

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**February 8, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:32 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Curt Giambruno, Chuck Leonard, Ron Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., District Manager and Research Director, and Ms. Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager.

Guests: Mr. Zach Pehling, CPA.

Mr. Leonard moved to approve the Board Minutes of the January 11, 2017 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 16566-16583 making the total for January 2017 \$129,329.24. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None

### **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Audit Report**

Mr. Zach Pehling presented the audit report to the Board. After a brief discussion Mr. Leonard moved to approve the audit report as presented. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Research Report**

Dr. Scott reported on vectorborne virus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) or other arbovirus activity has been detected in Lake County so far this year.

For the rest of California, no WNV activity has been reported in 2017.

Thirty-four California counties have reported 479 travel-related cases of Zika virus from January 1, 2016 to January 20, 2017. Seventy-seven of the cases

are pregnant women. Three of the women have given birth to infants with birth defects.

Thirteen California counties have reported thirty-nine imported cases of chikungunya virus illness from January 1, 2016 to January 20, 2017.

One hundred eighty-five imported cases of dengue virus illness have been reported from 31 California counties from January 1, 2016 to January 20, 2017.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. No carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in January.

The Highland Springs Dam spillway tunnel was not sampled in January due to high water.

The Lyons Creek Wetlands was sampled twice in January. Four mosquito species were collected.

The New Jersey light trap in the Reclamation was sampled in January, but no mosquitoes were collected. In addition, the New Jersey light trap near Borax Lake was sampled in January with two mosquito species collected.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Nine *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents have been submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. One tick was positive and eight were negative.

Dr. Scott reported that lake checks were not completed in January due to inclement weather.

### **Operation Report**

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received a total of 13.34 inches of precipitation in January. The total rainfall for this season is 28.37 inches.

On January 1, the level of Clear Lake was at 3.58 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level reached 8.14 feet by January 31.

The vector control technicians are monitoring *Aedes increpitus* and *Ae. bicristatus* larval sites in the marshlands adjacent to the lake between south Lakeport and Clear Lake State Park. It is very likely that the District will need to make an aerial application of VectoBac GS to control immature mosquitoes in the area.

The Todd Road Project has been completed and the Vector Control Technicians are adding equipment, storage, and shelving to the new buildings.

The District mailed out its annual letter as required by the terms of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The letter notifies potentially affected government agencies that the District will be applying pesticides for the control of mosquitoes and lists the products that the District may use.

The District has hired Ms. Cassandra Urquhart of Bedford, Massachusetts for the Entomologist position. Ms. Urquhart is expected to begin work at the end of February.

On January 12, Mr. Mark Gates, the training Manager from Toyota Material Handling, provided forklift safety training to the District field employees. All the employees completed the training and received their forklift safety certification.

On January 20, Mr. Tom Kline and Mr. Bill Vannett of Bickmore Risk Services provided a live safety training session for District employees. The training covered driver safety training, workplace violence prevention, ladder safety, and driver ride-alongs with each of the employees.

The District's website received 4,229 page loads from 2,884 visitors in January. The most frequently viewed pages were the Rumsey Gauge Information page, the Home page, and the Midge Information page.

On February 6-7, Dr. Scott will attend the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) winter Board of Directors Meeting and Legislative Outreach Day in Sacramento.

On February 8-10, Dr. Scott will attend the Employment Risk Management Authority (ERMA) Annual Workshop and winter board meeting in Santa

Cruz. ERMA is a statewide joint powers authority designed to provide broad coverage and tailored loss prevention services to reduce the employment practices liability (EPL) exposures of California public entities. Dr. Scott serves as the alternate board member for the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) on ERMA.

Dr. Scott will be attending the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Annual Conference in San Diego, CA on February 13-17. Dr. Scott will be giving a presentation on the effects of the 2015 wildland fires in Lake County.

On March 1-3 Dr. Scott and Office Manager Jacinda Franusich will be attending the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Annual Workshop in Walnut Creek. Dr. Scott serves on the VCJPA Board of Directors through the end of June.

Dr. Scott and three other District employees will be attending the MVCAC Annual Conference on March 26-29 in San Diego. Dr. Scott is the current President of the MVCAC.

### **Board Discussion of Format for District Manager/Research Director's Annual Performance Evaluation**

The Board discussed the format for the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation, and decided to utilize the same format as the previous year's evaluation. The evaluation will be held during the April 12, 2017 Board Meeting.

### **Approve Checks for the Month of February 2017**

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 16584-16627 for the month of February 2017 in the amount of \$62,179.69. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Bostock discussed the use of a "Challenge Coin" as an outreach tool and employee performance award. He mentioned that some of the local fire districts use the coins and thought the District might want to consider the idea.

Ms. Franusich mentioned that all annual Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 need to be completed and signed by February 28, 2017 and either

turned in to the District Office or the Lake County Auditor's Office. Additionally, electronic filing of Form 700 is available.

**Announcement of the Next Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District will be at 1:30 PM on March 8, 2017 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary