

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

November 9, 2022

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

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

Absent:

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., 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.

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 2:21 P.M.

Report from Close Session

No reportable actions were taken.

Mr. Rungis left the meeting at 2:21 P.M.

Approve Minutes of October 12, 2022 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 21277-21283. Making the Total Expenditures for October 2022 \$97,950.83

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the Board Minutes of October 12, 2022 regular meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 21277-21283 making the total expenditures for October 2022 \$97,950.83. 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, 106 cases of WNV illness have been reported in 2022. One hundred eighty-five dead birds from twenty-five counties were positive for WNV, and 3,128 mosquito samples were positive for WNV. In addition, 144 sentinel chickens seroconverted for WNV, 185 dead birds have tested positive for WNV, and sixteen horses were reported positive for WNV in 2022.

Nine human cases of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) have been reported from four California counties. In addition, 152 mosquito samples from ten counties tested positive for SLEV.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Twenty-nine Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in a variety of locations around Lake County in October. Large numbers of biting black gnats and relatively low numbers mosquitoes were collected.

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.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. No ticks were submitted for testing in October.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake checks were not completed in October due to employee illnesses.

Operation Report

During October, no rain was recorded in the District's rain gauge. The level of Clear Lake was at -1.86 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on October 1.

Four service requests were completed in October including one yellowjacket request. In addition, 47 exposed septic tanks in the fire-affected areas of southern Lake County were inspected; 37 required treatment with a mosquito larvicide.

The District renewed its Cooperative Agreement in November. The Cooperative Agreement between the California Department of Public Health and local vector control agencies provides flexibility to local agencies while performing their role in the control of public health vectors, and ensures that all state and federal requirements regarding the application of pesticides are met.

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

District staff viewed a webinar about cockroaches in October. Certified staff received an hour of continuing education credit.

Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier attended the third class in the Lake County AgVenture on October 7. It covered the walnut industry in Lake County.

Dr. Scott attended the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Financial Management for Special Districts on October 26 and 27.

Approve Checks for the Month of November 2022

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 21284–21368 for the month of November 2022 in the amount of \$83,806.46. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott informed the Board that the Lake County Grand Jury is conducting its review of Special Districts. The Grand Jury contacted the District with some basic question regarding Board of Trustees make-up, the posting of agendas, and minutes.

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 December 14, 2022 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary