

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

June 10, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District was called to order at 1:31 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. Julie Manick, Office Manager.

Guests: Mr. Austris Rungis (via Zoom).

Citizen's Input: None.

Agenda additions/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 1:47 P.M.

Report from Closed Session

No reportable actions were taken.

Mr. Rungis left the meeting at 1:47 P.M.

Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between the Lake County Vector Control District and Operating Engineers Local 3

After some discussion Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lake County Vector Control District and Operating Engineers Local 3 as presented. Mr. Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes of May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting with a Correction to the Check Numbers to Include Checks 24181-24195 in the amount of \$35,382.34 Making the Total Expenditures for May 2026 \$207,990.13

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Research Report for May 2026

Dr. Scott reported on arbovirus activity. No West Nile virus (WNV) activity has been reported in Lake County in 2026.

For the rest of California, fourteen (14) West Nile virus positive dead birds, all American Crows, were found in eight (8) counties. Eleven (11) West Nile virus positive mosquito samples were reported from Los Angeles (6), Riverside (2), Sacramento (1), and San Bernardino (1) counties.

One sample of mosquitoes collected February 17th near the Salton Sea in eastern Riverside County was positive for St. Louis encephalitis virus.

Dr. Scott reported on adult biting fly activity. Carbon dioxide-baited traps were set in various locations around the County. Among the mosquito species collected were *Aedes sierrensis*, and *Culiseta incidens*, as well as several thousand *Aedes increpitus*.

Dr. Scott reported on tick testing. Twenty-four (24) ticks have been brought in for identification. Of those, sixteen (16) *Ixodes pacificus* (western black-legged ticks) were submitted to *Borrelia burgdorferi* (the causative agent of Lyme disease) testing. All were negative for *Borrelia*.

Dr. Scott reported on Clear Lake Gnat, Chironominae, and Tanypodinae Surveillance in Clear Lake. The Clear Lake gnat remained level at 0.14 larvae per dredge in the Upper Arm of Clear Lake for the third month in a row. Chironominae numbers increased from 29.75 larvae per dredge in April, to 37.11 larvae per dredge in May, which is above the historical

average of 21.58 larvae per dredge. The average number of Tanypodinae collected increased from 0.96 larvae per dredge in April to 4.29 larvae per dredge in May, which is below the historical average (8.51 larvae per dredge) for the month.

Research Entomologist Chip Markwardt had an article from their graduate work published in the Journal of Medical Entomology in May. The article, titled "Natural sugar-source associations of *Culicoides* biting midges (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) in a Kansas tallgrass prairie" and co-authored by Chip Markwardt, Cassandra Olds, Phillip Shults, and Bethany L. McGregor, describes their research that uncovered what plants these insects feed on for sugar. Chip analyzed DNA from wild midges to identify their plant meals. The study revealed that midges feed on a wide variety of plants rather than sticking to just one type, a discovery that could help scientists design better toxic sugar baits to control *Culicoides* populations and protect livestock.

Operation Report for May 2026

The rain gauge at the LCVCD office in Lakeport received 0.49 inches of rainfall in May. Total rainfall for the season is 22.11 inches, which is 85% of the average rainfall for this date.

On May 1, the level of Clear Lake was 7.55 feet on the Rumsey Gauge. The lake level declined during the month, ending at 6.59 feet on May 31. The lake level was 0.80 feet lower than it was at the end of May 2025 (7.39 feet) and 0.38 feet about the 113-year median of 6.21 feet for this date.

District Vector Control Technicians completed 609 mosquito service requests in May, with 202 requests received online. In addition, there were 17 technician-generated applications and two yellowjacket requests.

On May 26, the District made a drone application to an organic pasture near Hidden Valley Lake.

In May, the District ordered a Hyllo Pegasus AgroDrone with a 20-pound payload. Once we receive the drone, we can begin the registration process with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which can take several months.

Office Manager, Julie Manick and Dr. Scott attended a 90-minute training session for employers about Reasonable Suspicion. The training covered reasonable-suspicion drug and alcohol testing and was delivered by

Kathleen Chilcott, a Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Risk Consultant with extensive experience in workplace substance programs.

In May, the District participated in three outreach events: the 7th Annual Ag and Resource Day at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Lakeport; Mendocino College's Lake Center Career and Resource Fair in Lakeport; and Kelseyville Riviera Elementary School Career Day in the Clear Lake Riviera. All three events were attended by Vector Biologist Michelle Meighan and Entomologist Jessi Edmiston. Their displays included insect collections, mosquito larvae, mosquitofish, mini LRB, and CO₂ traps.

The County of Lake plans to change over to the financial software system, Workday, this fall. The County expects the change to have minimal impacts on local agencies, including the District, that bank through the County, however the changeover will include a new Chart of Accounts which will require us to work with Caselle (the District's financial software provider) to update our use codes.

Earlier this year, the City of Clearlake advised local agencies that the County of Lake was planning to clawback ("reverse apportionment") \$2,138,558.88 in funds that it mistakenly paid out to local agencies. For the District, this means that future Benefit Assessment revenues will be slightly reduced over the next 5 years as the County withholds funds to correct its overpayments. The County is now aware of the problems that led to the incorrect allocations and have corrected them moving forward.

Dr. Scott's main concern for the District is the precedent the County's action sets for reducing the District's future benefit assessment revenues with reverse apportionments. She is also concerned about the lack of notification from the County and that the underlying data explaining how the reverse apportionment amounts were calculated was not provided. Dr. Scott is continuing to meet with the Auditor-Controller and SCI to ensure that any reverse apportionments are correct.

Office Manager Julie Manick and Dr. Scott are continuing to meet with VC3 every other week to correct any issues and plan for our centralized managed domain, SharePoint, and multifactor authentication rollouts.

Dr. Scott continues to meet with the District's Labor Negotiator, Austris Rungis of Industrial Employers Distributors Association (IEDA), and the

ratified Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be presented as an agenda item.

Consideration of Resolution No. 26-01 Resolution of Intention to Levy Annual Assessment, Preliminarily Accepting Engineer's Report and Scheduling of Public Hearing for FY 2026-2027

After some discussion, Mr. Bostock moved to approve Resolution 26-01 A Resolution of Intention to Levy Annual Assessment, Preliminarily Accepting Engineer's Report and Scheduling of Public Hearing for FY 2026-2027. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nagy, and Mr. Spurr), and none against.

Consideration of Resolution No. 26-02 A Resolution Establishing the 2025-2026 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit

After some discussion, Mr. Nagy moved to approve Resolution 26-02 A Resolution Establishing the 2026-2027 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit. Mr. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 5 in favor (Mr. Bostock, Mr. Giambruno, Mr. Nagy, Mr. Lincoln, and Mr. Spurr) and none against.

Public Hearing to Review Lake County Vector Control District Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts in Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561/Government Code Section 3502.3

The Public Hearing was opened at 3:06 P.M. by President Giambruno.

There were no comments from the public or the Lake County Vector Control District Employee Organization.

No questions were posed to District Manager or staff.

The Public Input Portion of the Public Hearing was closed at 3:19 P.M. by President Giambruno.

Approve Budget Transfers

After some discussion Mr. Spurr moved to approve the Budget Transfer from 796.18-00 Maintenance of Structure, in the amount of \$1,000, to 796.19-40 Laboratory Supplies. Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Checks for the Month of June 2026

Mr. Nagy moved to approve Check Nos. 24196-24241 for the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$77,826.18. Mr. Spurr 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 of Trustees of the Lake County Vector Control District will be at 1:30 P.M. on July 8, 2026 in the LCVCD Board Room, 410 Esplanade, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Mr. Nagy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spurr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by President Giamb Bruno at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Nagy
Secretary