

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
7759 SOUTH AIRPORT WAY, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95206**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 17, 2015

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District was held Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the District's Stockton office. President Lambdin called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Trustees Present:

Marc Warmerdam
Glenn Page
Jack Fiori
Omar Khweiss
Gary Lambdin
Francis Groen
Jay Colombini

Staff Members Present:

Eddie Lucchesi, Manager
Jamie Tuggle, Secretary
Emily Nicholas, Administrative Asst.
Shaoming Huang, Entomologist

Legal Advisor: Chris Eley, Attorney at Law

Other: One Public Member

Trustees Absent:

Joy Meeker
Mike Manna
Greg O'Leary
Chet Miller

2. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

3. Consent Calendar

- a. **Minutes of the September 15, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees**
- b. **Expenditure and Financial Reports for September & October 2015.**
- c. **District activities report for September & October 2015.**
- d. **Public Information & Outreach report for September & October 2015.**
- e. **Manager's report**
- f. **Correspondence**

Following review and discussion of the Consent Calendar, it was moved by Trustee Fiori, seconded by Trustee Groen, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Status report re: West Nile Virus surveillance and control.

Manager Lucchesi introduced Entomologist Dr. Shaoming Huang who provided a power point presentation summarizing the 2015 West Nile Virus activity in San Joaquin County. Dr. Huang said overall this year was an average year for West Nile Virus (WNV) activity. He presented the Board with the migration of West Nile Virus from when it arrived in New York in 1999 to the current year. He compared California to the rest of the Nation regarding WNV activity and how that can change due to climatic conditions and mosquito control methods. California accounts for 1/3 of the WNV cases due to the geographic size of the State. Dr. Huang compared last year's mosquito numbers to that of 2015 and stated there was a higher overall mosquito population tested this year; however, the numbers of WNV positive mosquitoes were lower, thereby indicating a decrease in the overall WNV infection rate. Dr. Huang stated that the number of West Nile Virus positive birds is a great indicator for infection rate because the bird is the host for the virus, so if there are fewer numbers of birds this typically would translate into less positive mosquitoes. The District recovered far fewer WNV positive birds than that of last year. President Lambdin inquired if we can't predict what future years virus activities will be, can we ensure mosquito control materials needed to combat mosquitoes will be available should there be more infected mosquitoes than in previous years. Manager Lucchesi said it is always a possibility, but that the manufacturers of the mosquito control products used by the District typically produce enough material to be used on a global basis. Trustee Groen asked if the rise in adult mosquito control is due to a lack of larviciding. Manager Lucchesi informed the Board that the District's first priority is larviciding; however, when there are virus epidemics, adulticiding becomes necessary to prevent further migration of infected mosquitoes.

5. Resolution 15/16-05, a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District approving the deposit of proceeds from the sale of 200 N. Beckman Rd. to related fund designations and District Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Manager Lucchesi presented Resolution 15/16-05 to the Board. He stated that the Beckman Rd. property closed escrow on September 14, 2015 for \$700,001.00 and the District received a net proceed of \$662,189.90 after all the closing costs. The proceeds were immediately deposited into the District's general fund. Manager Lucchesi reviewed prior Board discussion regarding the option to fully fund the liability balance in the District's other post-employment benefit (OPEB) currently held in the California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT). This would be post-employment benefits other than pension benefits. These are most commonly healthcare benefits which would be the case for the District. The District budgeted an annual required contribution (ARC) of \$47,000 for the 2015/16 fiscal year. The District requested an actuary estimate to superfund the OPEB account which equated to \$433,118.00. Unless otherwise determined, the District should not have to make future contributions. Should a future annual contribution be necessary, it would be substantially less than

previously experienced. The sale proceed balance would be \$229,071.90 after the deposit to the OPEB account. It is the staff's recommendation to transfer that amount from the District's general fund to the District's General Reserve Fund (restricted) for future payout of accrued employee leave upon employee retirement. That transfer would require Board approval at the December 2015 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Following review and discussion of Resolution 15/16-05, it was moved by Trustee Colombini, seconded by Trustee Khweiss, to approve the resolution as presented; the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Award of bid to purchase six (6) ½ ton 4x4 pickup trucks and one (1) mid-sized SUV.

Manager Lucchesi reviewed with the Board, staff's request to purchase seven new vehicles per the FY 2015/16 budget. Three of the seven vehicles were budgeted in FY 2014/15; however, due to vehicle manufacturer issues, the dealer was unable to provide those vehicles in a timely manner. Therefore, those vehicles were added to the FY 2015/16 vehicle budget. Staff submitted specifications and bids/proposals request to San Joaquin County auto dealers. Interested dealers were unable to meet the requested requirements for the mid-sized 4x4 pick-up truck; therefore, District contacted all interested dealers to amend their bid to reflect 2 mid-sized 4x4 SUVs. Interested dealers were required to submit bids for consideration by the Board at the November 17, 2015 regular meeting. Proposals were received from the following dealers:

Hiller Ford, Escalon, CA	\$167.337.05
Big Valley Ford, Stockton, CA	\$170.250.89
Tracy Ford, Tracy, CA	\$172.810.93
Sanborn Chevrolet, Lodi, CA	\$187.028.43
Chase Chevrolet, Stockton, CA	\$190.757.00

The District budgeted \$188,014.00 for vehicle replacement. Board members inquired if the interested dealers would be able to meet the 120 day timeline. Manager Lucchesi stated the dealers indicated they would. It was recommended by staff to purchase the vehicles from the lowest responsible bidder. Following review and discussion of the bids, it was moved by Trustee Groen, seconded by Trustee Warmerdam, to approve the purchase of 5 (five) ½ ton pick-up trucks and 2 (two) mid-sized SUVs in the amount of \$167,337.05 from Hiller Ford, Escalon, CA; the motion was unanimously approved.

President Lambdin announced that due to a 2:30 p.m. appointment with District's Defense Counsel, agenda item #10 would need to be placed before agenda item #7. Following discussion, it was moved by Trustee

Fiori, seconded by Trustee Colombini to place agenda item #10 before agenda item #7. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. CLOSED SESSION (Pursuant to CGC §54956.9)

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. (Subdivision (a) of §54956.9) Name of case: Morgan vs. San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District, San Joaquin County Superior Court Action No. 39-2014-00313386-CU-OE-STK

Prior to convening to closed session, President Lambdin announced the reason for the closed session. The Board convened to closed session at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 3:00 p.m.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:

President Lambdin called upon Legal Counsel Eley to provide a report of the closed session. Legal Counsel Eley reported that the Board of Trustees had met in closed session to discuss an update on current litigation. Mr. Eley stated no action was taken.

7. Cooperative agreement with the California Department of Public Health for CY 2016.

Manager Lucchesi introduced the proposed cooperative agreement from the California Department of Public Health for 2016. Following review and discussion; it was moved by Trustee Warmerdam, seconded by Trustee Fiori to authorize the Manager to sign the cooperative agreement with the California Department of Public Health for 2016; the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Policy Committee report.

Manager Lucchesi stated that Trustee Page, Trustee Warmerdam, and Legal Counsel Eley met to review designated sections of the Policy Manual. Policy Committee Chair Trustee Warmerdam informed the Board that Legal Counsel Eley will provide a committee report. Legal Counsel Eley reported the committee reviewed policy sections that included District General Policies, Board of Trustees and Board meeting conduct. He stated the Committee reviewed and suggested revisions to those sections within the Policy Manual. The Committee will be meeting again in January 2016. Manager Lucchesi also asked for the Boards approval to hire Jackson Lewis to review and update the personnel section of the policy manual at an estimated cost of \$17,000.00. Following review and discussion; it was moved by Trustee Colombini, seconded by Trustee Fiori to authorize the Manager to hire Jackson Lewis to update the personnel section of the policy manual; the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Report of MVCAC Board of Directors meetings, October 28-30, 2015.

Manager Lucchesi, Aaron Devencenzi, Shaoming Huang, along with Trustee Meeker, Trustee Groen, Trustee Manna and Trustee Warmerdam attended the Fall 2015 MVCAC meeting. Trustee Warmerdam summarized what he experienced from the meetings. He said overall the meeting was good and had some interesting information. He said the progression of the invasive mosquitoes *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* has not slowed down. Most cases are imported from other countries and southern California mosquito districts are having a hard time with funding to combat the mosquito because they are hard to control. The mosquito's eggs can be viable for months to years after they are laid. He said there was a pilot program to send out sterile males so that the eggs would not be viable, but research is still being done to see how effective it can be. He said mosquitoes are responsible for the deaths of at least 1 million people worldwide every year. Trustee Groen stated the MVCAC has been improving their skills in educating the Trustees. He felt overall the Trustee session was very informative. Trustee Meeker's written report summarized the invasive mosquito problem that is happening in southern California. The hot and dry weather make for perfect conditions for *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* to breed. They are hard to control because they are not easily seen and have a ten day life cycle. It is a costly endeavor to combat these mosquitoes. Overall the education for Trustees and the public will help in the fight against them.

11. Comments from Trustees and staff on non-agenda items.

Trustee Khweiss recommended that the other Trustees participate in a ride-along with some of the Mosquito Technicians or have the Public Information Officer Aaron Devencenzi come do a presentation to any business groups they may belong to, because both were very informative.


12. Other Business; Announcement of future Board and Committee meetings.

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Groen, seconded by Trustee Warmerdam, to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m.; the motion passed unanimously.


MS JOY MEEKER, SECRETARY


MR. EDDIE LUCCHESI, MANAGER