

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

October 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:30 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., Manager/Research Director and Ms. Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager.

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Mr. Leonard moved to approve the Board Minutes of the September 9, 2020 regular meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on vector-borne virus activity. West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been detected in twelve mosquito samples this year. In addition, two sentinel chickens from the Upper Lake flock seroconverted for WNV in September.

For the rest of California, ninety-three cases of human West Nile virus illness have been reported from eighteen counties, 273 dead birds have tested positive for WNV from 19 counties, 2,388 WNV-positive mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus, and 115 sentinel chickens from sixteen counties have tested positive for antibodies for West Nile virus.

St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus illness has been reported in a resident of Madera County.

In the rest of the United States West Nile virus has been detected in 43 states. This includes 279 human illness cases and 94 asymptomatic blood donors.

St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus has been detected in mosquitoes from three states, and six human cases of SLE have been reported in residents from California and Arizona.

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected in sentinel chickens, mosquitoes, and equids from fourteen states. Additionally, nine human cases of EEE have been reported from residents of four states.

Jamestown (JC) Canyon virus has been detected in mosquitoes from three states, and human cases of JC have been reported from two states.

There have been thirty-seven human cases of La Crosse (LAC) encephalitis virus reported in residents from five states.

Thirteen human cases of Powassan (POW) virus have been reported in residents of five states.

Fifty-five locally acquired cases of dengue (DEN) virus have been reported in residents of Florida this year.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the county in September. Among the mosquito species collected were *Culex tarsalis*, *Anopheles franciscanus*, and *Culiseta inornata*. Large numbers of *Culicoides sonorensis* were collected as well.

The New Jersey light traps set near Borax Lake and in the Reclamation near Upper Lake collected several species of mosquitoes in the month of September.

The resting box in Kelseyville as well as the resting boxes in Lakeport and Upper Lake were sampled during September. Numerous mosquito species were collected from all the sites.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. This year, twenty *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 of the samples were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnats, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in September due to reduced visibility and hazardous air quality from wildfire smoke.

Operation Report

During September, no rainfall was recorded by the District's rain gauge. The total rainfall for the season is 14.31 inches.

On September 1, the level of Clear Lake was at 1.46 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level decreased to 1.08 feet by September 30.

District Vector Control Technicians completed 51 service requests in September. Seven service requests were submitted through the District's website, and four yellowjacket requests were completed as well.

Dr. Scott gave a presentation via Zoom to the Rotary Club of Lakeport on September 2.

On September 18, Entomologist Cassie Urquhart gave a video conference presentation to a group of students who are participating in distance learning.

On September 23, Dr. Scott was a guest of local Outdoors Columnist Terry Knight on the Lake County Outdoors radio show. Dr. Scott discussed the District and its services as well as rice flies, spiders, and flies.

On September 3, Dr. Scott met with the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency's (VCJPA) Property Appraiser to review the District's Todd Road and Esplanade facilities in order to ensure the District's coverage level is appropriate.

Dr. Scott met with Lakeport City Manager Kevin Ingram on September 16 to review what is necessary for the District to re-apply for General Plan and Zoning amendments for the Esplanade property. Mr. Ingram requested that the District contact the neighbors to share plans for the property, and provided application materials. Once the application is received the process is expected to take 4-6 months.

On September 17, the District co-hosted a Harassment Prevention training event with the City of Clearlake. District employees and two trustees attended the workshop via Zoom from locations in Clearlake and Lakeport. The workshop fulfilled SB 1343 and AB 2825 Harassment Prevention training requirements.

During September Dr. Scott participated in two COVID-19 related webinars. The webinars were provided free of charge through the VCJPA.

Consideration of Changing November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Date due to the Veterans Day Holiday

After some discussion Mr. Spurr moved to change the November 11, 2020 regular meeting date to November 18, 2020. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Prop. 4 Compliance Resolution No. 20-04

After some discussion Mr. Leonard moved to approve the Prop. 4 Compliance Resolution No. 20-04. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: five in favor (Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Spurr, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Leonard, and Mr. Nagy).

Approve Checks for the Month of October 2020

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 19520-19593 for the month of October 2020 in the amount of \$94,532.23. 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 will be at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in the Lake County Vector Control District Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 1:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary