

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

July 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:35 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 and Ms. Jacinda Franusich, Office Manager.

Guests: Ms. Melanie Lee of SCI Consulting Group.

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda additions and/or deletions: None.

Open Public Hearing and Consideration of Levy of the Assessment for the Lake County Vector Control District Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment.

President Giambruno opened the Public Hearing at 1:37 P.M.

President Giambruno opened the Public Input portion of the Public Hearing at 1:38 P.M.

There was no public input.

President Giambruno closed the Public Input portion of the Public Hearing at 1:39 P.M.

Consideration of Resolution 24-04 Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering Levy of The Mosquito, Vector, and Disease Control Assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Mr. Lincoln moved to approve Resolution 24-04 Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering Levy of the Mosquito, Vector, and Disease Control Assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: five in favor: (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), and none against.

Ms. Lee left the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

Approve Minutes of June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 22617-22631 Making the Total Expenditures for June 2024 \$127,976.41

Mr. Bostock moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting with a correction to the check numbers to include checks 22617-22631 making the total expenditures for June 2024 \$127,976.41. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Research Report

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

In California, WNV has been detected in 17 counties with 203 positive mosquito samples and 61 positive dead birds.

Nine St. Louis encephalitis virus-positive mosquito pools have been reported from three California counties.

For the rest of the United States, 13 states have reported WNV activity including seven states with human infections.

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

New Jersey light traps were set in the Reclamation and near Borax Lake during June. Among the mosquito species collected were *Anopheles franciscanus* and *Culex tarsalis*. In addition, large numbers of *Culicoides occidentalis* (biting black gnats) were collected from the trap near Borax Lake.

The Large Resting Box (LRB) set near Upper Lake was sampled once in June. Among the mosquito species collected were *Aedes sierrensis*, *Culex tarsalis*, and *Culex stigmatosoma*.

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*. All the ticks were negative.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. Lake Checks were not completed in June due to employee availability.

Operation Report

During June, no rainfall was recorded in the District's rain gauge. The total rainfall for the season is 29.88 inches, which is 114% of the average cumulative annual rainfall for this date.

The level of Clear Lake was 6.71 feet on the Rumsey Gauge on June 1. On June 30, the lake declined to 5.60 feet.

The District responded to 421 service requests in June. Two yellowjacket service requests was also completed in June. In addition, residents submitted 93 online requests, which is almost three times the average for the month.

In April, Vector Control Technician Sandi Courcier collaborated with Environmental Health Technician Shanna Parson on a site visit to abandoned properties with exposed septic tanks that were damaged in the 2015 Valley Fire. In June, Ms. Parsons sent letters to the property owners of record advising them of the hazards on their properties and asking them to contact Lake County Environmental Health by July 5, 2024 to discuss their exposed septic tank. Dr. Scott will update the board regarding the response to those letters.

On June 11 the District's board room was used by the Lake County Health Department for a meeting. The use of the room was appreciated.

A temporary employee was hired by the District through Management Connections to cover the absence of Office Manager Jacinda Franusich from June 10 through June 24.

The District has hired Ms. Jessi Edmiston to fill the Entomologist position. Ms. Edmiston earned her Masters degree in Biology/Entomology from Western Illinois University and her Bachelor of Science in Biology/Ecology from Illinois College. Ms. Edmiston is expected to begin her new position at the end of July.

The District issued a news release on June 6, reminding residents to take precautions against mosquito bites. The articles appeared in the Lake County New, The Lake County Record Bee, and The Bloom.

Dr. Scott attended two California Special Districts (CSDA) Webinars during June. The webinars were titled “Using the Cloud to Increase Efficiency,” and “Preparing a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.”

Dr. Scott continues to review and prepare updates to the District’s policy handbook. This includes reviewing each of the District’s policies, the current Sample Policies from CSDA, and any other changes in state laws or regulations.

Dr. Scott attended the CSDA General Managers Leadership Summit on June 23-25 in Anaheim, California.

Final Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

After some discussion, Mr. Lincoln moved to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Checks for the Months of July 2024

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 22632-22684 for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$357,420.00. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

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 August 14, 2024 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giambruno at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary