

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

December 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:33 PM by George Spurr President Pro-Tem.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Frank Lincoln, Ronald Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: Curt Giambruno (excused).

District Personnel: Jessi Edmiston, Entomologist; Ms. Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager; Ms. Julie Manick, Office Manager in Training.

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Approve Minutes of October 8, 2025 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 23679-23713. Making the Total Expenditures for October 2025 \$199,994.91.

Mr. Lincoln moved to approve the Board Minutes of October 8, 2025 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 23679-23713 making the total expenditures for October 2025 \$199,994.91. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Ms. Edmiston reported on arbovirus activity. This year in Lake County, West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been detected in 5 mosquito samples (same as last reported; 4 from Clearlake Oaks, 1 from Lower Lake) and 6 sentinel chickens (3 from each flock).

In California, 27 counties have reported West Nile virus activity. One hundred two cases of WNV human illness have been reported from 21 counties, including nine fatalities. In addition, 154 WNV-positive dead birds have been reported from 21 counties, 2,756 WNV-positive mosquito samples have been reported from 27 counties, 64 WNV-positive sentinel chickens have been reported from 8 counties, and 5 horses from 5 counties have been confirmed with WNV infections.

In the rest of the nation, 1,981 human cases of West Nile virus illness have been reported from forty-six states.

Three human cases of Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) infections have been reported in residents from three states.

La Crosse encephalitis virus (LAC) 105 human cases have been detected in 13 states.

Seven states have reported 20 cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV).

Eleven states have reported 45 human cases of Powassan Virus (POWV).

St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) has been detected in 105 mosquito samples from five California counties this year.

California reported 10 travel associated cases for the Chikungunya Virus (CHIK).

There have been two cases reported in California for travel related Zika Virus (ZIK).

Florida and Wisconsin have reported 2 travel associated cases of the Oropouche Virus (ORO).

Six cases of locally acquired dengue virus (DENV) illness have been reported in residents from one California county.

The US has reported 4,165 dengue cases with 3,129 being locally acquired. Local infections have occurred across 6 jurisdictions including California (6), Northern Mariana Islands (1), US Virgin Islands (47), American Samoa (57), Florida (58), and Puerto Rico (2,960).

Ms. Edmiston reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in Kelseyville and Middletown during November. Among the mosquito species collected were *Culiseta inornata*, otherwise known as the winter mosquito.

New Jersey light traps were set near Borax Lake and in the Reclamation near Upper Lake. The NJLT near Borax Lake collected 88 female and 24 male biting black gnats, 16 female and 0 male *Culiseta inornata*, 1 female and 3 male *Cx. tarsalis*, and 1 male *Cx. stigmatosoma*. The NJLT in Upper Lake collected 0 female and 8 male *Cx. tarsalis*, 52 female and 4 male *Culiseta inornata*, 0 female and 4 male *Cx. stigmatosoma*, and low numbers of *An. franciscanus* and *Cs. particeps*.

Ms. Edmiston reported on tick testing. One *Ixodes pacificus* (western black-legged tick) has been submitted for *Borrelia burgdorferi* and we are waiting the results.

Ms. Edmiston reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. The number of Clear Lake gnats has decreased significantly in the Upper Lake Arm. In November, the Chironominae numbers were still very high, but decreased from 140.39 larvae per dredge to 94.21 larvae per dredge. Tanypodinae increased since October.

The Large Resting Boxes (LRBs) were sampled four times in October (Lakeport and Upper Lake). Lakeport samples included 1 female and 1 male *Cs. inornata* and Upper Lake samples included 1 female *An. freeborni* and 1 male *Cx. tarsalis*. The LRBs were not sampled in November.

Ms. Edmiston attended the 3rd and final class in the Lake County AgVenture series and successfully graduated from the course.

On November 19th, the team traveled to Yuba City to complete the MVCAC Continuing Education Credits (CEU). At this event, Chip Markwardt presented Managing Culicoides: Considerations for Minuscule Midges.

Chip Markwardt also attended the Entomological Society of America Conference in Portland, where they helped host a workshop about insect identification and education for their alma mater, K-State.

Operation Report

On October 1st, the level of Clear Lake was 3.07 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level declined that month, reaching 2.75 on October 31st. On November 1st, the level of Clear Lake was 2.75 feet, reaching 2.93 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on November 30th.

In October, the Vector Control technicians completed 19 total service requests. This included 6 yellowjacket requests. Residents submitted 1 service request online. Technicians treated 23 larval sources.

Two service requests for yellowjackets were completed in November and there were no online requests.

Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier completed the fall round of inspections and treatments in October for the septic tanks that were exposed during the Valley Fire. She inspected 31 septic tanks and treated 27 with Altosid XR briquets.

On October 6th and 7th, interviews were held for the District's Office Manager position. Ms. Jacinda Franusich, the current Office Manager, will be retiring on January 2, 2026.

Ms. Julie Manick was hired as the New Office Manager on October 14th. She began her employment with the District on November 3rd.

During October and November, the Vector Control Technicians worked on a variety of maintenance and equipment projects. These projects consisted of installing the Ultra Low Volume (ULV) spray equipment in the 2025 Toyota Tacoma. Work has begun on the installation of the ULV equipment for the 2022 Toyota Tacoma. Technician Julian Chavez has constructed a tool rack for use at the Todd Road facility along with several other vehicle and facility projects.

Mr. Zach Pehling of PnP CPA's conducted the District's annual on-site financial audit in October. Mr. Pehling expects to present the audit report to the Board in early 2026.

Dr. Scott was out of the office on medical leave during October and November.

With Dr. Scott on medical leave, Office Manager Jacinda Franusich and Office Manager in Training Julie Manick have continued biweekly meetings with Amber Mena from VC3. As well as having meetings with Sierra Humphry, Scott Isbell, and Amber Mena from VC3 regarding the next steps for the email migration and installment of the VOIP system.

Board Consideration of Applying Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Retrospective Adjustment Refund to Member Contingency Fund

Lake County Vector Control District currently has a refund available for the Pooled Liability and Pooled Workers' Compensation Programs as approved by the VCJPA Board of Directors. Our current refund is \$1,767 for Pooled Liability and \$7,790 for Pooled Worker's Compensation. Dr. Scott recommended to apply the \$1,767 and \$7,790 for the District's Contingency Fund. Mr. Rob Bostock moved to approve applying the \$1,767 and \$7,790 to the District's Contingency Fund. Mr. Ron Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Budget Transfers

Ms. Jacinda Franusich presented the Board with a Budget Transfer request. The request consisted of moving \$45,000 from Contingencies account 796.90-91 to Professional/Special Services account 796.23-80. This budget transfer request was a result of VC3 charges that were originally anticipated for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, but were delayed and came out of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. After some discussion,

Mr. Rob Bostick moved to approve the Budget Transfer request of \$45,000. Mr. Frank Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Checks for the Month of November 2025

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 23714 - 23775 for the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$155,481.42. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Checks for the Month of December 2025

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 23776 - 23826 for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$105,309.40. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Announcement of the 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 January 14, 2026 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Pro-Tem Spurr at 2:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary