

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 16, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:32 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Board Present: Rob Bostock, Curt Giambruno, Chuck Leonard, and Ron Nagy.

Absent: George Spurr (excused).

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

Guests: None.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda Additions and/or Deletions: None.

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Research Report**

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus activity has been reported for Lake County in 2022.

For the rest of California and the nation, no arboviral activity has been reported in 2022.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. The New Jersey Light Trap (NJLT) set in near Borax Lake collected six female and one male *Culiseta inornata*, four female *Culex tarsalis*, and three female and one male *Culicoides occidentalis*. The NJLT set near Upper Lake collected 29 female and two male *Culiseta inornata*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Five *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*. Four ticks were negative and results are pending for the most recent submission.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake Checks were not completed in February due conference attendance and employee illness.

### **Operation Report**

During February 0.20 inches of rain were recorded at the District. The cumulative rainfall for the year is 16.85 inches.

On February 1, the level of Clear Lake was 0.54 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. On February 28, the lake was at 0.50 feet.

The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) is holding a series of workshops demonstrating the data management systems utilized by mosquito and vector control districts throughout California. District staff have been viewing the webinars to learn what the various systems offer and discuss if any of the systems would be a good fit for the District.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Konocti Christian Academy Board of Directors used the District's conference room for a meeting. The Board thanked the District for the use of the room.

The District's lab staff and vector control technicians attended the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) Annual Conference in Sacramento to help fulfill their continuing education requirements.

The District has been invited to participate in upcoming outreach events. On March 30<sup>th</sup> Lakeport Unified School District is holding a Trucks on the Track and Career Day event, and on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the District will participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake County Ag & Natural Resources Day held at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Dr. Scott and Vector Biologist Michelle Koschik attended the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) in Jacksonville, Florida from February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Dr. Scott attended the MVCAC monthly All Hands meeting via Zoom on February 1.

On February 10th, Dr. Scott attended the MVCAC Winter Board of Directors meeting in person. After the meeting Dr. Scott participated in Employment Risk Management Agency (ERMA) Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference. Dr. Scott serves as the alternate board member of the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) on the ERMA Board.

On February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Scott participated in the VCJPA Annual Workshop and Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference.

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 first responders with location and quantity of pesticides in case of fire or other emergency.

Dr. Scott submitted the District's annual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) report to the State Water Board.

Dr. Scott will attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (PacVec) in Sacramento on April 5-6.

### **Update on Employee Health Coverage through Operating Engineers 3**

On February 16, 2022 the District was notified by phone that its employee health coverage would not be renewed after March 31, 2022.

The District has had a long-standing "handshake" pass-through agreement with the County of Lake's Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) to purchase health coverage through the OE3 Public and Miscellaneous Employees Health and Welfare Fund ("Fund"). During a compliance audit, the Fund realized that no official written agreement existed with Lake County Vector Control District and health coverage could not continue under those circumstances.

Dr. Scott and Office Manager Jacinda Franusich met with Carl Carr and Tim Neep from OE3, and Mike McCall, the Director of Benefits for the OE3 Health and Welfare Fund on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They were not able to offer the continuation of health coverage unless the District employees form a bargaining unit under Operating Engineers Local 3.

Other options for health coverage a being explored, and the District employees are scheduled to meet with Mr. Carr, Mr. Neep, and Mr. McCall on March 21, 2022 to discuss their options with OE3.

**Approve Budget Transfers**

No budget transfers were needed.

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

Mr. Bostock moved to approve Checks No. 20741-20783 for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$47,627.54. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business**

Dr. Scott mentioned that Mr. Chuck Leonard had been reappointed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors to the District's Board for a four-year term.

There was a brief discussion regarding the construction of the new wall on C Street.

**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 PM on April 13, 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 to discuss the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 2:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy  
Secretary