

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:35 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Curt Giambruno, and Ronald Nagy.

Absent: Chuck Leonard (excused) and George Spurr (excused).

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

Guests: None.

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of March 14, 2018 with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 17532-17549 making the total expenditures for March \$112,827.79. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

Research Report

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

Three birds have tested positive for WNV in California this year. Two of the birds were collected in Santa Clara County and one from San Mateo County.

In the rest of the nation, twelve cases of Zika virus infection have been reported in US residents returning from affected areas.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Fourteen *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Thirteen of the

samples were negative and results are pending for the most recently submitted sample.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in Kelseyville and Upper Lake. Among the mosquito species collected were *Anopheles freeborni* and *Culiseta incidens*.

Dr. Scott reported on the Todd Road mosquitofish pond study. Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier has started a study to compare two aquatic weed control methods: AquaShade dye and a fertilizer. The study is being conducted using the District's two large mosquitofish ponds at Todd Road.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. In the Upper Arm, Clear Lake gnat numbers decreased from 0.07 larvae per dredge in February to 0.04 larvae per dredge in March. Chironominae numbers increased slightly from 9.32 larvae per dredge in February to 9.57 larvae per dredge in March. Tanypodinae numbers decreased from 0.54 larvae per dredge in February to 0.32 larvae per dredge in March.

Operation Report

During the month of March 4.43 inches of rainfall was recorded at the District's rain gauge. The total rainfall recorded this season is 14.40 inches.

On March 1, the level of Clear Lake was 3.04 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level rose to 4.17 feet by March 31.

During March the old pesticide storage building was cleaned and power washed to make it ready to transfer to another agency.

Ms. Samantha Brassfield was hired as the District's Intern/Seasonal Assistant. Ms. Brassfield began working part-time on March 22, and will work full-time after her classes are finished for the semester.

In March the District received a \$2,743.04 refund from the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Coalition. As the NPDES permit requirements have been modified since its inception, and the permit renewal in 2016 did not impose any additional requirements, the NPDES Committee

recommended to the MVCAC Board that funds be partially refunded to members.

On March 26 and 28, the District's Board Room was used by First 5 Lake County to conduct service provider interviews.

On March 7, three District employees attended a continuing education session hosted by Shasta County Mosquito and Vector Control District in Anderson, CA. Each employee received three hours of credit.

All field employees attended a continuing education session in Yuba City on March 21. The employees received five hours of credit

On March 12 the District and the City of Clearlake co-hosted a live AB 1825/1661 Harassment Prevention Training. All District trustees and six employees attended the training and received certificates of completion.

On March 15, Vector Biologist Bonnie Ryan and Vector Control Technicians Brad Hayes and Terry Sanderson participated in the Second Annual Lake County Agricultural and Natural Resources Field Day held at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Approximately 1,500 first-through-sixth-grade students attended the event.

On March 23, Entomologist Cassie Urquhart represented the District at the Lowe Lake Elementary Career Day. During the event, Ms. Urquhart spoke to 620 Kindergarten through sixth grade students and their teachers.

Board Consideration of Trial Program for Yellowjacket Nest Treatment

Dr. Scott presented the parameters of the trial yellowjacket nest treatment program to the Board. The District will only treat ground-dwelling yellowjackets with an insecticidal dust applied to the entrance of the nests. Residents must locate and mark the nest, and it must be on their property or in a public area.

After some discussion Mr. Nagy moved to approve the trial program for yellowjacket nest treatment as presented by Dr. Scott. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Budget Transfers

Mr. Nagy moved to approve the budget transfer from 90.91 Contingencies in the amount of \$5,100 to 12.00 Communications in the amount of \$600, 19.40

Laboratory Supplies in the amount of \$1,000, and to 30.00 Utilities in the amount of \$3,500. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks for April 2018

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 17550-17598 for the month of April 2018 in the amount of \$39,078.56. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

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 P.M. on May 9, 2018 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Convene to Closed Session at 2:28 P.M.

Closes Session

Held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: District Manager/Research Director.

Convene to Open Session at 3:20 P.M.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Nagy moved to increase the District Manager/Research Director's salary from 36.5 E2 \$5,147.39 (bi-weekly) on the salary schedule to 36.5 E3 \$5,276.08. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 3:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary