

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:37 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: Frank Lincoln and Rob Bostock(excused).

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

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

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Convened to Closed Session at 1:39 P.M.

Closed Session

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).

Convened to Open Session at 1:59 P.M.

Report from Closed Session

No reportable actions were taken.

Approve Minutes of February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 23134-23151, Making the Total Expenditures for February 2025 \$104,458.09

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 23134-

23151 making the total expenditures for February 2025 \$104,458.09. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No arboviral activity has been reported in Lake County in 2025. In addition, no arbovirus activity has been reported in California or the rest of the United States in 2025.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. The New Jersey Light Traps set near Borax Lake and the Reclamation near Upper Lake collected *Culiseta inornata*, and *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Four ticks have been submitted for testing for Lyme Disease since October 1, 2024. Three ticks were negative, and the results are pending for the other sample.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in February due to inclement weather and employee availability.

Operation Report

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 7.25 inches of precipitation in February 2025. The cumulative rainfall for this season is 23.5 inches.

On February 1, the level of Clear Lake was 6.17 feet on the Rumsey Gauge and reached 7.67 feet by the end of February.

The rainfall has filled treeholes and raised the lake level. In addition, some lake-associated wetlands and low-lying areas have flooded and hatched *Aedes increpitus* larvae. These areas are being monitored and treated as needed.

An aerial application for larval mosquito control was made to 545 acres of marshlands adjacent to the lake between Clear Lake State Park and Lakeport, portions of Anderson Marsh State Park, and a section east of the Clearlake Keys on February 25.

A drone application for larval mosquito control is scheduled for March 10. This application will treat approximately 65 acres in locations that the traditional aircraft was unable to treat.

District Technicians made 34 applications to *Aedes increpitus* sources in February. In addition, nine service requests were received in February, including seven online requests.

District staff are working on a variety of projects including completing training, preparing presentations, and getting ready for the upcoming season.

Vector Control Technician Julian Chavez plans to take the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate exam in Santa Rosa in March. The Part 107 Certificate is required for drone operation for government agencies and private businesses. The Certificate demonstrates knowledge of regulations, procedures for safely flying drones, and operating requirements.

The District's conference room was used on February 5 by the Lake County One Health Working Group. Dr. Scott was invited to speak on vector-borne diseases in Lake County and discuss how agencies can work together to support and protect residents' health.

Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik and Entomologist Jessi Edmiston visited the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District in February to learn about their program and discuss collaborative opportunities.

The District's website will undergo some updates in the coming months to comply with the Department of Justice's new regulations that expanded the Americans with Disabilities Act's compliance requirements.

On February 19 Dr. Scott met with Yennifer Herschelman of Streamline, the District's website management service, to go over the changes required to make the District's website ADA compliant.

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 terms of the District's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

Dr. Scott continues to meet with the District's Labor Negotiator, Mr. Austris Rungis of Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA) to prepare for the upcoming Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Jacinda Franusich attended the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) annual workshop and board of directors meeting in Santa Cruz, CA on February 26-28.

Dr. Scott has been working with Chip Markwardt on the District's pre-application letter for the American Mosquito Control Association's funding for *Culicoides* control technologies. The District's project was elected for a full proposal phase, which will be submitted by the March 21 deadline.

Board Consideration of Nomination to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Northern Network, Seat B

The item was table until the April 9, 2025 meeting.

Approve Checks for the Month of March 2025

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Checks No. 23152-23198 for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$105,482.61. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

AB 1234 Ethics Training will be offered to the District's trustees, District Manager, and Office Manager on April 9, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. This training will be open to the public. The regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will begin at 1:30 P.M.

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 PM on April 9, 2025, in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

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 Giamb Bruno at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary