

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 23, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., District Manager and Research Director, Ms. Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager, and Mr. Julian Chavez, Vector Control Technician.

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Mr. Leonard moved to approve the Board Minutes of the January 12, 2022 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 20661-20677 making the total expenditures for January 2022 \$96,016.97. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Reports for the Month of January 2022

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

No arboviral activity has been reported for California and the rest of the nation in 2022.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. In January, *Culiseta inornata*, were collected from the New Jersey Light Trap (NJLT) near Borax Lake and the NJLT in the Reclamation near Upper Lake.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Four *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents have been submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. All of the ticks were negative for the Lyme spirochete.

Dr. Scott reported on District publications. An article coauthored by three District employees (former Entomologist Brittany Nelms, Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik, and District Manager/Research Director Jamesina J. Scott) was accepted by the *Journal of Vector Ecology*. The article is titled "Prevalence of filarial parasites in field-caught mosquitoes in northwestern California." This is the 110th article published by District employees.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. In the Upper Arm, 6.32 Clear Lake gnat larvae per dredge were collected. Chironominae averaged 13.75 larvae per dredge, and the average number of tanypodinae collected was 0.29 larvae per dredge.

Operation Report

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 0.45 inches of precipitation in January 2022. The cumulative rainfall for this season is 16.65 inches.

On January 1, the level of Clear Lake was at 0.09 feet on the Rumsey Gauge, and reached 0.54 feet by January 31.

One service request for mosquitofish was received in January. Many of the seasonally flooded larval habitats remain dry.

The District received \$75,976 in Covid-19 Fiscal Relief in January. The funds are from California's \$100 Million Special District Relief Fund to reimburse costs and loss revenue due the Covid-19 emergency.

Mr. Terry Sanderson (Vector Control Technician III) plans on retiring April 1, 2022 after 35 years of District service. Mr. Sanderson has been a key employee for many years and will be greatly missed.

In January, the District hired Julian Chavez as a Vector Control Technician I. Julian is currently training with Terry Sanderson and will serve the communities of Lakeport and the greater Kelseyville area when Terry retires.

The Lake County Record-Bee printed an article about mosquitofish on January 4. The article discussed the usefulness of mosquitofish as a tool in protecting public health and the effect that its widespread stocking has had on native fishes.

Dr. Scott attended several webinars in January that covered employment law updates, prevailing wage, and remote workplaces.

On January 26, all certified staff attended a half-day webinar that included presentations on aerial pesticide applications, pesticide resistance, and modes of action in mosquito control products. The staff received continuing education credits in all categories for attending the webinar.

Dr. Scott attended the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) monthly All Hands meeting via Zoom. The upcoming MVCAC Annual Conference was discussed.

The District's annual letter notifying potentially affected agencies of the District's intent to apply public health pesticides for vector control was sent in January. The letter is required by the terms of the District's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

Consideration of Resolution 22-01 Establishing and Appropriating Over-realized/Unanticipated Revenue from the State of California Special District Covid-19 Relief Fund into the District's 2021-2022 Budget

After some discussion Mr. Bostock moved to approve Resolution 22-01 Establishing and Appropriating Over-realized/Unanticipated Revenue from the State of California Special District Covid-19 Relief Fund into the District's 2021-2022 Budget. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr).

Discussion and Board Action Regarding Non-Renewal of Employee Health Coverage and Options for Future Coverage

Dr. Scott informed the Board that on February 16, 2022 the District was notified by Operating Engineers that its employee health coverage would not be renewed after March 31, 2022. She is identifying options to continue receiving coverage through Operating Engineers or from another provider.

No Board action was taken on this item.

Board Consideration of Nomination to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors

No nominations were made.

Approve Checks for the Month of February 2022

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 20678-20740 for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$78,463.07. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Office Manager Jacinda Fransich reminded the Board that the Annual Statements of Economic Interest-Form 700 are due in the Lake County Auditor's Office by the end of February.

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 PM on March 16, 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 to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 2:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary