

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:36 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Curt Giambruno, Ron Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: Chuck Leonard (excused).

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

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

Mr. Nagy moved to approve the Board Minutes of March 15, 2023 with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 21625-21638 making the total expenditures for March \$84,673.62. Mr. Bostock 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 2023.

For the rest of California, two dead birds have tested positive for WNV, one from Alameda County and one from Los Angeles County. No other WNV activity has been reported in the United States for this year.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Low numbers of *Culiseta inornata* were collected from the New Jersey light trap set in Upper Lake, and low numbers of *Culicoides occidentalis* (biting black gnat) were collected from the light trap set near Borax Lake.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Three *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). Two of the samples were negative, and results of one sample are still pending.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in March due to scheduling conflicts and weather.

Operation Report

During March, 11.32 inches of rainfall were recorded at the District. The total rainfall recorded this season is 34.62 inches.

On March 1, the level of Clear Lake was 5.26 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level was 8.06 feet by March 31.

District field and laboratory staff attended the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Annual Conference in Reno, NV on February 27-March 3, 2023.

On March 29, Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik represented the District at the Lower Lake High School Career Day. She spoke to students in the 9th-12th grades during the event, and provided a handout describing the jobs available in vector control and the educational requirements.

On March 31, the District participated in the second annual Trucks on the Track and Career Day at Lakeport Unified School District.

Dr. Scott sent out the District's annual letter notifying potentially affected agencies of the District's intent to apply public health pesticides for vector control. The letter is a requirement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

Former District Entomologist Cassie Urquhart was accepted into graduate school. Ms. Urquhart will begin working toward her PhD in Entomology under Don Yee at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Scott attended the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRiP) Governance Conference in Orlando, FL from March 5-8. Dr. Scott attended this meeting as the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency's ERMA (Employment Risk Management Authority) representative, so ERMA will reimburse the District for travel costs associated with the meeting.

Dr. Scott attended a special meeting via Zoom of the Employer Risk Management Authority Board of Directors on March 28. Dr. Scott serves as the VCJPA Alternate Representative to ERMA.

Dr. Scott attended two webinars offered through the California Special Districts Association in March. On March 2, Dr. Scott attended the Introduction to Special Districts Finances for Board Members, and on March 28, Dr. Scott participated in the Grant Writing 101 for Special Districts. These webinars aid Dr. Scott in fulfilling continuing education requirements.

Approve Budget Transfers

No Budget Transfers were needed.

Approval of Checks for April 2023

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 21639-21684 for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$55,982.65. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott presented the Board with options for fulfilling the AB 1234 Ethics Training. The Board decided that participating in a webinar as a group before the May 10th Regular Board Meeting was the best option.

Dr. Scott mentioned the term for the trustee representing the Coastal and Sacramento Valley Regions of the VCJPA Board of Directors is due to expire on June 30, 2023. Mr. Spurr mentioned that he might be interested in the position if the trustee filling the current term is not seeking reelection.

Dr. Scott mentioned that Lake County LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) has an opening on the Commission to serve as the Public Member.

Mr. Spurr informed the Board that he had received a very nice Proclamation from the City of Lakeport for his service on the Lake County Vector Control District Board of Trustees.

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 10, 2023 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Mr. Spurr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary