

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

December 14, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:38 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Melford Gatton, Curt Giambruno, and Ronald Nagy.

Absent: Lowell Grant.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., Manager and Research Director, and Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier, sitting in for Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager.

Guests: None.

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of November 9, 2011. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on vector-borne disease activity. Three mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in Lake County in 2011. In addition, one dead bird tested positive for WNV in Lake County as well.

In California, the majority of the WNV activity in November was in southern California and the southern San Joaquin Valley. Thirty-five counties in California have detected WNV in 2011.

Nationwide, western equine encephalitis was reported in a horse from Apache County, AZ. Ten locally acquired cases of dengue have been reported in the United States this year. In addition, 1,307 cases of dengue

have been reported from Puerto Rico, and 175 imported cases of dengue have been reported in 2011.

Dr. Scott reported on *Aedes albopictus* in Los Angeles. On November 8, a multiagency door-to-door campaign was conducted to determine the outer boundary of the *Aedes albopictus* infestation. The campaign was coordinated by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. Over one thousand homes in fifty-nine neighborhoods were visited. Of the 145 larval samples collected, *Aedes albopictus* was identified in a single sample taken from a residence near the city of Duarte. In addition, two live adult specimens were collected from the same property.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Ten carbon dioxide-baited traps were set during November; six traps were set in Kelseyville and four traps were in Upper Lake. Among the mosquito species collected were *Culex erythrorhax* and *Culiseta inornata*.

Two large resting boxes at the Woodward Site in Lakeport were sampled on three dates in November. Three mosquito species were collected.

The New Jersey Light Trap (NJLT) near Big Borax Lake collected two mosquito species, and the NJLT in the Reclamation collected five mosquito species.

Dr. Scott reported on tick surveillance and testing. In November four sites were flagged for ticks. *Ixodes pacificus* and *Dermacentor occidentalis* were collected.

Dr. Scott reported on Chaoboridae gnats. Clear Lake Gnat larvae numbers in the Upper Arm of Clear Lake decreased from 8.14 larvae per dredge in October to 7.04 per dredge in November. Chironominae numbers increased from 46.61 larvae per dredge in October to 72.86 in November. Tanypodinae numbers remain unchanged from October (6.86 larvae per dredge) to November.

Operation Report

During November 2.35 inches of rain fell at the District office in Lakeport. Total rainfall for the season is 4.55 inches.

On November 1, the level of Clear Lake was 2.53 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. By the end of November the lake level was 2.46.

Vector Control Technicians began replacing the decking on the boat lift this month. The new wood and metal frame of the boat lift are being pre-treated to reduce future maintenance and prolong its useful life.

Interviews for the District's Entomologist position were conducted in November. Ms. Nina Dacko of Albuquerque, NM was selected and began work on December 12.

All the District's certified personnel attended the MVCAC Sacramento Valley Region's Continuing Education in Yuba City, CA on November 16.

On November 22, the District's staff participated in a webinar sponsored by the American Mosquito Control Association titled, "How Do I Deal With Someone Who Says Their Body is Being Attacked By Invisible Bugs?" The webinar was presented by Nancy Hinkle, Ph.D. of the University of Georgia.

The District's homepage has received 471 hits since August 9. New pages with content about local mosquitoes and other biting and non-biting flies will soon be added.

Dr. Scott gave an NPDES update. The District received its Notice of Applicability in November and may begin making applications on or near Waters of the US. The State Water Resources Control Board continues to work with the MVCAC and its members to simplify the reporting requirements under the permit.

Dr. Scott attended the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency Board of Directors meeting and the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Fall Quarterly Meetings in South Lake Tahoe on November 24.

On November 16, Dr. Scott gave a presentation about *Aedes albopictus* at the Continuing Education program in Yuba City.

Dr. Scott will attend the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Planning Sessions in Sacramento on December 1-2.

Discussion and Consideration of Draft LCVCD General Policies

After some discussion Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Draft LCVCD General Policies: 1015 Policy Review Schedule, 2155 Gift Acceptance Guidelines, 3006 Emergency response Guidelines for Hostile or Violent Incidents, 3012 Environmental, Health, and Safety Compliance Program, 3030 Fixed Asset Accounting Control, 3032 Fixed Asset Capitalization, 3042 Employment of Outside Contractors and Consultants, 3085 Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment, 4025 Expenditure Reimbursement, and 5050 Review of Administrative Decisions. Mr. Gatton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks for December 2011

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 12032 - 12109 for the month of December 2011 in the amount of \$188,658.31. Mr. Gatton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott gave an update on the purchase of the C Street Property. The auction company handling the sale of the property accepts only cash or guaranteed funds (cashier's checks or equivalent). The Lake County Auditor does not issue cashier's checks, so the Board provided Dr. Scott with purchasing instructions following the Special Board Meeting on December 8, 2011. The District deposited \$100,000.00 from Fixed Assets-Land (Expenditure Code 60.00) into the District's outside bank account held with Wells Fargo on December 9, 2011.

On December 12, 2011 Dr. Scott withdrew \$100,000.00 in cashier's checks payable to the Lake County Vector Control District in the following denominations: 4 at \$20,000.00, 1 at \$10,000.00, 1 at \$5,000.00, and 5 at \$1,000.00.

The property auction was held on December 13, 2011 on the steps of the Lake County Courthouse. Dr. Scott was the only bidder, and entered the minimum bid of \$49,316.98, which was set by the seller. The bid was accepted and three cashier's checks, totaling \$50,000.00, were endorsed over to "California Reconveyance Company." The California Reconveyance Company will issue the District a refund for \$683.02 in approximately 2-3 weeks. The refund will be deposited into the District's Fixed Asset-Land account (Expenditure Code 60.00). In addition the

remaining \$50,000.00 in cashier's checks will be redeposited into the District's Fixed Asset-Land account.

The trustee's deed to the property will be sent in approximately 5-7 days.

There will be immediate expenses associated with the property. Approximately \$350 dollars is owed to the City of Lakeport for utilities and additional expenses will be incurred to comply with the City of Lakeport's abatement order.

Dr. Scott informed the Board that the CalPERS update and discussion was postponed until January 2012.

Announcement of 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 January 11, 2012 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 Giamb Bruno.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary