

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 14, 2026

The regular 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, Ron Nagy, Frank Lincoln, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Ms. Michelle Meighan, Vector Biologist and Ms. Julie Manick, New Office Manager.

Guests: None.

Citizens Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Approve Minutes of December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 23776 - 23844. Making the Total Expenditures for December 2025 \$139,047.93.

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Board Minutes of December 10, 2025 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 23776 - 23844 making the total expenditures for December 2025 \$139,047.93. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Ms. Meighan reported on arbovirus activity. During 2025, West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in six sentinel chickens, five mosquito samples, and one dead bird in Lake County.

For the rest of California, 110 cases of WNV human illness were reported, including ten fatal cases. One hundred fifty-four WNV-positive dead birds were reported from 21 counties, 2,756 WNV-positive mosquito samples were reported from 27 counties, and 65 WNV-positive sentinel chickens were reported from 9 counties.

St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) activity has been detected in 105 mosquito samples from three California counties in 2025. At this time last

year, 34 SLEV positive mosquito pools were reported from 5 counties. Two human cases of SLEV have been reported from Arizona.

Six cases of locally acquired dengue virus (DENV) have been reported in residents from Los Angeles, California in 2025.

Three human cases of Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) infections have been reported from Maine, New York, and South Carolina. The South Carolina case was fatal.

Twenty-one human cases of Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) have been reported in residents of seven states. Fourteen of the cases were neuroinvasive.

One hundred and five human cases of La Crosse encephalitis virus (LACV) disease have been reported in residents of thirteen states.

Fifty-three human cases of Powassan virus (POWV) disease have been reported in residents of eleven states. Fifty cases were neuroinvasive. Powassan virus is a tick-borne virus.

There have been three hundred and seventy-two cases of travel-related chikungunya (CHIK) virus reported in 2025 from 26 states, including eleven cases in California. With one locally acquired case of CHIK having been reported in New York.

Five travel-associated cases of Zika (Zik) virus disease cases were reported in residents of four states. One locally acquired case of Zik was reported in a resident of Puerto Rico.

There have been 110 Oropouche (ORO) Fever travel cases reported in 2025 in the United States from seven states.

In the continental United States, there have been 66 cases of locally acquired dengue virus infection reported: six in California, fifty-nine in Florida, and one in Arizona. 3,259 locally acquired cases of dengue virus have been reported in the US Territories, with the majority (3,154 cases) being in Puerto Rico. Forty-eight states and three US Territories have reported 1,076 imported dengue cases this year.

New Jersey light traps (NJLT) set in Reclamation near Upper Lake collected one female *Cx. tarsalis*, one male *Cx. stigmatosoma*, 97 female and 2 male

Cs. inornata. The trap near Borax Lake in Clearlake collected low numbers of *Cx. tarsalis*, *Cs. inornata*, and *Culicoides occidentalis* (biting black gnat).

No large red box samples were collected as each winter the boxes are removed and refurbished as needed.

Ms. Meighan reported on tick testing. One *Ixodes pacificus* (western black-legged tick) has been submitted for *Borrelia burgdorferi* testing this season. The result was not detected for *B. burgdorferi*.

The number of *Chaoborus astictopus* (Clear Lake gnat) stayed the same at 0.14 larvae per dredge in December in the Upper Arm of Clear Lake. This is below the historical average of 2.89 larvae per dredge for the month. *Chironominae* numbers decreased from 94.21 larvae per dredge in November to 65.96 larvae per dredge in December, which remains well above the historical average of 26.63 larvae per dredge for the month. The average number of *Tanypodinae* collected decreased from 1.04 larvae per dredge in November to 0.71 larvae per dredge in December.

Operation Report

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 7.25 inches of precipitation during December, which is 117% of the average for the month of December. The level of Clear Lake was at 2.91 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on December 1 and increased to 5.05 feet by December 31.

No service requests were received in December, which is typical for this month.

No education or outreach events for December.

Our longtime and amazing Office Manager, Jacinda Franusich is retiring. On December 12th the District hosted a combined holiday and retirement lunch to celebrate Jacinda Franusich and all she has done for the District.

Technicians have been continuing their work on winter projects and maintenance.

Dr. Scott has continued her medical leave for the month of December.

Office Manager Jacinda Franusich and Office Manager in training, Julie Manick participated in the VC3 biweekly meetings. They have also been

working with Scott Isbell of VC3 as the District started the email migration from GoDaddy to Microsoft.

Approve Checks for the Month of January 2026

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 23845 - 23891 for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$73,226.46. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

None reported.

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 11, 2026, 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 1:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary