

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:40 P.M. by President Giambruno.

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

Absent: None.

District Personnel: Jamesina J. Scott, Ph.D., Manager and Research Director. Office Manager Jacinda Franusich was absent.

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

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

Convene to Closed Session at 1:42 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 2:38 P.M.

Report from Closed Session

No reportable actions taken.

Approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Add Checks 22416-22430 in the Amount of \$29,406.17 Making the Total Expenditures for March 2024 \$107,838.25

Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Board Minutes of March 13, 2024 with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 22416-22430 making the

total expenditures for March \$107,838.25. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

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

For the rest of California and the nation no arbovirus activity has been reported in 2024.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the county in March. Low numbers of mosquitoes including *Culiseta inornata*, *Anopheles freeborni*, and *Aedes increpitus* were collected from the traps.

The New Jersey light trap (NJLT) set near Borax Lake in Clearlake collected low numbers of *Culex tarsalis*, *Aedes increpitus*, and *Culiseta inornata*. In addition, the NJLT set in Upper Lake collected *Culiseta inornata*, *Culex tarsalis*, and *Culex boharti*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Six *Ixodes pacificus* ticks that were removed from Lake County residents were submitted to the Sonoma County Public Health Laboratory for testing for *Borrelia burgdorferi* (the causative agent for Lyme disease). All six of the samples were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. In March, 1.29 Clear Lake gnat larvae per dredge were collected in the Upper Arm. Chironominae averaged 10.50 larvae per dredge in March, and Tanypodinae averaged 2.50 larvae per dredge.

Operation Report

During the month of March, 0.85 inches of rainfall were recorded at the District. The total rainfall recorded this season is 27.83 inches.

On March 1, the level of Clear Lake was 8.02 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level was 8.02 feet on March 29.

During March 17-20, the District worked with Leading Edge Associates (LEA) to make a large application for the control of immature *Aedes increpitus* mosquitoes using unmanned aerial vehicles, commonly known as “drones.”

The District is advertising for an Entomologist and a seasonal Field/Lab Assistant. The positions are posted on the District's website and other job boards and employment websites.

The District's Conference Room was used on March 5th from 9:00-3:30 PM by the Lake County Office of Education's Healthy Start Program.

On March 28, District employees discovered that a hit-and-run driver had abandoned his vehicle in the employee parking lot after crashing into the taqueria building next door. The car had been leaking fuel and other fluids onto the street and gutters in the rain. This was immediately reported to the Lakeport Police Department, and they initiated a spill-response cleanup to prevent materials from entering the lake.

Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik and Laboratory Technician Kara Gaylor spoke to the Blue Heron 4-H Club on March 11. Ms. Koschik gave a presentation about mosquitoes and the District's services, followed by a question-and-answer period.

On March 22, Laboratory Technician Kara Gaylor, Vector Control Technician Brad Hayes, and Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik represented the District at the Lakeport Unified School District's Reach Higher Day.

The District's certified staff attended a webinar provided by the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California on mosquitofish disease management and biosecurity on March 13. The staff received continuing education credit for the webinar.

On March 25, District employees received in-person training on driving safety, safe lifting practices, and workplace ergonomics. The training was provided by Mr. Tom Kline and Ms. Jennifer Barr from the Risk Control Division of the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency.

Dr. Scott submitted the District's updated Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) documents for Todd Road, to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). These documents provide local responders with the location and quantity of pesticides in case of fire or other emergency.

Dr. Scott and the District's Labor Negotiator Austris Rungis met with Carl Carr (Public Employees Senior Business Representative), Mike McCall (Director of Benefits for OE3 Health and Welfare Fund), and Tim Neep (Union Board Member) on March 12th to discuss the multiple lapses in health

coverage experienced by District employees and the hardships caused by the lapses. It was requested that the Trust Fund offer a settlement and release to each of the District's employees to reimburse them the hardships.

Dr. Scott met with CEO Neil McCormick, CFO Rick Wood, and Chief Member Services and Communications Officer Cassandra Strawn, of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) on March 20th. Mr. McCormick, Mr. Wood, and Ms. Strawn were touring local special districts to check in with members and review new services and benefits offered through the CSDA.

In March, Dr. Scott attended a webinar titled "Creating a Successful Communications Strategy." The webinar was sponsored by the CSDA.

Dr. Scott is continuing to review and update the District's Policy Handbook. This involves reviewing each of the District's policies, current Sample Policies from the CSDA, and any other changes in state laws or regulations.

Dr. Scott updated the service requests and job opportunities on the District's website. In addition, Dr. Scott has been working with staff on using CalSurv gateway for recording mosquito control sources and applications and incorporating Google Calendar, Google Maps, and Google Photos into District operations.

Dr. Scott and Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik attended the American Mosquito Control Association annual conference in Dallas, Texas the week of March 4-8.

Approve Budget Transfers

After some discussion, Mr. Bostock moved to approve the budget transfer from 90-91 Contingencies in the amount of \$11,000, to 19-40 Laboratory Supplies. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Checks for April 2024

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 22431-22486 for the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$113,440.22. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Scott reminded the Board that the required biennial Harassment Prevention Training will be offered to District Trustees and Staff from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on May 8, 2024. Lunch will be provided, and the regular Board Meeting will take place afterward.

Announcement of the Next 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 May 8, 2024 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary