

**MOSQUITO AND VECTOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
of Santa Barbara County
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TRUSTEES
February 12, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County was held at 2:00 PM, on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Hope School District Board Room, 3970 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA.

1. ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

David Pritchett, Board President
Larry Fausett, Vice President
Charles Blair
John Olson

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Ron Hurd, Board Secretary
Cathy Schlottmann

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Passaro, General Manager
Kenneth Learned, Vector Biologist
Dr. Chris Pankau, Member of Public

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No changes were requested

3. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS regarding District business.

General Manager Passaro discussed upcoming CEU trainings in Garden Grove and Visalia on March 4th and March 5th. The Board confirmed that overnight stays were appropriate for these two events and that the Board did not need to approve the overnight stays because they are two separate trainings and therefore as per District travel policy the General Manager may authorize these overnight stays. Also some discussion was had regarding upcoming telephone conference regarding underground vaults.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion of Trustee Olsen's re-appointment to the Board by the City of Goleta and changes to the LAFCO Board.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

NONE

6. ITEMS OF GENERAL CONSENT. The following items are approved by a single action of the Board. Items requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the listing and approved in a separate action.

- A. Approval of Minutes for District's regular meeting held February 12, 2008.
- B. Financial Statements for County Fund 4160 for February 2008.
- C. Warrant Register for February 2008.
- D. Disease Surveillance Report for February 2008.
- E. District Operations Report for February 2008.

Some discussion regarding District surveillance report, General Manager Passaro clarified the report of a positive WNV case in Santa Barbara County. Trustee Pritchett clarified that the Report of District Operations was a combination of the two previous operations reports. General manager Passaro confirmed this to be the case and briefly discussed concerns about Tea Fire area mosquito production. It was moved by Trustee Olsen, seconded by Trustee Blair, and passed unanimously to approve the Items of General Consent as presented.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on Policy and Procedures Manual.** *General Manager Passaro explained the process to date, that the Personnel Committee reviewed the document and the full document was distributed to the full Board. Trustees in attendance felt that it would be prudent to have as many Trustees as possible in attendance before discussing and/or voting on the Policy and Procedure Manual. Some discussion regarding holidays, 9/80 work week, review after Board approval and the comment matrix was heard. It was moved by Trustee Fausett, seconded by Trustee Olsen, and passed unanimously to continue this item to the March 12, 2009 Board meeting.*
- B. **Update on FY 2007/08 Annual Audit.** *General Manager Passaro stated that the draft audit is complete. The only issue to be aware of is verbiage in section A on page 13 regarding from which cities the District receives property tax revenue. It was moved by Trustee Blair, seconded by Trustee Fausett, and passed unanimously to approve the draft audit as presented.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Discussion of MVCAC Annual Conference Held January 26-28 in Burlingame –** Attendees at the conference presented verbal reports on the event.
- B. **Discussion Regarding District Participation and Exhibit at the 2009 Earth Day Festival to be Held on Sunday April 19th at Alameda Park, in Santa Barbara.** *General Manager Passaro reported location, booth size, and planned display items for the festival. Staff recommended Board approval for giveaway items such as pens/pencils, magnets and flyswatters, as well as the purchase of a large scale mosquito model for display and future use at presentations. It was moved by Trustee Blair, seconded by Trustee Olsen, and passed unanimously to authorize \$500 for the purchase of giveaway items.*
- C. **Discussion and/or Approval to Move Forward with Obtaining a Permit to Comply With The Clean Water Act.** *Recently the Federal 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Ohio overruled the EPA's order that pesticides were exempt from NPDES permitting requirements. The MVCAC and AMCA are leading a charge to regain exemption; however, many Districts are moving forward with the permitting process nevertheless. General Manager Passaro summarized the information on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, the AMCA and MVCAC response and individual districts response. Staff made the recommendation to move forward with obtaining a permit and working*

- collaboratively with Santa Cruz County and others located within the jurisdiction of our regional water board. It was moved by Trustee Fausett, seconded by Trustee Blair and passed unanimously, to move forward with permit application in conjunction with other agencies and keep the Board apprised.*
- D. **Discussion and/or Approval to Attend Legislative Days in Sacramento on Tuesday March 3, 2009.** The MVCAC lobbyist has requested that Trustees make an effort to attend this event. The desire is to have at least two Trustees from each District in attendance. It is a one day event with no reception afterwards. Fiscal impact is unknown at this time, dependent on number of attendees and mode of travel. *General Manager Passaro summarized the MVCAC position on legislative days and provided an estimated summary of the Districts budget status for travel expenses. Staff recommends forgoing the travel to Sacramento due to the lack of funds available in the travel expense budget and the need for staff to travel for CEU trainings and a quarterly MVCAC meeting in May. No Trustees expressed interest in attending. No action taken on agenda item.*
- E. **Discussion and/or Approval for Trustee Blair to Attend the Santa Barbara County Special District Association (SBSDA) Chapter Meeting in Solvang on February 23, 2009.** The purpose of the SBSDA is to advocate constructive means for the improvement and functioning of independent Special Districts within the County of Santa Barbara, and to assist such independent Special Districts and their governing bodies. Trustee Blair would like to attend as a representative of the MVM District and estimates his expenses to be less than \$65. To date an agenda for this meeting has not been posted to the SBSDA website. *President Pritchett recommended discussing Items E, F and G together. President Pritchett requested that Trustees consider the state of the District's travel budget status and the SCVET's movement toward staff representation on the Taskforce. Discussion ensued. Trustee Blair volunteered to travel to the SCVET at his own expense. It was motioned by Trustee Olsen to approve \$35 reimbursement per SBSDA meeting for Trustee Blair, seconded by Trustee Fausett, and passed unanimously.*
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- G. **Discussion and/or Approval for Trustee Blair to Attend the Southern California Vector Control Environmental Taskforce (SCVCET) Quarterly Meeting in Garden Grove on March 18, 2009.** The SCVCET explores the relationship between vector-borne disease transmission and environmental resource protection. Trustee Blair would like to attend as a representative of the MVM District and estimates his expenses to be less than \$300. To date an agenda for this meeting has not been posted to the internet. *See Item E above.*

9. MANAGER'S REPORT.

President Pritchett asked what the fiscal impact of the dental was and vision benefits. General Manager Passaro reported that the expenses were as expected. President Pritchett clarified that the problem with the telephone system was the battery backup. General Manager Passaro responded affirmatively. President Pritchett summarized the meeting with County Supervisors representing the 2nd and 3rd Districts. General Manager Passaro summarized the MVCAC Southern Region meeting. A summary of the press release regarding the Tea Fire area and the coverage that ensued was provided. General Manager Passaro also provided a summary on the West Nile Virus Symposium attended by the District's Biologist and himself.

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS.

Trustee Olsen inquired about the way to rectify the travel budget issue; General manager Passaro explained corrective action options.

Trustee Blair described the agenda and location of the upcoming SBSDA meeting.

Dr. Pankau mentioned that he was asked to continue going to meetings by Supervisor Farr and that he was unaware if he would be re-appointed.

11. CLOSED SESSION – None

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:35 PM.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions of the Board:

BY:

APPROVED:

Larry Fausett
Board Vice-president

Ron Hurd
Board Secretary