	Mosquito Pools	Sentinel Chickens
2004	7	18	118	0	1	50
2005	25	7	79	0	4	15
2006	34	0	40	1	1	49
2007	16	0	27	0	5	32
2008	6	0	38	0	5	31
2009	2	0	13	0	5	36
2010	1	1	6	1	7	7
2011	3	0	0	0	1	20
2012	10	2	53	2	27	43
2013	24	0	42	1	38	57
2014	25	0	22	0	43	37
2015	55	0	38	0	101	37
2016	21	0	22	0	48	38
2017	3	0	5	0	49	31
2018	12	0	4	0	49	37
2019	5	0	1	0	45	34
2020	4	1	4	0	31	23
2021	12	0	2	0	80	26
2022	3	0	2	0	39	26
2023	18	1	2	0	70	31
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	286	30	518	5	649	661

Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE: Administrative Leave

POLICY NUMBER: 7018

7018.1 Permanent and probationary salary exempt employees of the District shall be entitled to administrative leave with pay in lieu of overtime compensation.

7018.2 Each full time permanent and probationary salary exempt employee shall be entitled up to 40 hours of administrative leave per calendar year, credited at the beginning of each year, on the first pay period of the year.

7018.3 Administrative leave is to be used as full days.

7018.4 Entitled administrative leave shall be scheduled and taken off within the calendar year in which the hours are credited. If not taken, administrative leave shall not be compensable.

7018.5 Upon termination of employment, an employee shall be paid for any unused administrative leave, based on the salary of the employee at the employees date of termination.

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POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE: Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment

POLICY NUMBER: 3060

3060.1 The Board of Trustees may declare as surplus any ~~item of real or personal~~ property that it determines is no longer necessary for ~~D~~istrict operations.

3060.2 The ~~District Manager~~~~Board of Trustees~~ may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of surplus property in such manner as it determines to be in the best interest of the ~~D~~istrict.

3060.3 ~~Every sale of capitalized surplus property shall be sold~~ ~~A sale of surplus property valued at \$500 or more shall be~~ to the highest bidder submitting a bid in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum bid amount established by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the following procedure:

3060.3.1 The Board of Trustees shall establish a minimum bid amount for each item to be sold.

3060.3.2 A Notice of Sale ~~shall be published pursuant to Section 6066 of Government Code, and Solicitation of Bids shall be published in a newspaper most likely to provide potential purchases with notice and the opportunity to bid.~~

3060.3.3 ~~The publication of notice pursuant to section 6066 of Government Code shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or oftener, with at least five days intervening the respective dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the fourteenth day, including therein the first day. The notice and solicitation shall be published at least once a week for two successive weeks, with at least five days intervening between the publication dates, as provided in Government Code section 6066.~~

3060.3.4 The notice ~~of publication and solicitation~~ shall contain:

- A description of the item or items to be sold;
- The minimum bid amount for each item to be sold;
- The deadline for submitting written bids; and
- The date on or after which the sale may occur.

3060.3.5 The notice ~~of sale and solicitation~~ shall state:

- ~~The surplus property may be viewed at the designated location, upon appointment.~~
- Surplus property is sold “as is,” “where is,” and without warranty of any kind;

- Sales are for cash only, and each bid must be accompanied by a check in the amount of 10% of the bid amount, made payable to the district, as security for completion of the purchase and sale;
- Bids shall be in writing and signed by the person offering to purchase the surplus property, and must clearly and unequivocally identify and state the item being bid on and the amount offered for the item. The amount of the bid must equal or exceed the established minimum bid amount;
- Bids shall contain the bidder's mailing address and a telephone number at which the bidder may be contacted or a message may be left;
- A bid, to be considered, must be sealed and received at in the District office not later than the deadline stated in the notice.
- ~~Sales shall comply with all requirements of District Policy No. 3060, Disposal of Surplus Property.~~

~~**3060.3.6** Bids can be withdrawn without penalty at any time prior to the deadline for bid submittal stated in the notice and solicitation. After the submittal deadline, bids shall be irrevocable for a period of 30 days.~~

~~**3060.3.7**~~ **3060.3.6** The Board of Trustees, or its designee, may accept the highest bid complying with the requirements stated in the published notice and ~~solicitation and~~ in District policy, or reject all bids. ~~Written n~~Notice of acceptance shall be provided by or at the direction of the Board. Payment arrangements must be ~~made~~received by with the District within 24 hours ~~five days of the date of mailing of the~~ notice of acceptance.

~~**3060.3.8**~~ **3060.3.7** The Board of Trustees may, in its sole discretion, at any time prior to issuance of the notice of acceptance, withdraw the surplus property from sale or commence a new notice and solicitation process. ~~or If after a high bidder fails to consummate the sale, the second highest bidder is notified, and payment arrangement is made in accordance to section 3060.3.6. If no bids are received, the Board of Trustees may direct District management on what to do with unsold surplus property, to include but not limited to, lowering the minimum bid amount, disposing of such surplus, or donating.~~ ~~withdraw the surplus property from sale or commence a new notice and solicitation process.~~

~~**3060.3.9**~~ **3060.3.8** Security deposits accompanying non-accepted bids shall be destroyed or returned to bidders~~returned to bidders~~ upon completion of sale or upon a determination by the Board of Trustees to reject all bids.

~~**3060.4** Surplus property valued at less than \$500 may be disposed of by such means as the Board of Trustees determines to be in the best interest of the District.~~

~~**3060.4** The District Manager is authorized to declare as surplus and dispose of any property having a value of less than \$200 that the District Manager determines is no longer necessary for District operations. Non-capitalized District property may be declared surplus by the District Manager. The District Manager may sell or dispose of non-capitalized property by the following means:~~

~~**3060.4.1** Sale or donation of the items to another government agency or charity.~~

~~**3060.4.2** Sale of the items to the highest bidder at a public auction sponsored by another government agency such as City or County.~~

3060.4.3 Sale of the items to the highest bidder at a public auction at the District's office. Notice of such auction shall be advertised in accordance to Government Code section 6066.

~~**3060.53060.4.4** Disposal of the items by any other lawful means if the District Manager determines that the item has no redeemable value. The District Manager shall report to the Board of Trustees the circumstances and terms of any disposition of property under this provision.~~

~~**3060.63060.5** Members of the District Board of Trustees or its employees shall not be purchasers at any sale or vendors at any purchase made by them in their official capacity pursuant to Section 1090 of Government Code. Members of the district Board of Trustees, the District Manager, and any employee or consultant who may influence the Board of Trustees in its decision to declare the property surplus and/or able to establish the minimum sales price. The Board of Trustees and employees of the District are not eligible to bid, purchase, or receive District surplus property.~~

3060.6 Sales of non-exempt surplus land [or residential property] shall satisfy Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 5, Article[s] 8 [and 8.5] of the Government Code, pertaining to requisite offers to sell to designated entities.

3060.7 REVISED 05/2024

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April 17, 2024

Mr. Matthew C. Ball
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Dear Matthew,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Special District Grant Accessibility Act. I appreciate you taking the time to share your views and your patience while waiting for a response.

As you may know, H.R. 7525 was introduced by Rep. Pat Fallon of Texas on March 9, 2023. If enacted, this bill would formally establish special districts into law. This legislation defines a special district as a "political subdivision of a state," created for the purpose of performing limited and specific governmental functions and requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to federal agencies to legitimize these districts. This puts special districts on the same playing field as other local governments when it comes to receiving federal grant funding.

California has an exceptionally large number of special districts which commonly provide services like water, fire protection, roads and highways, or pest control. Without Congress codifying the existence of special districts and recognizing them as local governments, it prohibits a substantial portion of Northern California from receiving proper federal financial assistance.

In light of this, I recently cosponsored H.R. 7525, the Special District Grant Accessibility Act. I am happy to support a bill so integral to the lives of countless North State residents. This bill passed through the House Committee on Oversight and Reform with broad bipartisan support, and I am hopeful this common sense piece of legislation will come before the House for a vote soon.

My number one priority here in Washington is to represent and serve the people of Northern California to the best of my ability. Your input is extremely helpful in keeping me informed of how people in our area feel about major issues.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance. If you would like to stay connected to our office with the latest news, legislation, and other useful information, please visit my website at <http://lamalfa.house.gov>. Thank you again for writing to me. It is an honor to be your representative in Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. LaMalfa". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large initial "D" and "L".

Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress