

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**May 8, 2024**

Prior to the Board Meeting, a 2-hour training to fulfill the requirements set forth by AB 1825 and AB 1661 was held in the District's board room. The training consisted of a webinar titled "2024 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors" provided by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). The training was open to the public.

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, Ron Nagy, Frank Lincoln, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

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

Guests: Mr. Austris Rungis of Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA) attending the Closed Session via Zoom.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda additions/Deletions: Agenda Item 13 Approve Budget Transfers was deleted, as no Budget Transfers were required.

**Convene to Closed Session at 1:32 P.M.**

### **Closed Session**

Closed Session for Conference with Labor Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing the LCVCD's designated representatives: Jamesina J. Scott (District Manager) and Austris Rungis (IEDA).

**Convene to Open Session at 2:20 P.M.**

### **Report from Closed Session**

No reportable actions taken.

### **Approve Minutes of April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Research Report for April 2024**

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported in Lake County in 2024.

For the rest of California, fourteen dead birds from five counties have tested positive for WNV, and one mosquito sample from Alameda County has tested positive for WNV as well.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Twenty-two carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the county in April. The most abundant mosquito species collected was *Aedes sierrensis*.

New Jersey light traps were set near Borax Lake and in the Reclamation in April. Among the mosquito species collected were *Culiseta incidens*, *Culiseta inornata*, *Aedes increpitus*, and *Culex tarsalis*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Seven *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that Lake County residents removed from themselves have been submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. All the samples were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in April due to staff availability and weather.

### **Operation Report for April 2024**

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 1.15 inches of rain in April. Total rainfall for the season is 28.93 inches.

On April 1, the level of Clear Lake was 8.02 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level was 7.63 feet by the end of April.

District Vector Control Technicians completed 93 service requests in April, with 252 requests received online. In addition, the Vector Control

Technicians treated 48 larval sources in April, and 31 septic tanks damaged in the Valley Fire were treated as well.

In April, Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier and Lake County Environmental Health Technician Shanna Parsons collaborated on a multi-day damaged septic tank site visit. Ms. Parsons took photos and geocoded each location to link the septic tanks to their corresponding addresses and owners. Lake County Environmental Health is drafting a letter for non-compliant property owners. The letter will incorporate verifiable documentation to ensure compliance with the California Health and Safety Codes.

Two of the District's ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayers stopped functioning in April. After in-house trouble shooting produced no results in diagnosing the problem, the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District offered to help. Vector Control Technician Brad Hayes spent a day at Sutter-Yuba working with their staff to find the problem on one of the units, and they loaned us one of their units and continued working on the problem. Eventually, the problem was solved and a new motor controller, voltage converter, and relay were installed.

On April 11, the District's Conference Room was used by Lake County Water Resources for a planning session for the Clear Lake Integrated Science Symposium scheduled for later in the summer. In addition, the conference room was used by Lake County Public Health on April 18.

The District hired Avery Thurman to fill the seasonal Field/Lab Assistant position. He began work on April 22.

The District is in the process of hiring an Entomologist. The position was posted on job boards, including MVCAC, AMCA, SOVE, PacVec, ZipRecruiter, and Indeed. The position was also posted on the District's website.

Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik, and Laboratory Technician Kara Gaylor represented the District at the Konocti Unified School District's Lower Lake Career Day on April 10.

On April 18 the District issued a media release to remind residents what they can do to prevent mosquitoes and enjoy being outside this spring.

Dr. Scott and Vector Control Technician's Brad Hayes and Julian Chavez met with Leading Edge Associates on April 19 to review the drone application they made for the District in March.

Dr. Scott attended the Employer Risk Management Authority (ERMA) spring Board of Director's Meeting in Sacramento on April 23.

Dr. Scott attended the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Sacramento Valley Regional Meeting on April 17.

On April 25, Dr. Scott attended the MVCAC spring Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom.

Dr. Scott has been reviewing applications and conducting interviews for the District's Entomologist position. Dr. Scott hopes to hire an entomologist in May.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Jacinda Franusich attended a webinar sponsored by the California Special District's Association (CSDA) in April. The webinar was titled "The Do's and Don'ts of Payroll, Taxes, and CalPERS."

Dr. Scott is continuing to review and prepare updates to the District's policy handbook.

Dr. Scott has been working with CalSurv to import existing sources from the District's National Pollution Discharge and Elimination Permit (NPDES) annual report.

Dr. Scott has been meeting with the District's Labor Negotiator, Austris Rungis, to prepare for upcoming Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations.

**Consideration of Resolution No. 24-02 A Resolution Establishing the 2024-2025 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit**

After some discussion, Mr. Spurr moved to approve Resolution 24-02 A Resolution Establishing the 2024-2025 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giamb Bruno, Mr. Nagy, Mr. Lincoln, and Mr. Spurr), and none opposed.

**Adopt a Proposed Lake County Vector Control District Budget for FY 2024-2025**

After some discussion, Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Proposed Lake County Vector Control District Budget for FY 2024-2025. Mr. Nagy seconded to motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Checks for the Months of May 2024**

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 22487-22535 for the month of May 2024 in the amount of \$84,315.38. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business**

Dr. Scott reminded the Board that they may submit photos of themselves for the Trustee section of the District's website.

**Announcement of Next Regular 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 June 12, 2024 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 3:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary