

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:33 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: None.

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

Guests: Mr. Zach Pehling, CPA (attending remotely).

Citizens Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: Mr. Spurr moved to add a budget transfer to the agenda as Item 11A. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Board Minutes of December 8, 2021 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 20587-20617 making the total expenditures for December 2021 \$139,525.84. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit Report by Zach Pehling, CPA

After a brief presentation by Mr. Pehling, and some discussion by the Board, Mr. Bostock moved to approve the 2020/2021 Audit Report as presented. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. During 2021 West Nile virus (WNV) was detected in four mosquito samples in Lake County. In addition, four sentinel chickens from the Upper Lake flock tested positive for WNV.

In the rest of California, two thousand two hundred sixty-three mosquito samples from twenty-five counties have tested positive for West Nile virus. In addition, ninety sentinel chickens from twelve counties have tested

positive for antibodies to WNV, and there have been thirteen equine cases of WNV reported from eight counties.

Three human cases of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) were reported in residents of three counties, and forty-four mosquito samples from eight counties have tested positive for SLEV.

In the rest of the United States WNV has been detected in 49 states. This includes 2,445 cases of human illness in 14 states and 165 deaths.

Three cases of eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) illness were reported in residents of North Carolina and Georgia. This includes one fatality.

Thirteen cases of Jamestown Canyon virus were reported in the United States in 2021. This includes two fatalities from New Hampshire and New Jersey.

Thirty-seven cases of La Crosse encephalitis were reported in residents of eight states in 2021.

Eighteen cases of Powassan virus were reported in 2021. All but one case was neuroinvasive, and two cases were fatal.

Seven cases of St. Louis encephalitis virus were reported from three states during 2021.

Twenty-one cases of travel-related chikungunya virus illness were reported in the United States in 2021.

Twenty-nine cases of Zika virus infection were reported in the United States in 2021. Of the cases, one was travel-related and twenty-eight were locally acquired in the US Territory of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. The New Jersey light trap (NJLT) near Borax Lake collected three female *Culex tarsalis* and four female *Culiseta inornata* during December. In addition, the light trap in the Reclamation collected 23 and 7 male female *Culiseta inornata*, two female *Culicoides sonorensis*, and one female *Aedes increpitus*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Four *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents were submitted to the Sonoma County

Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. All the samples were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in December due to staff availability and weather.

Operation Report

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 6.8 inches of precipitation during December. The level of Clear Lake was at -1.38 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on December 1, and increased to 0.03 feet by December 31.

In October, the District submitted an application to California's \$100 Million Special District Relief Fund requesting \$10,363. The funds are to reimburse unbudgeted costs that were incurred due to the COVID-19 emergency. On December 16, the District was informed that it had been allocated \$75,976 in COVID-19 Fiscal Relief. The District should receive the funds in January 2022.

The Vector Control Technicians have been working on a variety of projects that include replacing a damaged section of fencing at Todd Road and dismantling the old pesticide storage building.

On December 9, the certified staff participated in a webinar that included presentations about bed bug prevention, plague in California and pest prevention through building design. Continuing education credits in all categories were received for attending the webinar.

Dr. Scott attended the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Planning Session in Emeryville.

Approve Checks for the Month of January 2022

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 20618-20660 for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$49,721.65. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Budget Transfer

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the budget transfer from account 796.90-91 Contingencies in the amount of \$3,600 to account 796.17-00 Equipment Maintenance. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott mentioned that Harassment Prevention Training needs to be completed in 2022. Training options were discussed and it was decided that the Board and District staff required to attend would watch a training webinar as a group prior to a future board meeting.

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 Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary