

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES NO. 05-1

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District was held on January 10, 2005, in the District Office at 155 Mason Circle, Concord, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT Russ Belleci
 Jon Elam
 James Fitzsimmons
 Heather Gibson
 Richard Head
 C. Kaleinani Lau
 Jeannette Mahoney
 Richard Mank
 Tim McDonough
 Richard Means
 Earl Mortenson
 Daniel Pellegrini
 Myrto Petreas
 James Pinckney
 Ronald Tervelt
 Dick Vesperman
 Diane Wolcott

TRUSTEES ABSENT Nancy Brownfield
 John Poon

OTHERS PRESENT Craig Downs, General Manager
 Ray Waletzko, Administrative & Finance Manager
 Gale Jirik, Operations Manager
 Steve Schutz, Scientific Programs Manager
 Deborah Bass, Public Relations Manager
 Fran Buchanan, IEDA Representative
 David Metz, Fairbanks, Maslin, Maullin & Associates
 Rosemarie DiMaggio
 Ulysses Madison, SEIU Local 790 Representative
 Leo Handy, Jr., SEIU Local 790 Representative
 Nancy Thurman, Administrative Secretary
 Mark Cornelius, Legal Counsel
 John Chase, Vector Control Inspector (VCI)
 Patrick Vicencio, VCI
 Damien Clauson, Vector Control Technician (VCT)
 Sheila Currier, VCT
 Joe Cleope, VCI

Steve Fisher, VCT
Nancy Harden, VCT
Steve Perkins, VCI
David Obrochta, VCT
Kirk Thill, Lead VCI
Patrick Vicencio, VCT
Fred Walls, VCT
David Wexler, VCT

1. President Elam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A roll call indicated that 17 Trustees were present, two were absent, and there are three vacancies.
3. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, AS POSTED

** Motion was made by Trustee Pellegrini, and seconded by Trustee Head to approve the agenda, as posted. *Motion passed unanimously.*

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Ulysses Madison, SEIU Local 790 Representative, spoke to the Board regarding the last, best, and final offer of the District to the represented employees. He wanted the Board to know that the negotiating team is bargaining in good faith, but do not want to feel they are being pressured into presenting an inequitable package to the membership. He identified the main issue as that of retirement benefits. President Elam thanked him for sharing the information with the Board members.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. MINUTES - APPROVAL OF MINUTES 04-6, REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2004.
- B. EXPENDITURES - APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004 INCLUDING CHECKS NO. 11933 THROUGH NO. 12095 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$353,417.24
- C. PAYROLL - APPROVAL OF PAYROLL EXPENDITURES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004 INCLUDING CHECKS NO. 56377 THROUGH NO. 56498 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,421.16
- D. INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2004

** Motion by Trustee Pellegrini and seconded by Trustee McDonough to approve the consent calendar. *Motion passed unanimously.*

E. APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE TRAVEL - After a brief discussion on trustee travel philosophy, Trustees Tervelt and Belleci withdrew their requests.

** Motion by Trustee Mahoney and seconded by Trustee Tervelt to approve travel for Trustee Wolcott to AMCA conference on April 3-7, 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Final Report of Telephone Survey by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates (Appendix IV) - David Metz of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Survey conducted every five years (November, 2004), the last survey was conducted in 1999. The survey measures resident's awareness of the District, its services, the degree which they had with problems with vectors, their understanding of the health risks posed by mosquitoes, their awareness of education and advertisement materials, their support for potential ballot measures and support of public health pesticides. The number of residents feeling that a health hazard was presented by mosquitoes sharply increased from 40 percent in 1999 to 66 percent in 2004. Forty-four percent of those stated that West Nile Virus was the reason for their concern. Mr. Metz also pointed out that three-fourths of residents polled felt they were somewhat informed about West Nile Virus, and two out of five of those polled wanted more information. Awareness of the District more than doubled since 1999, with 26 percent of those polled being aware of the Mosquito & Vector Control District. Ten percent of those polled had used our services, and of those, 95 percent were at least somewhat satisfied in the service provided. The majority of residents polled are aware of where funding for the District comes from, but 21 percent still think that we are funded from county revenues. Forty-five percent of residents polled recalled receiving literature from our District, and of those, 49 percent said it was on either mosquitoes or West Nile Virus related.

** Motion by Trustee Belleci, seconded by Trustee Mortensen to accept the Telephone Survey Report. *Motion passed unanimously.*

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Report on Operational Activities in 2004 and Preparations for 2005 - Operations Manager Jirik gave a slide presentation of West Nile Virus activity throughout the country for 2004. The significance of assaults in the spring was proven to reduce populations in Bethel Island, Jersey Island, Holland Tract and the two marshes where larvicide was applied. Service request numbers were down for all vectors except yellowjackets. The District has

administrative citation power from the cities of Antioch, Brentwood and Danville. Ordinances were passed in Richmond and San Pablo stating that they would issue their own citations. To actively prepare for the 2005 season, a number of steps were taken, including hiring 12 aides for technicians, 10 of whom will be in the mosquito program; prohibiting scheduled vacations from July 5 to November 1, 2005 and additional enforcement practices for nuisance abatements in the cities. Evidence has shown that West Nile Virus will likely appear in our county this coming year in greater numbers than last.

- B. Report on Insurance Program (VCJPA) (Appendix I) - Administrative & Finance Manager Ray Waletzko gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various insurance programs the District participates in. It was explained that much of the District insurance coverage is in the form of self-insurance in conjunction with other mosquito and vector control districts in California. Some of the areas addressed were workers compensation, liability, property and auto physical damage.
- C. Report on LAFCO - Special District Member Representative - General Manager Downs spoke briefly regarding the need to send a Board member as a representative from our District to the LAFCO election on January 24, 2005, to fill the seat formerly held by Dr. David Jameson. Trustee Vesperman volunteered to attend, as Board President Petreas informed the board she would be unavailable to attend.

** Motion by Trustee Pinckney to have Trustee Vesperman attend and vote in place of President Petreas at the Special District meeting, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. *Motion passed unanimously.*

2005 CALENDAR

A. Election of Officers

President, Myrto Petreas, Ph.D.
Vice President, Ronald Tervelt
Secretary, H. Richard Mank

** Motion by Trustee Head, seconded by Trustee Mahoney, to approve the election of the officers. *Motion passed unanimously.*

B. 2005 Meeting Schedule

** Motion by Trustee Mortenson, seconded by Trustee Head, to approve the meeting schedule. *Motion passed unanimously.*

10. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Committee Charges - The committee sign up sheet was passed around.

** Motion by Trustee Mortenson, seconded by Trustee McDonough to approve the committee charges. *Motion passed unanimously.*

CLOSED SESSION - Began 8:30 PM.

___ No action to report from closed session. ___

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:00 PM

11. BOARD AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Board - Trustee Belleci reported that Delta Science Center is offering tours on the Delta the last two weekends in February.

B. Staff - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

I certify the above minutes were approved as read or corrected at a meeting of the Board held on March 14, 2005.

H. Richard Mank
Secretary, Board of Trustees