

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**June 12, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:39 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: None.

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

Guests: None

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda additions/Deletions: None.

**Convene to Closed Session at 1:40 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 1:54 P.M.**

### **Report from Closed Session**

No reportable actions were taken.

Mr. Rungis left the meeting at 1:54 P.M.

### **Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between the Lake County Vector Control District and Operating Engineers Local 3 Public Employees**

After some discussion Mr. Nagy moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lake County Vector Control District and Operating Engineers Local 3 Public Employees as presented. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Minutes of May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 22536-22565 Making the Total Expenditures for May 2024 \$146,217.98**

Mr. Spurr moved to approve minutes of the May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 22536-22565 making the total expenditures for May 2024 \$146,217.98. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Research Report for May 2024**

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported in Lake County in 2024.

For the rest of California, 25 mosquito samples and 17 dead birds have tested positive for WNV in 2024. In addition, one mosquito sample from Fresno County tested positive for St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV).

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the county in May. Among the mosquito species collected were *Aedes sierrensis*, *Aedes increpitus*, and *Culex tarsalis*.

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 sierrensis*. In addition, biting black gnats were collected from the Borax Lake trap.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Eight *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*. Seven of the samples were negative, and the results are still pending for the most recently submitted sample.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. In May, 0.93 Clear Lake gnat larvae per dredge were collected from the Upper Arm of Clear Lake. Chironomidae larvae

averaged 32.61 larvae per dredge in May, and Tanypodinae larvae averaged 7.46 larvae per dredge.

### **Operation Report for May 2024**

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 0.95 inches of rain in May. Total rainfall for the season is 29.88 inches.

On May 1, the level of Clear Lake was 7.61 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level declined to 6.97 feet by the end of May.

District Vector Control Technicians completed 1,122 service requests in May, which is twice the average for the month. Residents submitted 458 requests online, which is seven times the average for the month.

The Vector Control Technicians completed the calibration and droplet testing of the ultra-low volume spray equipment in May. This is part of the annual equipment calibration required by the Cooperative Agreement.

Office Manager Jacinda Franusich will be taking family leave beginning June 10. The District hired a temporary employee through Management Connections to cover the front office, answer phones, and take service requests in her absence.

Two of the District's ultra-low volume (ULV) spray units stopped working in May. After much in-house trouble shooting, District staff were unable to diagnose the problem. Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District, which has 17 ULV sprayers offered to help. Vector Control Technician Brad Hayes spent a day at Sutter-Yuba working with their staff to find the problem. Sutter-Yuba loaned the District one of their backup units and continued working on the sprayer Mr. Hayes had brought. Eventually the problem was diagnosed and fixed on both District's sprayers. The pump on one of the repaired sprayers worked intermittently and the source of that problem has not yet been identified.

To avoid delays in service to the District's residents, a new ULV sprayer was purchased in May. The sprayer will be temporarily installed on an existing truck, and this fall it will be installed in one of the two new pickups the District has budgeted for.

On May 10, Meghan Saunders, (Senior Public Health Biologist with the California Department of Health Vector-Borne Disease Section), conducted

the District's biannual Cooperative Agreement Program Review. The review included an audit of the District's pesticide application records and calibration records, training records, and application vehicle. Dr. Saunders found that the District was in compliance in all areas and appreciate that the District's records were all immediately available and well organized.

The District is in the process of hiring an Entomologist. The first round of interviews were completed in May, and the top three candidates were invited for in-person interviews, tours of the District's facilities, time in the field with employees, and a lunch to meet the full staff.

Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan and Season Assistant Avery Thurman represented the District at the Agricultural and Natural Resources Day on May 8 at the Lake County Fairgrounds. The event was open to all Lake County students, and an estimated 1,200 students from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade visited the displays.

In May Vector Control Technician Julian Chavez passed Vector Control exam on Vertebrates of Public Health Importance and is now certified in all four sections of Vector Control through the California Department of Public Health- Vector-borne Disease Section.

On May 15, Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan attended the California Tick-Borne Disease Working Group Annual Meeting at UC Davis. In addition, Ms. Meighan completed the Vector-Borne Disease Surveillance Certificate Program through Cornell University.

Dr. Scott attended a webinar sponsored by the California Special Districts Association titled "Fundamentals of Tax-Exempt Financing."

Dr. Scott met with Mr. Mike McCall, the Director of Benefits for Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) Public and Miscellaneous Employees Health and Welfare Fund to receive New Hire Packets and discuss the lapses in the District employees' health coverage. Mr. McCall informed Dr. Scott that OE3 declined to reimburse the employees for the lapses in coverage and recommended that the District submit an appeal letter requesting a waiver of the liquidated damages charges. Dr. Scott submitted the letter the following day.

Dr. Scott is continuing to meet with the District's Labor Negotiator, Mr. Austris Rungis of Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA), regarding

the Memorandum of Understanding, the lapses in health coverage, and other issues.

Dr. Scott will be attending the California Special Districts Association General Managers Leadership Summit in Anaheim, California on June 23-25.

**Consideration of Resolution No. 24-03 Resolution of Intention to Levy Annual Assessment, Preliminarily Accepting Engineer's Report and Scheduling of Public Hearing for FY 2024-2025**

After some discussion, Mr. Spurr moved to approve Resolution 24-03 A Resolution of Intention to Levy Annual Assessment, Preliminarily Accepting Engineer's Report and Scheduling of Public Hearing for FY 2024-2025. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), and none against.

**A brief recess was taken from 2:52 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Consideration of nomination for an Independent Special District Board of Director Alternate to the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Lake County.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Approve Budget Transfers**

After some discussion Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Budget Transfers from 796.90-01 Contingencies, in the amount of \$14,000, to 796.3-30 Health Insurance, and the transfer from 796.90-01 Contingencies, in the amount of \$27,000, to 796.62-73 FA-Equipment/Shop. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Check for the Month of June 2024**

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 22566-22616 for the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$97,638.47. Mr. Spurr 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 of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District will be at 1:30 P.M. on July 10, 2024 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Spurr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 3:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary