

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES NO. 09-2

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, in the District Office at 155 Mason Circle, Concord, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT Russ Belleci
 Jeff Bennett
 Michael Cory
 Chris Cowen
 Jim Fitzsimmons
 Richard Head
 Peggie Howell
 Richard Mank
 Tim McDonough
 Angela Micheals
 Dan Pellegrini
 Myrto Petreas
 Jim Pinckney
 Sharyn Rossi
 Jose Saavedra
 Brian Smalley
 Kirk Thill
 Diane Wolcott

TRUSTEES ABSENT Richard Ainsley
 Soheila Bana
 Nancy Brownfield
 Richard Means

OTHERS PRESENT Mark Cornelius, Legal Counsel
 Craig Downs, General Manager
 Ray Waletzko, Administrative & Finance Manager
 Allison Lewis, Administrative Secretary
 Karl Malamud-Roam, Environmental Projects Manager
 Chris Miller, Biologist
 Carlos Sanabria, Operations Manager
 David Wexler, Vector Control Technician
 Mo Kashmiri, SEIU Local 1021 Representative

1. President Wolcott called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. A roll call indicated that 18 Trustees were present, four were absent, and there are no vacancies.

President Wolcott introduced Brian Smalley, new Trustee from San Pablo and Kirk Thill, new Trustee from Brentwood.

3. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

** A motion was made by Trustee Saavedra and seconded by Trustee Micheals to add item 7E to the consent calendar. *Motion passed unanimously.*

** A motion was made by Trustee Pellegrini and seconded by Trustee Head to approve the agenda as amended. *Motion passed unanimously.*

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS -

David Wexler, Vector Control Technician and District Shop Steward, introduced himself to the Board and spoke briefly.

Mo Kashmiri, SEIU Local 1021 Representative, introduced himself to the board and spoke briefly.

6. PRESENTATION -

Presentation to Jim Pinckney, Trustee, for 20 years of service.

Presentation to Jim Fitzsimmons, Trustee, for 5 years of service.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES - APPROVAL OF MINUTES 09-1, REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2009.

B. EXPENDITURES - APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009, INCLUDING CHECKS NO. 16658 THROUGH NO. 16840, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$495,714.11.

C. PAYROLL - APPROVAL OF PAYROLL EXPENDITURES OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009, INCLUDING CHECKS NO. 60821 THROUGH NO. 60983, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,269.18.

D. INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2008 & JANUARY 2009

E. APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE TRAVEL

** A motion was made by Trustee Pellegrini and seconded by Trustee Saavedra to approve the consent calendar as amended. *Motion passed unanimously.*

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Executive Committee Report - Diane Wolcott, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported that the committee met on February 17, 2009. Items discussed included; the District's GASB 45 actuarial valuation of other post-employment benefit programs was completed; a joint report from the MVCAC and VCJPA titled "Mosquito and Vector Control District Trustees as District Employees?"; a recent 6th Circuit Court of Appeals decision concerning the NPDES permitting

process; and state budget issues and their effect on District revenues. The committee will bring to the full board at a later date a few of these items once they have recommendations.

- B. Personnel Committee Report - Jose Saavedra, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the committee met on February 23, 2009. Items discussed included; the process and review for personnel and salaries & benefit adjustments; Five Year Plan staffing; Employee Handbook policy changes; and ongoing negotiations with SEIU Local 1021. The committee will have recommendations at the July board meeting regarding unrepresented employees and recommendations at a future meeting regarding represented employees pending conclusion of negotiations.
- C. Fish Program - Biologist Chris Miller presented the 2009 Fisheries Program Update. The presentation covered the Districts mosquitofish culture methods and mosquitofish production numbers. The recent increase in mosquitofish distribution was caused by the increase in non-maintained pools (increase in foreclosed homes). Research on Sacramento perch as a biological agent of mosquitoes was presented. While Sacramento perch did show some promise, production challenges as well as the failure of perch to survive in waters that contained non-native centrarchids (bass, bluegill & crappie) has made operational use impractical. Use and research on this species will be done on a limited basis in the future. Highlights of this research was the publication of two papers in scientific journals and the discovery of an attachment filament in prolarvae that was not previously documented (paper in progress). Outside grants obtained by Biologist Miller for research on Sacramento perch total \$34,000 for 2006 to 2008. The final part of the presentation was an overview of California native fish species that are candidates for future biological control research and include California roach (*Lavinia symmetricus*), Hitch (*Lavinia exilicauda*) and Sacramento blackfish (*Orthodon microlepidotus*).
- D. Report on Annual Environmental Audit/ CEQA Compliance (Appendix I) - Environmental Projects Manager Karl Malamud-Roam presented the Annual Environmental Audit and CEQA Review. In particular, he reported in detail on the District's use of fish and pesticides, and how these use patterns compared with previous years. Some minor variations are observed from year to year, largely as a result of weather influences and other impacts on mosquito habitat distribution, but no major changes in District policies nor practices were noted. A review of changing regulatory requirements and recent scientific studies on the potential environmental impacts of vector control practices was presented.
- E. West Nile Virus Update - General Manager Downs reported, to date, there have been 4 dead birds detected, all in Southern California. 2 birds reported from San Diego & Orange Counties as well as 2 chickens converting from a flock in Los Angeles County. District seasonal Vector Control Aides have returned and their focus will be neglected swimming pools. This allows Vector Control Technicians to focus on other sources throughout the county.
- F. Self Insurance Programs - VCJPA (Appendix II) - General Manager Downs summarized important points of the recent audit of the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency. He explained that the various insurance coverage programs offered to the member districts are purchased, partially self insured or fully self

insured; which is determined by a majority of the members. Fiscal year highlights include Assets of \$11.5 million while Liabilities amount to \$6.1 million. Financial stability of the VCJPA is sound and the program is considered very successful based on a number of criteria.

- G. Conferences Attended (Appendix III) - Trustees Russ Belleci, Richard Means and Diane Wolcott each submitted a summary on the MVCAC Annual Conference.

CLOSED SESSION - Began 8:25 p.m.

9. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

CONFERENCE WITH JOSE SAAVEDRA, CHAIR OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, AND CRAIG DOWNS, GENERAL MANAGER, AS DISTRICT NEGOTIATORS, TO REVIEW THE DISTRICT'S POSITION ON SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 (a).

Titles: All represented employees (SEIU Local 1021)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 8:43 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No reportable actions from closed session.

10. BOARD AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Board - None

B. Staff - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

I certify the above minutes were approved as read or corrected at a meeting of the Board held on May 11, 2009.

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Abstain: _____

H. Richard Mank
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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