

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

December 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:34 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: None.

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

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of November 10, 2021 with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 20523-20540 making the total expenditures for November 2021 \$97,492.88. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. In Lake County, four mosquito samples tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) and four sentinel chickens seroconverted for WNV in 2021.

For the rest of California, 108 human cases of WNV illness were reported from twenty-three counties this year.

Two hundred-nine dead birds from nineteen California counties tested positive for WNV in 2021. In addition, 2,260 WNV-positive mosquito samples were reported from 25 counties, and 88 sentinel chickens from twelve counties tested positive for antibodies to WNV.

Thirteen cases of WNV illness in horses have been reported from eight California counties in 2021.

There have been three human cases of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) disease reported from three California counties in 2021 as well as 44 SLEV-positive mosquito samples from eight counties, and two SLEV-positive chickens from Merced County.

In the rest of the United States, West Nile virus has been detected in forty-nine states. This includes 2,550 cases of human infections with 150 deaths.

One travel-related case of Zika virus disease was reported in the United States, and in the US Territories 26 cases were reported that are presumed to be locally acquired.

Sixteen cases of travel-related chikungunya virus illness were reported in the United States in 2021.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. New Jersey light traps were set near Borax Lake and in the Reclamation near Upper Lake. Two mosquito species were collected as well as biting black gnats.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Three *Ixodes pacificus* removed from Lake County residents were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for *Borrelia burgdorferi* testing in November. All the samples were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed during November because the fuel pump needed to finish repairs to the boat was still on national backorder. However, the part was received in late November and lake checks should resume in December.

Operation Report

During November, 1.5 inches of rain was recorded in the District's rain gauge. The level of Clear Lake was at -1.44 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on November 1 and by November 30 the lake level was -1.40 feet.

The District's Cooperative Agreement was renewed in November. The Cooperative Agreement between the California Department of Public Health and local vector control agencies provides critical flexibility to local vector

control districts to perform their mandated role in the control of public health vectors.

The District's Vector Control Technicians began the process of dismantling the old pesticide storage building in November. This will allow the District to more easily dispose of the building.

Certified staff participated in a day-long webinar in November. The webinar included presentations about yellowjacket control, rodent control, and uses for 3D printing in mosquito control. The staff received continuing education credits in all categories for attending the presentation.

On November 1, Dr. Scott participated in the Employment Risk Management Authority (ERMA) Board meeting via videoconference. Dr. Scott serves as the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) representative on the ERMA Board.

On November 3, Dr. Scott participated in the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Sacramento Valley Regional meeting via videoconference.

On November 10, Dr. Scott attended a webinar titled "Navigating the Pathways of Vaccine Mandates and Current COVID-19 Litigation."

On November 16, Dr. Scott attended the MVCAC Executive Board's monthly meeting via Zoom.

On November 29, Dr. Scott met with DJ Meyer of Bridges Construction to discuss the wall between the District's property and its neighbor on C Street. It has been difficult to find local contractors willing to bid on the project. The wall must be engineered because it is more than 40 inches in height, and it is a prevailing wage job. An estimate is being prepared and work is expected to begin after the first of the year.

Board Consideration of Resolution 21-06 Establishing and Appropriating Over-realized/Unanticipated Revenue from Vector Control Joint Powers Agency Retrospective Adjustment Refund into the District's 2021-2022 Budget

After some discussion Mr. Spurr moved to approve Resolution 21-06. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: 5

in favor, (Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Spurr, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Leonard, and Mr. Nagy).

Consider Changing the Date or Cancelling the February and March Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Dr. Scott requested that the Board consider changing its meeting dates in February and March so that staff could attend the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC), Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA), and American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) annual meetings. After some discussion, Mr. Bostock moved to change the date of the February 2022 regular meeting from Wednesday February 9, 2022 to Wednesday February 23, 2022, and the March 2022 regular meeting from Wednesday March 9, 2022 to Wednesday March 16, 2022. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Scott thanked the Board for adjusting its meeting schedule.

Approval of Checks for December 2021

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 20541-20586 for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$63,188.20. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

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 12, 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 the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary