

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:32 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., District Manager and Research Director, and Julie Manick, Office Manager.

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Approve Minutes of August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting with Corrections to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 24376 - 24404 Making the Total Expenditures for August 2026 \$131,797.62.

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Board Minutes of August 12, 2026 with corrections. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. Five mosquito samples and three sentinel chickens in Lake County have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in 2026.

For the rest of California, eighty-six cases of WNV illness have been reported in California residents. Of those, sixty-nine patients suffered from neuroinvasive disease, and six cases were fatal. In addition, 3,231 WNV-positive mosquito pools from 29 counties, 512 positive dead birds from 23 counties, 114 sentinel chickens from 9 counties, and 10 horses have tested positive for WNV.

Four St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) positive mosquito samples have been reported from three California counties this year. One human case of SLEV has been reported in a San Diego County resident.

For the rest of the United States, there have been 407 human cases of West Nile virus illness reported from forty states. In addition, thirty-five states have reported WNV in non-human species (mainly mosquitoes, but also includes veterinary cases, dead birds, and sentinel animals).

One human case of Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) has been reported in a Wisconsin resident. Additionally, nine states have reported positive mosquito samples for JCV.

Nonhuman eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) activity has been reported in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. One human case has been reported in a Michigan resident this year.

Ten human cases of La Crosse encephalitis virus (LACV) have been reported from six states. Additionally, non-human LACV activity (mainly mosquitoes) has been detected in Ohio.

One human case of St. Louis encephalitis (SLEV) has been reported from Arizona this year. Four states have reported SLEV in mosquitoes.

Twenty-nine human cases of Powassan virus (POWV) have been reported from nine states.

This year there have been 101 travel-associated cases of chikungunya (CHIK) virus disease, including two cases in California. No locally acquired cases have been reported in the US.

There have been six travel-associated cases of Zika (ZIK) virus reported in residents of six states this year. No locally acquired case of ZIK have been reported.

There have been seventy-two cases of locally acquired dengue (DEN) virus infection reported in Florida and one in Virginia. Puerto Rico (888) and American Samoa (728) have reported locally acquired dengue cases as well. In addition, thirty-seven states and two US territories have reported 346 travel-associated dengue cases this year.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. The District set carbon-dioxide-baited traps in various locations around the county in August. The most abundant mosquito species was *Culex tarsalis*. Large numbers of biting black gnats were collected as well.

The New Jersey Light Traps set in Clearlake and Upper Lake were sampled in August. The most abundant mosquito species collected were *Culex tarsalis* and *Anopheles franciscanus*.

The resting boxes set in Kelseyville, Lakeport and Upper lake were sampled in August. Five mosquito species were collected, the most abundant being *Culex tarsalis*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Twenty-four ticks have been brought in for identification this season. Of those, sixteen *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing. All the samples were negative for *Borrelia* (the causative agent of Lyme disease).

Dr. Scott reported on the Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. The Clear Lake gnat numbers decreased from 0.21 larvae per dredge in July, to 0.08 larva per dredge in August. The chironominae numbers decreased from 30.86 larvae per dredge in July to 6.85 larvae per dredge in August. The tanypodinae numbers decreased from 3.46 larvae per dredge in July to 1.31 larvae per dredge in August.

Operation Report

For the month of August, 0.05 inches of rain was recorded at the District. The total rainfall for the season is 22.16 inches.

The level of Clear Lake was at 4.26 feet on the Rumsey Gauge as of August 1 and declined to 3.22 feet by August 31.

Five mosquito samples and three sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) this year. Four of the positive-WNV mosquito samples were from Lower Lake and one was from Lakeport. Two of the WNV-positive sentinel chickens were from Lower Lake and one was from the Upper Lake flock.

The Vector Control Technicians responded to 81 service requests in August, including 8 yellowjacket requests, and 26 technician-initiated larval source treatments. In addition, 13 online service requests were submitted in August.

On August 12, Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan and Seasonal Lab Assistant Davin Braden participated in the Workforce Alliance and Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance Career Day. Ms. Meighan gave a short presentation about the District, the jobs, and the requirements for working here. She also explained that the District is a public health resource for questions about mosquitoes, ticks and Lyme disease testing, and other insects.

Seasonal Lab Assistant Arai Chou Levy left the District in August to attend California State University, Sacramento.

The County will be sending an appraiser to the District's parcel in the Reclamation. A key step in the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project (Project) is for Lake County to acquire the titles to all the properties within the Project. The District purchased its 10.3-acre parcel in 1985 for a series of studies on mosquito control in wild rice. Presently the District uses this property as a mosquito and tick surveillance and study site, and a secure location for one of the District's sentinel chicken flocks.

The District's Board Room was used by Shade Canyon School on August 18. The County of Lake Department of Public Health used the District's Board Room on August 11, 21, and 24. The agencies appreciated the use of the District's meeting space and enjoyed the lake view.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Julie Manick continue to participate in the County Auditor-Controller's roughly biweekly meetings every other Friday to help the Special District's prepare for the changeover to their new financial software system, Workday, on October 1, 2026.

Dr. Scott participated in a 90-minute training from US Bank titled, "Access Online: Managing Your Card Program". The webinar reviewed how to access their site, use tracking and report features, and manage users.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Julie Manick are meeting weekly with VC3 to plan for our centralized domain, SharePoint, and multifactor authentication rollouts.

Dr. Scott submitted the District's Biological and Cultural Resource Assessment Reports to the City of Lakeport. Planning Services Manager Victor Fernandez is reviewing the project and will follow up to advise Dr. Scott of the next steps to correct the zoning and General Plan designations of the District's Esplanade property.

Dr. Scott attended the Middle Creek Project Committee on August 3. The agenda included coordination with the District, and update on property acquisitions, and work with Caltrans, PG&E, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dr. Scott continues to meet with the District's Labor Negotiator, Austris Rungis, to discuss Operating Engineers 3 Health Coverage and other issues that may affect our District and employees.

On August 11, Dr. Scott was a guest-speaker on KPFZ for Right Plant, Right Place Radio Show speaking with the Master Gardeners. Dr. Scott spoke on a variety of topics including mosquitoes, yellowjackets, as well as answering questions from incoming callers.

On August 12, Dr. Scott, along with the Trustees and Office Manager Julie Manick, completed the two hours of Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors. The training fulfills the biennial training requirements set forth by AB1825, AB1661, AB2053, and SB369.

Dr. Scott met with an upholsterer to get a quote on recovering the District's chairs. Dr. Scott will be seeking bids from additional upholsters.

Approve Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Prop. 4 Compliance Resolution 26-04

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the 2025/2026 Prop. 4 Compliance Resolution 26-04. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), none against.

Approve Checks for the Month of September 2026

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 24405 - 24453 for the month of September 2026 in the amount of \$85,874.61. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Announcement of Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 1:30 PM on October 14, 2026 at the Lake County Vector Control District Office, 410 Esplanade Lakeport, CA 95453.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary