

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**August 10, 2022**

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: Rob Bostock, Curt Giambruno, Chuck Leonard, and Ron Nagy (attending remotely via Zoom).

Absent: George Spurr (excused).

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., 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: Mr. Bostock moved to add the Authorization to Meet Via Teleconference Pursuant to Government Code Section 5493, Subdivision (e) (1) (C) to the Agenda. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Authorization to Meet Via Teleconference Pursuant to Government Code Section 5493, Subdivision (e) (1) (C). Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 2:18 P.M.**

### **Report from Closed Session**

No reportable actions were taken.

Mr. Rungis left the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

**Approve Minutes of July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 21057-21073 Making the Total Expenditures for July 2022 \$393,231.27**

Mr. Leonard moved to approve the Board Minutes of July 13, 2022 with corrections. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Research Report**

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus has been detected in Lake County so far this year.

In the rest of California, West Nile virus has been detected in 965 mosquito samples, 60 WNV-positive dead birds have been reported, and two sentinel chickens have tested positive for antibodies to WNV. Additionally, seven human cases of West Nile virus illness have been reported in 2022 as well as two horse cases.

Two human cases of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) illness have been reported in California this year, as well as nine positive mosquito samples.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in a variety of locations during July. Several mosquito species were collected including *Culex tarsalis*, *Anopheles freeborni*, and *Anopheles franciscanus*.

New Jersey Light Traps were set in the Reclamation and near the City of Clearlake. The mosquito species that were collected from the sites included *Anopheles franciscanus* and *Culex tarsalis*.

Dr. Scott reported tick testing. Sixteen *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents have been submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. One tick was positive and the remaining ticks were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on the Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Clear Lake Gnat larval counts in the Upper Arm decreased from 0.36 larvae per dredge in June to 0.07 larvae per dredge in July. Chironominae numbers decreased from 85.93 larvae per dredge in June to 67.96 larvae per dredge in July. Tanypodinae numbers increased from 13.71 larvae per dredge in June to 21.82 larvae per dredge in July.

## **Operation Report**

No rainfall was recorded in the District's rain gauge during July. The total seasonal rainfall is 19.62 inches, which is 74.98% of the average precipitation for the season.

On July 1, the level of Clear Lake was at -0.57 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level decreased to -1.16 feet by July 31.

One hundred thirty-nine service requests were completed in July. This number includes one yellowjacket request and 10 online requests.

During July District Vector Control Technician's Brad Hayes and Julian Chavez were asked to participate in the City of Lakeport's Multi-Agency Task Force to address a residence with an excessive accumulation of trash and debris. On the designated day, the Vector Control Technicians joined representatives from various city and county agencies to serve an inspection warrant and assess the property for health and safety issues. The Technicians identified multiple containers that were currently holding water or had previously held water. Some of the containers with water had mosquito larvae in them. Dr. Scott worked with the Vector Control Technicians to provide a report to the City's Task Force on their findings.

The District's neighbors at 25 C Street completed the CMU block wall between their home and the east side of the District's parking area.

A media release was issued by the District on July 27. The release reminded residents to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Articles appeared in the Lake County News on July 28 and the Lake County Record Bee on July 29.

District Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier was invited to participate in the Lake County AgVenture 2022 Program. AgVenture is an agricultural education program for non-farming community leaders and others who wish to understand the workings of the local agricultural industry.

The District's conference room was used by the Konocti Christian Academy for a meeting in July.

Dr. Scott participated in the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Sacramento Valley Regional Meeting via Zoom on July 21.

Dr. Scott will be attending the Society for Vector Ecology's 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress in Honolulu, HI, September 19-23.

**Consideration of Nomination for LAFCO Special District Alternate Member**

No nominations were made.

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

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 21074–21124 for the month of August 2022 in the amount of \$63,082.55. Mr. Bostock 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 September 14, 2022 at the Lake County Vector Control District Office, 410 Esplanade Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Leonard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary