

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES No. 01-6

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, in the District Office at 155 Mason Circle, Concord, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT      Russ Belleci  
                                 Nancy Brownfield  
                                 Jon Elam  
                                 Heather Gibson  
                                 John Hall  
                                 Richard Head  
                                 David Jameson  
                                 Charles Lupsha  
                                 Richard Mank  
                                 Tim McDonough  
                                 Richard Means  
                                 Earl Mortenson  
                                 James Pinckney  
                                 Ronald Tervelt  
                                 Dick Vesperman

TRUSTEES EXCUSED      Jeannette Mahoney  
                                 Daniel Pellegrini  
                                 Myrto Petreas

TRUSTEES ABSENT      David Carpenter  
                                 John Poon

OTHERS PRESENT      Craig Downs, General Manager  
                                 Michele Valencia, Secretary  
                                 Mark Cornelius, General Counsel  
                                 Ray Waletzko, Administrative Analyst  
                                 Karl Malamud-Roam, Environmental Projects Manager  
                                 Steve Perkins, Union Steward  
                                 Fran Buchanan, IEDA  
                                 Freda Thurston, Former Trustee

1.      President McDonough called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2.      A roll call indicated that 15 Trustees were present, two were excused, three were absent, and there were two vacancies.

3. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

\*\* A motion was made by Trustee Elam and seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed

5.\* PUBLIC INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS - Former Trustee Freda Thurston reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Pleasant Hill of which she was Grand Marshal. She thanked General Manager Downs for his help in decorating and driving a District vehicle for her transportation in the parade. She also passed around a small article found in a recent edition of the Pleasant Hill insert to the Contra Costa times by Paul Cooper mentioning the District.

6.\* CONSENT CALENDAR - The following items listed \* are enclosed. If the Board would like to discuss any item listed, it may be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

A.\* MINUTES - APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01-5, REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2001

B.\* EXPENDITURES - APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OF JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2001, INCLUDING CHECKS NO. 7926 THROUGH NO. 8124, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$629,809.99

C. PAYROLL - APPROVAL OF PAYROLL EXPENDITURES OF JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2001, INCLUDING CHECKS NO. 53620 THROUGH NO. 53737, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,083.37

D.\* INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JUNE 2001 & JULY 2001

\*\* A Motion was made by Trustee Elam and seconded By Trustee Jameson to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed.

7. CLOSED SESSION - 7:05 pm

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

CONFERENCE WITH FRAN BUCHANAN, LABOR NEGOTIATOR REPRESENTATIVE, AND CRAIG DOWNS, GENERAL MANAGER, 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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 7:43 pm

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Report on Excess Vehicles - General Manager Downs indicated that four District vehicles are scheduled to be excessed per District procedures.

\*\* A motion was made by Trustee Mank and seconded by Trustee Brownfield to approve the excess sale of four (4) vehicles. Motion passed.

- B. Annual Report of 2000/2001 Investment Portfolio Performance - Administrative Analyst Waletzko reported on interest earned on District funds invested in LAIF during fiscal year 2000/2001, comparing favorably to other public agencies surveyed. He also commented on the breakdown of the 2,928 agencies participating in the Local Agency Investment Fund and the portfolio composition of the Pooled Money Investment Account.

\*\* A motion was made by Trustee Jameson and seconded by Trustee Head to Accept the Annual Report of 2000/2001 Investment Portfolio Performance

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit - Karl Malamud-Roam reported that at their July meeting the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a general permit for applications for pollutants associated with the discharge of pesticides. District staff is recommending that the Board of Trustees delay any action at this time as it feels there is a defensible argument that what we are discharging are not pollutants under any existing laws or regulations. If we get into a position where we feel that we do need a permit for what we are discharging, the current permit draft could probably work for the District although some of the monitoring requirements are still ambiguous.

- B. Report on Preliminary Five-Year Plan 2002-2007 - Trustee Vesperman reported that the Advanced Planning Committee had met and are moving in the direction of reorienting the plan from an activities perspective to an issues perspective. Some of the key issues that will be addressed over the next five years are: the political/legislative arena, environmental regulation, technology, the agency's policy on research, intergovernmental activities, source control and treatment, service calls, and education & outreach. One Trustee mentioned that another issue to be considered might be potential diseases carried into this area from overseas.

- C. Report on Potential Abatement on Western Farms Ranch, Byron - General Manager Downs informed the Board that the Mormon Church, owners of Western Farms Ranch, have been advised of potential abatement proceedings. Since they received the warning letter, they have been cooperative. The land manager has been on site to see what problems exist. No further problems have been reported.

- D. Update on Energy Conservation Plan - General Manager Downs updated the Board on the electricity usage, indicating that as of July, we were maintaining the 20% reduction goal. We are still looking at further measures such as roll down

shades and window shading.

- E. Update on Brentwood Substation - General Manager Downs informed the Board that since the last Board meeting, we have received a call on the availability of the Brentwood Substation. Unfortunately the intended business found another location. Another person was looking for a lot to store vehicles but that would require capital improvements to the Brentwood site. The next step might be to advertise in the local paper. One other possibility is Rob Brandt who may be interested in buying the corner. Although that has potential, it is not immediate because the Substation property does not have direct access to Mr. Brandt's property.
- F. Report on Legislation - General Manager Downs reported that AB682 was signed by the governor and chaptered: so Board members will receive \$100 per meeting as of January 2002. AB573 the Pesticide Act is on appropriations expense file because the cost exceeds the limit. There is a possibility for next year.

#### 10. BOARD AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Board - Service Awards were given to the following trustees: Nancy Brownfield (15 yrs of service), Earl Mortenson (15 yrs), Jim Pinckney (10 yrs), Charles Lupsha (10 yrs), David Jameson(10 yrs), Dick Vesperman (5 yrs), Dick Mank (5 yrs), John Hall (5 yrs), Russ Belleci (5 yrs), & Tim McDonough (5 yrs).
- B. Staff - Karl Malamud Roam mentioned that the County Supervisor's subcommittee for transportation, infrastructure and water, are interested in pesticides and potential environmental consequences of pesticides. A Public Health Advisory Committee to the Board (PEHAB) gave a list of 18 recommendations for the Board's consideration. Karl has been working on this task force working with other members, meeting with Supervisors Gioia and Gerber trying to come up with an IPM ordinance of some kind as well as trying to evaluate and change the recommendations so they would be correct politically as well as scientifically.
  - Administrative Analyst Waletzko reminded the Board about the District Picnic September 22, 2001 at Pleasant Hill Park.
  - General Manager Downs called the Board's attention to some handouts; A general interest article from Yahoo, A Brown Act presentation invitation, An invitation to the Contra Costa Sanitary District's grand opening of their new environmental lab. He also thanked Trustee Lupsha for his articles on DDT.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

I certify the above minutes were approved as read or corrected at a meeting of the Board held on November 13, 2001.

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Richard Mank  
Secretary, Board of Trustees