

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**December 14, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Curt Giambruno, Rob Bostock, Chuck Leonard, Ronald Nagy, and George Spurr.

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., District Manager and Research Director, and Ms. Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager, Mr. Brad Hayes, Vector Control Technician II, and Ms. Michelle Koschik, Vector Biologist.

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

Citizen's Input: Brad Hayes presented a letter to the Board of Trustees, signed by all District staff members represented in the collective bargaining unit, regarding the contract negotiation process and progress.

Mr. Hayes and Ms. Koschik left the meeting at 1:33 P.M.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: Mr. Bostock moved to add the approval of a budget transfer to the agenda. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Convene to Closed Session at 1:35 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).

**Convene to Open Session at 2:40 P.M.**

### **Report from Close Session**

No reportable actions were taken.

Mr. Rungis left the meeting at 2:40 P.M.

### **Approve Minutes of November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 21369-21383. Making the Total Expenditures for November 2022 \$126,439.47**

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of November 9, 2022 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 21369-21383 making the total expenditures for November 2022 \$126,439.47. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Research Report**

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. This year in Lake County, seven mosquito samples tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV), three sentinel chickens seroconverted for WNV, and two dead birds tested positive for West Nile virus.

In California, 155 cases of WNV illness have been reported in 2022. One hundred eighty-six dead birds from twenty-three counties were positive for WNV, and 3,165 mosquito samples were positive for WNV. In addition, 145 sentinel chickens seroconverted for WNV, and sixteen horses were reported positive for WNV in 2022.

Eleven human cases of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) have been reported from six California counties. In addition, 153 mosquito samples from ten counties tested positive for SLEV.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. No carbon dioxide-baited traps were set during November.

New Jersey light traps were set near Borax Lake and in the Reclamation near Upper Lake. A variety of mosquito species and biting black gnats were collected in low numbers.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. One tick has been submitted for identification and testing this season. It was negative for Lyme disease.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. Clear Lake Gnat larval counts in the Upper Arm increased from 1.61 larvae per dredge in September to 2.82 larvae per dredge in November. Chironominae numbers increased from 3.18 larvae per dredge in September to 5.71 larvae per dredge in November. Tanypodinae numbers increased from 1.07 larvae per dredge in September to 1.50 larvae per dredge in November.

### **Operation Report**

During November, 1.70 inches of rain were recorded in the District's rain gauge. The level of Clear Lake was at -2.59 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on November 1, and reached -2.61 feet by November 30.

One service request for yellowjackets was completed in November. In addition, 7 exposed septic tanks in the fire-affected areas of southern Lake County were inspected, with 5 that required treatment with a mosquito larvicide.

The District's conference room was used by the Konocti Christian Academy for meetings in November.

The District's outside auditor Zach Pehling conducted the District's annual financial audit on November 17. Mr. Pehling expects to present his report to the Board at its January 2023 meeting.

Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier attended the fourth and final class in the Lake County AgVenture on November 4. It covered the olive industry in Lake County.

Dr. Scott attended the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Fall Committee and Board Meeting on November 2-3 over Zoom.

Dr. Scott attended the Employer Risk Management Authority (ERMA) Board of Directors Meeting in Sacramento on November 7. Dr. Scott serves as the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Board Alternate.

On November 29, Dr. Scott attended a live web event about Nextdoor use by Special Districts. Nextdoor is a social media application that connects people from the same neighborhood. A public agencies account was

recently added, and the webinar explained how to create and maintain an account.

Dr. Scott participated in the Integrated Vector Management (IVM) committee for the MVCAC on November 30.

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

After some discussion Mr. Nagy moved to have the District's VCJPA Retrospective Adjustment applied to its Member Contingency Fund. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Budget Transfer**

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the budget transfer from 90-91 Contingencies in the amount of \$2,000.00, to 20-00 Memberships. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Checks for the Month of December 2022**

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 21403–21442 for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$90,407.94. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business**

Dr. Scott informed the Board that Mr. Curt Giambruno, District Board President, was reappointed by the Clearlake City Council to another four-year term on the LCVCD Board. In addition, Dr. Scott mentioned that Board officer elections will be held at the January 2023 regular meeting.

**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 11, 2023 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 3:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary