MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 13, 2019

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: None.

Citizen’s Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Board Minutes of the January 9, 2019 regular meeting. 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 2019.

No West Nile virus or other arbovirus activity has been reported in the rest of United States so far in 2019.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity.

The New Jersey light trap in the Reclamation was sampled in January. One mosquito species was 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. Five *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*. All the ticks were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. In the Upper Arm, Clear Lake gnat numbers decreased from 0.14 larvae per dredge in October (no samples were collected in November or December due to weather and employee availability) to 0.07 larvae per dredge in January. Chironominae numbers decreased from 110 larvae per dredge in October to 46.46 larvae per dredge in January. Tanypodinae numbers increased from 0.54 larvae per dredge in October to 3.18 larvae per dredge in January.

**Operation Report**

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 8.6 inches of precipitation in January. The cumulative rainfall for this season is 16.37 inches.

On January 1, the level of Clear Lake was at 1.34 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level reached 4.57 feet by January 31.

District employees are working on a variety of winter projects. The Vector Control Technicians finished re-staining the pier walkway, and have been trimming trees and doing weed control at the Todd Road facility.

On January 3, Craig Wetherbee, the Hazardous Materials Specialist for Lake County Environmental Health, completed the annual inspection of the District’s Todd Road facility for Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) compliance. The Todd Road facility was found to be in compliance.

Vector Control Technician Brad Hayes contacted Lakeport Fire District (LFD) during January in order to improve the District’s preparedness for fires and other emergencies. Mr. Hayes gave a tour of the Todd Road facility and added LFD padlocks to the gates and a lock box containing keys to the buildings. In addition, a reflective address sign was ordered for Todd Road that will be installed by the LFD.
The District’s conference room was used by three agencies, Lake County Public Health, Lake County Environmental Health, and First 5, for small meetings in January. The agencies thanked the District for the use of the room.

On January 15 Office Manager Jacinda Franusich and the District Manager attended a 2-hour webinar titled “Is the Brown Act Making You Blue?” The webinar was organized by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

The District’s field staff attended the annual pesticide worker safety training on January 29. The training, which is required for pesticide handlers, was provided by Dennis Candito and held at the District’s Esplanade facility.

The District’s field employees will attend the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Annual Conference on February 3-6 in Burlingame, CA.

Dr. Scott attended the Pacific Southwest Regional Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (PacVec) at UC Davis. Dr. Scott is the MVCAC Representative.

Dr. Scott participated in the MVCAC Sacramento Valley Regional meeting by teleconference on January 31.

Dr. Scott will attend the Employment Risk Management Agency (ERMA) Annual Workshop in Lodi on February 6-8. Dr. Scott is the alternate board member for the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA).

On February 25 through March 1, Dr. Scott will attend the American Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. Dr. Scott will be joined at the conference by District Entomologist Cassie Urquhart and District Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik.

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

After some discussion, the Board recommended continuing with the past format for the District Manager/Research Director’s Performance Evaluation.

**Approve Checks for the Month of February 2019**
Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 18210-18276 for the month of February 2019 in the amount of $89,382.64. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business
Mr. Spurr mentioned AB 707 Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake. Mr. Spurr thought the District might be interested in participating in the committee.

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 13, 2019 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 Giambruno at 2:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary