

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**June 14, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:31 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: Chuck Leonard (excused).

District Personnel: Jamesina Scott, Ph.D., Manager and Research Director.

Guests: None

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda additions/Deletions: Agenda items 12 (Approve Budget Transfers) and 13 (Approve Checks for the Month of June 2023) will be presented next month.

**Convene to Closed Session at 1:32 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 1:44 P.M.**

### **Report from Closed Session**

No reportable actions were taken.

Mr. Rungis left the meeting at 1:44 P.M.

### **Approve Minutes of May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Spurr moved to approve minutes of the May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 21746-21761 making the total expenditures for May 2023 \$84,658.18. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Research Report for May 2023**

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported in Lake County in 2023.

For the rest of California, fifteen mosquito samples and 16 dead birds have tested positive for WNV in 2023.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in Clearlake Oaks, Cobb, Hidden Valley Lake, Kelseyville, Lakeport, Lower Lake, Middletown, and Upper Lake. Among the mosquito species collected were *Aedes sierrensis*, *Aedes increpitus*, *Culex tarsalis*, and *Culiseta inornata*.

New Jersey light traps were set near Borax Lake (Clearlake) and in the Reclamation (Upper Lake) in May. Among the mosquito species collected were *Culex tarsalis* and *Aedes increpitus*. In addition, biting black gnats were collected from the Borax Lake trap.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Twelve *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that Lake County residents removed from themselves have been submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. All the samples were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in May due to staff availability and weather.

### **Operation Report for May 2023**

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 0.45 inches of rain in May. Total rainfall for the season is 35.47 inches.

On May 1, the level of Clear Lake was 7.65 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level declined to 7.02 feet by the end of May.

District Vector Control Technicians completed 827 service requests in May, which is about 50% more than average for the month. Residents submitted 292 requests online. The majority of these were requests for ultra-low volume (ULV) applications to control treehole mosquitoes.

The air conditioning unit in the Administrative Building stopped working in May. Delivery of the replacement part has been delayed due to supply chain problems. The technicians replaced the AC unit's stand while it was out of service.

Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik was the featured speaker at the Senior Day at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park on June 3. It was a successful outreach event, and Ms. Koschik reported that the participants asked good questions.

Employees received their required annual Heat Illness Prevention Training in May.

Before the May Board Meeting, the District's trustees, District Manager, and Office Manager completed their two hours of Ethics Training, as required biennially by AB 1234.

Dr. Scott has been working with Austris Rungis of Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA) regarding a request from the employees' Operating Engineers #3 Union (OE#3) Business Representative, Carl Carr, to amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was approved in April 2023.

Dr. Scott participated in an online meeting for the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CA DPR) Alliance Grant Project Team Meeting to remove primrose and restore Clear Lake's shorelines.

Dr. Scott attended the Employer Risk Management Authority (ERMA) Board of Directors special meeting via Zoom.

Dr. Scott participated in the Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Committee meeting of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California.

**Consideration of Resolution No. 23-02 Resolution of Intention to Levy Annual Assessment, Preliminarily Accepting Engineer’s Report and Scheduling of Public Hearing.**

After some discussion, Mr. Bostock moved to approve Resolution 23-02 A Resolution of Intention to Levy Annual Assessment, Preliminarily Accepting Engineer’s Report and Scheduling of Public Hearing. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 4 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), and 1 absent (Mr. Leonard).

**Other Business**

No Other Business was discussed.

**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 July 12, 2023 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary