

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

July 8, 2026

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, Frank Lincoln, Ron Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina Scott, Ph.D., Manager and Research Director and Ms. Julie Manick, Office Manager.

Guests: Ms. Heather Jamison of SCI Consulting Group (via Zoom).

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda additions and/or deletions: None.

Open Public Hearing and Consideration of Levy of the Assessment for the Lake County Vector Control District Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment.

President Giambruno opened the Public Hearing at 1:35 P.M.

President Giambruno opened the Public Input portion of the Public Hearing at 1:35 P.M.

There was no public input.

President Giambruno closed the Public Input portion of the Public Hearing at 1:41 P.M.

Consideration of Resolution 26-03 Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering Levy of The Mosquito, Vector, and Disease Control Assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Mr. Spurr moved to approve Resolution 26-03 Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering Levy of the Mosquito, Vector, and Disease Control Assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: five in favor: (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), and none against.

Ms. Jamison left the meeting at 1:47 P.M.

Approve Minutes of June 10, 2026 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 24242 - 24259 Making the Total Expenditures for June 2026 \$116,791.48

Mr. Nagy moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026 Regular Meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 24242 - 24259 making the total expenditures for June 2026 \$116,791.48. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in Lake County this year.

In California, WNV has been detected in 21 counties with 135 positive mosquito samples and 89 positive dead birds. The first human case of WNV illness this year was reported in a Los Angeles County resident. In addition, one asymptomatic case of WNV infection was reported in a San Diego County resident.

One equine case of WNV illness was reported in a horse in San Luis Obispo County.

Two St. Louis encephalitis virus-positive mosquito pools have been reported from two California counties.

For the rest of the United States, 18 states have reported WNV activity including 12 states with human infections.

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus activity has been reported from Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana. No human cases have been reported in 2026.

Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) has been reported in mosquitoes from one Nebraska county. No human cases have been reported in 2026.

St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLE) activity has been reported in mosquitoes from Arizona and California. No human cases have been reported in 2026.

There have been no locally acquired cases of chikungunya (CHIK) illness in the United States this year. However, 63 travel-associated cases of CHIK illness have been reported from 22 states including two cases in California.

In 2026, locally acquired cases of dengue (DEN) illness have been reported in American Samoa (370) and Puerto Rico (727). An additional 140 travel-associated cases have been reported from 28 states and two US territories.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. In June, 75 carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the county. Among the mosquito species collected were *Aedes increpitus*, *Aedes sierrensis*, *Culex tarsalis*, *Anopheles freeborni*, *Aedes melanimon*, and *Aedes nigromaculis*. In addition, large numbers of biting black gnats were also collected.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. The numbers of Clear Lake gnats declined from 0.14 larvae per dredge in May to 0.07 larvae per dredge in June for the Upper Arm of Clearlake. Chironominae numbers increased from 37.11 larvae per dredge in May to 44.79 larvae per dredge in June. The average number of Tanypodinae collected decreased from 4.29 larvae per dredge in May to 3.82 larvae per dredge in June.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Twenty-four ticks have been brought in for identification by the public this season. Of those, 16 *Ixodes pacificus* were submitted for *Borrelia burgdorferi* testing. All were negative for *Borrelia*.

Operation Report

During June, no rainfall was recorded in the District's rain gauge. The total rainfall for the season is 22.11 inches, which is 84% of the average cumulative annual rainfall for this date.

The level of Clear Lake was 6.58 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on June 1. On June 30, the lake declined to 5.50 feet.

The District responded to 319 service requests in June. The technicians completed 8 technician-generated applications, and 9 yellowjackets requests. In addition, residents submitted 84 online requests.

On June 17, Entomologist Jessi Edmiston spoke to members of the Lake County Master Gardeners class. Participants were taught about the history of vector control, the District's services, and the public health importance of vectors.

On June 18, the District's eight vector control certified staff attended the annual pesticide worker safety training, which is required for pesticide handlers.

In June, the glass on the District's main entrance door was shattered by a small rock kicked up by a string trimmer. Dr. Scott is receiving estimates from local contractors, and it should take an estimated 2-6 weeks for the repair or replacement door.

On June 30, the District filled two seasonal positions.

As previously reported, the County of Lake is changing over to a new financial software system, Workday, on October 1, 2026. The County Auditor-Controller's Office is holding meetings every other Friday to help Special District's prepare for the changeover. At the most recent meeting, we learned that we will have access to real-time financial data for the District.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Julie Manick are continuing to meet with VC3 to correct any issues and plan for our centralized managed domain, SharePoint, and multifactor authentication rollouts.

Vector Control Technician Brad Hayes and Dr. Scott attended the Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting and learned that the County intends to assume responsibility for State Maintenance Area 17 (MA17), which is legally defined flood control district and levee maintenance zone established by the State Reclamation Board. It was announced during the meeting that the County will discontinue maintenance and disconnect the power from the Middle Creek Pumping Plant, which removes water from approximately 525 acres in the Reclamation. The proposed dissolution of MA17 and County assumption of responsibility for the area brought up multiple concerns for

mosquito control in the Reclamation, including maintenance of the levees and roads, mowing and weed control, and most critically the removal of water to avoid ongoing applications of pesticides to protect the residents and visitors in the adjacent communities.

Dr. Scott followed up her comments in the meeting by sending a letter that outlined the District's concerns, the health risks to the community, and the potential costs that the County could incur if the area were allowed to flood. There will be another meeting in July between Vector Control Technician Brad Hayes, Dr. Scott, Lake County Water Resources Director Pawan Upadhyay, and Middle Creek Program Coordinator Michael Bedar to clarify how the County will ensure that the water continues to be removed from the area of the Reclamation served by the Middle Creek Pumping Plant during the preparatory phases of the Middle Creek Project, the transition of operations, and establish our direct points of contact for ongoing maintenance. Dr. Scott also requested formal notification for the Lake County Vector Control District of all hearings, public notices, or meetings related to MA17; that the County explicitly include long-term public health risks and mosquito control costs into its fiscal and risk analysis; and the formal integration of Vector Control into the Middle Creek Project planning process moving forward.

Final Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

After some discussion, Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Checks for the Months of July 2026

Mr. Spurr moved to approve Check Nos. 24260 - 24307 for the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$464,521.82. Mr. Lincoln 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 August 12, 2026 in the LCVCD 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 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary