

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 13, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:36 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: George Spurr (excused).

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

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

Mr. Leonard moved to approve the Board Minutes of March 16, 2022 with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 20784-20800 making the total expenditures for March \$95,266.85. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of the March 28, 2022 Special Meeting. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) or other arbovirus activity has been reported in Lake County in 2022.

For the rest of California and the nation two mosquito samples, one from Orange County and one from Riverside County, have tested positive for WNV.

Adult Biting Fly Activity

No report was made.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Nine *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi* (the causative agent for Lyme disease). One of the samples was positive, and eight were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in March due to scheduling conflicts and employee health.

Operation Report

During the month of March, 0.75 inches of rainfall was recorded at the District's rain gauge. The total rainfall recorded this season is 17.60 inches.

On March 1, the level of Clear Lake was 0.50 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level was 0.43 feet by March 31.

Nine service requests were received online in March, which is typical for the month.

On March 7, the Konocti Christian Academy Board of Directors used the District's conference room.

On March 25, the District held a retirement luncheon for Vector Control Technician III Terry Sanderson. Several of the District retirees attended the event.

During March the Vector Control Technicians removed the fence and 5,000 pounds of an old rock and concrete wall on the north side of the District's Esplanade property. Bridges Construction will build a CMU block wall in April.

District staff have been viewing webinars that demonstrate the data management systems used by Mosquito and Vector Control Districts throughout the state. The webinars have provided good information, and the District Manager and staff will work together to select a system that will meet the LCVCD's needs.

On March 29, District field staff attended the annual pesticide worker safety training, which is required for pesticide handlers. The training was provided by Dennis Candito of Adapco. In the afternoon, the vector control

technicians completed the calibration and droplet testing of the ultra-low volume (ULV) spray equipment.

On March 30, the District participated in the Lakeport Unified School District's Trucks on the Track and Career Day event. The staff spoke to 700 students from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

On May 4 and 11, the District will participate in the 5th Annual Lake County Agriculture and Natural Resources Days at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Dr. Scott participated in the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) All-Hands Conference Call on March 18th.

Update on Employee Health Coverage through Operating Engineers 3 Trust Fund

On March 28, 2022 the District held a Special Meeting to Approve the District joining Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA) and Approve the Participation Agreement with the Operating Engineers 3 (OE3) Trust Fund, and authorize the District Manager to sign the agreements on the District's behalf.

The Participation Agreement then went before the OE3 Trust Fund Board for approval via email. The Participation Agreement required approval by all six Board Members; the three Employer members voted yes, but the three Union members took no action, so the District employees' regular health coverage ended March 31, 2022. The employees' coverage has been extended through COBRA as the District and the employees work with OE3 and the Trust Fund to come to a long-term solution. Because the Union trustees took no action rather than voting no, the arbitration process was avoided.

At this time, because the Participation Agreement has not been approved by the OE3 Trust Fund's Board, the District's employees are pursuing forming a collective bargaining unit with Operating Engineers Local 3 so that they can restore access to the health benefits.

Dr. Scott is continuing to look for alternate health insurance coverage for the District's employees, but has not been able to find comparable benefits for a comparable cost.

Approve Budget Transfers

After some discussion Mr. Bostock moved to approve the budget transfer from 90-91 Contingencies in the amount of \$4,000 to 17-00 Equipment

Maintenance. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks for April 2022

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 20801-20846 for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$73,195.48. Mr. Leonard 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 11, 2022 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Mr. Bostock moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary