

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 9, 2025

Prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 11:00 A.M., a two-hour AB 1234 Ethics Training webinar was attended by District Trustees, the District Manager and Office Manager.

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, Frank Lincoln, Ron Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

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

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

Approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Add Checks 23199-23214 in the Amount of \$32,117.38 Making the Total Expenditures for March 2025 \$137,599.99

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of March 12, 2025 with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 23199-23214 making the total expenditures for March \$137,599.99. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) or other arbovirus activity has been reported in Lake County in 2025.

For the rest of California one WNV positive dead bird was collected in Alameda County. No other arboviral activity has been reported in the rest of the nation.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. The New Jersey light trap (NJLT) set near Borax Lake in Clearlake collected low numbers of *Culex*

tarsalis and *Culiseta inornata*. In addition, the NJLT set in Upper Lake collected *Culiseta inornata* and *Culex tarsalis* as well

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Six *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi* (the causative agent for Lyme disease). Five of the samples were negative and results are pending for the most recent sample.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. The Clear Lake gnat larvae decreased from 0.71 larvae per dredge in January to 0.30 larvae per dredge in March. Chironominae decreased from 55.29 larvae per dredge in January to 29.05 larvae per dredge in March, and Tanypodinae larvae decreased from 0.86 larvae per dredge in January to 0.06 larvae per dredge in March.

Operation Report

During the month of March, 3.30 inches of rainfall were recorded at the District. The total rainfall recorded this season is 26.8 inches.

On March 1, the level of Clear Lake was 7.64 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level was 7.87 feet on March 31.

On March 10, the District made a drone application for larval mosquito control to 65 acres in areas that the plane was unable to treat.

District Vector Control Technicians made 34 applications to *Aedes increpitus* sources in March. In addition, fifteen service requests were submitted online.

Three hundred acres in the Reclamation were treated with larvicide applied by a swisher spreader mounted on the Argo amphibious vehicle in March.

Vector Control Technician Julian Chavez earned his Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate in March. The Part 107 Certificate is required to operate a drone for government agencies or private businesses.

Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik, Laboratory Technician Kara Gaylor and Entomologist Jessi Edmiston attended the Annual Meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) in San Juan, Puerto Rico at the beginning of March. Ms. Gaylor presented an updated version of her poster regarding insect preservation for outreach.

All the District's certified employees have completed their continuing education requirements for the cycle ending in June 2025.

The District's certified staff attended a webinar provided by the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California on mosquitofish disease management and biosecurity on March 13. The staff received continuing education credit for the webinar.

The District was visited in March by Ms. Riley Hoffman, a graduate student studying Forensic Entomology at UC Davis.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Jacinda Franusich met with Amber Mena of VC3 to discuss the District's technology needs. Several weaknesses in the District's computer and internet systems have been identified. To improve security Ms. Mena suggested moving District email from GoDaddy to a direct Microsoft account and installing a firewall and central hub for wired computer connections. These upgrades are essential for the eventual implementation of an electronic service request system.

The District's outdated phone system was also addressed during the VC3 meeting. Ms. Mena recommended exploring Microsoft Teams through a wireless carrier with Starlink as a backup.

The City of Lakeport has provided the District with biological assessment reports from public agencies that have been approved in recent years. The reports included the names of biological consulting firms. Dr. Scott has contacted those firms and will report back with information as soon as she has it.

Dr. Scott attended two online programs by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) in March: a webinar titled "CSDA Webinar: AI in 2025: Legal Landscape and Strategic Imperatives" and a workshop titled "Introduction to Project Management."

The District was selected to submit a full grant proposal to the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) *Culicoides* Fund. The District has requested \$102,072.36 in grant funding.

Dr. Scott attended the Special Districts Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Spring Education Day in Sacramento on March 26. Dr. Scott spoke

with Alana Little, the SDRMA Health Benefits Manager, about their coverage options and ancillary benefits being offered.

Consideration of Nomination for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Northern Network, Seat B

There were no nominations and no action was taken on this item.

Approval of Budget Transfers

After some discussion, Mr. Spurr moved to approve the budget transfer from 90-91 Contingencies in the amount of \$500.00, to 11-00 Clothing/Personal Supplies. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks for April 2025

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 23215-23259 for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$96,421.40. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott mentioned that if any of the Trustees are interested in assisted hearing devices for Board Meetings the District can purchase them. Many devices transmit directly to hearing aids.

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 May 14, 2025 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

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 2:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary