

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

May 13, 2026

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, George Spurr, and Frank Lincoln.

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina Scott, Ph.D., Manager and Research Director and Ms. Julie Manick, 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 11 Consideration of Resolution No. 26-02 A Resolution Establishing the 2026-2027 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit was deleted, as no information has been received at this time.

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 1:46 P.M.

Report from Closed Session

No reportable actions taken.

Approve Minutes of April 5, 2026 Regular Meeting

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting with no corrections. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report for April 2026

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported in Lake County in 2026.

For the rest of California, a sample of mosquitoes collected near the Salton Sea in eastern Riverside County was positive for St. Louis encephalitis virus. Three dead birds, all American crows, from three counties have tested positive for WNV. No other arboviral activity has been reported in California or the rest of the United States in 2026.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the County in April. Among the mosquito species collected were *Aedes increpitus*, *Aedes sierrensis*, and *Culex tarsalis*, as well as several thousand *Culicoides sonorensis*.

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

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Twenty ticks have been brought in for identification. Of those, twelve *Ixodes pacificus* (western black-legged ticks) have been submitted for *Borrelia burgdorferi* (the causative agent of Lyme disease) testing. Eleven were negative, and results are pending for the most recent sample.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. The Clear Lake gnat remained level at 0.14 larvae per dredge in the Upper Arm of Clear Lake. Chironominae numbers increased from 26.46 larvae per dredge in March, to 29.75 larvae per dredge in April. The average number of Tanypodinae collected decreased from 1.71 larvae per dredge in March to 0.96 larvae per dredge in April.

Operation Report for April 2026

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 2.9 inches of rain in April. Total rainfall for the season is 21.62 inches, which is 86% of the average rainfall for this date.

On April 1, the level of Clear Lake was 7.57 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level varied less than 2.5 inches over the month, from a low of 7.47 feet on April 9th to a high of 7.65 feet on April 22nd and returned to 7.57 feet on April 30th.

District Vector Control Technicians completed 108 service requests in April, with 131 requests received online. In addition, there were 54 technician-generated applications. One yellowjacket service request was received. Twenty-five septic tanks were inspected and 22 were treated. Three septic tanks had been removed or repaired.

Vector Control Technician Porter Anderson drove to Dixon, CA to pick up this year's sentinel chickens. They will be divided into two flocks: one in Upper Lake and the other in Lower Lake.

Office Manager, Julie Manick and Dr. Scott participated in a 2-hour webinar CAL-Card Forum (Program Overview, Features, Technology, Enhancements, Fraud, and Consulting Services).

Several District employees participated in the Invasive *Aedes* Forum online. This continuing education session focused on the spread and management of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. Participants reviewed how vector control districts in Southern and Northern California have evolved their surveillance and control tactics to meet rising threats. Employees received continuing education credits for participating in the training.

On April 7th, Office Manager Julie Manick participated in a 1-hour VectorSurv Training Webinar for New Users. The District uses VectorSurv to record all pesticide applications and mosquito sources.

Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan and Dr. Scott attended the Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (PacVec) and Rockies and High Plains Vector-Borne Diseases Center (RaHP VEC) Joint Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT.

In April the District participated in Lower Lake High School's College and Career Fair. District Entomologist Jessi Edmiston and Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan represented the District. They spoke with about 600 of the 942 students who attended.

Entomologist Jessi Edmiston went to an outreach event at the Lake College Campus Preschool. There were 24 students in the classroom.

The District's fire extinguishers were serviced in April. During this annual event, all extinguishers were inspected and replaced as needed.

The District's Todd Road facility's automatic gate has stopped working. A new motor and control unit will be installed in May.

Dr. Scott continues to meet with the District's Labor Negotiator, Austris Rungis of Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA), as we prepare for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations that begin on May 7th.

On April 13th, Dr. Scott met with a representative from Streamline to learn about Doc Access, a service that reformats PDFs to be accessible for all users, including the visually impaired and others who use document readers.

Adopt a Proposed Lake County Vector Control District Budget for FY 2026-2027

After some discussion, Mr. Nagy moved to approve the Proposed Lake County Vector Control District Budget for FY 2026-2027. Mr. Lincoln seconded to motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Budget Transfers

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Budget Transfer account 796.1-11 Salaries and Wages in the amount of \$54,400 to account 796.2-21 F.I.C.A. in the amount of \$16,400, and account 796.2-22 PERS - Employer in the amount of \$10,500, and account 796.3-30 Employees Group Insurance in the amount of \$17,500, and account 796.29-50 Transportation and Travel in the amount of \$10,000. As well as account 796.90-91 Contingencies in the amount of \$47,000 to account 796.62-73 FA Equipment – Shop in the amount of \$47,000. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks for the Months of May 2026

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 24118 - 24180 for the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$172,607.79. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott provided an update on required training, we will conduct the Harassment Prevention training before the regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The Board elected to wait until 2027 to complete the newly required Fiscal & Financial Training.

Mr. Giambruno came across a file containing information about the construction of the new office building back in 1997. He provided the file to Dr. Scott to review for record keeping purposes.

Mr. Spurr was on a recent trip and witnessed a medical emergency. It made him wonder if the District should provide CPR training for its staff. Dr. Scott provides both CPR and first aid training because the employees frequently work on their own or in remote locations. The employees are current on their CPR and First Aid Training and will renew it later this year.

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 10, 2026 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 3:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary