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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 13, 2005**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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| Ronald Anderson | |
| Robert Blake | Leon Nickolas |
| Valentina Cogoni | Lawrence Peterson |
| John Curtis | Dennis Preger |
| Victoria Feng | Robert Riechel |
| Joseph Fil | Betsy Schneider |
| Roland Finley | Richard Tagg |
| Raymond Honan | Lawrence Vallergera |

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

- Robert Maynard
- Doris Kellett
- Robert Bury

STAFF PRESENT:

- Robert Gay, District Manager
- Karen Williams, Clerk of the Board
- James Counts, Field Operations Supervisor
- Chindi Peavey, Vector Ecologist

GUESTS/SPEAKERS PRESENT:

- John Bliss, Engineer, Shilts Consultants Inc

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input on Non Agendized Items

No one was present from the general public to address the Board

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Approve the consent calendar, which consisted of the list of expenditures for June, revenue received for June, and the Minutes from the June 8, 2005 Board meeting. Nickolas/Peterson, carried unanimously.

2005-2006 Budget

Manager Gay reviewed, in detail, the information regarding the final 2005-06 budget.

MOTION: Approve the 2005-2006 Budget. Curtis/Riechel, carried unanimously.

Public Hearing to consider Levy of Special Mosquito Control Tax

MOTION: To open the public hearing. Peterson/Nickolas, carried unanimously.

It was noted that no members of the public were in attendance.

MOTION: To close the public hearing. Curtis/Nickolas, carried unanimously.

Resolution M-001-06

MOTION: Fixing the amount of the Special Mosquito Control Tax for Mosquito Control Services within the originally designated cities and unincorporated areas at \$3.74 per parcel. Honan/Riechel, carried unanimously.

Resolution M-002-06

MOTION: Authorizing the collection of the Special Mosquito Control Tax for Mosquito Control Services within the originally designated cities and unincorporated areas. Peterson/Nickolas, carried unanimously.

Resolution M-003-06

MOTION: Authorizing the approval of the Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Ordering Levy of Assessments for fiscal year 2005-2006 with punctuation corrections. Curtis/Nickolas, carried unanimously.

District Programs/Staff Reports***Entomology Support Services***

Chindi Peavey reported on the activities of the lab staff. The Lab staff has been using more CO2 traps throughout the county to identify mosquito problem areas. It has been successful in identifying a broken pipe in the Rollingwood area of San Bruno. Also, it has been determined that a problem at Westlake in Daly City can be attributed to the Sewer Plant. A similar problem is occurring in San Mateo around Kehoe Ave though the source has not been identified.

There are now 2 positive cases of West Nile virus in San Mateo County. The first was in Hillsborough and the most recent was from a mocking bird found in Burlingame. Mosquito pools are being sent regularly to the state for testing but have returned no positives yet.

The Lab staff has continued its program for year-round tick flagging. It is used to check for tick-borne diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which is transmitted by summer ticks.

There have been two cases of Hanta virus and zero cases of plague.

A meeting was held with members of the City of Pacifica, Daly City, Caltrans and Dr. Peavey and James Counts, Field Supervisor, regarding a flooding matter at Sharp Park golf course. Several agencies will work together to alleviate a citizen complaint where their backyard is consistently flooded and creating a potential mosquito-breeding site.

The Lab staff has been working with Stanford University students regarding identifying *Culex erythrothrorax* larvae by taking water dips in Searsville Lake. This species is hard to find in the larval stage so it is making for an interesting school project, thus helping the District locate mosquito larvae.

Operation Services

James Counts reported on the activities of the Operations department. Helicopter treatment work is in its second phase this season. Alpine Helicopter Service Inc has reported a price increase. The rate of \$1,000.00 has been changed to \$1,100.00 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. They will also now charge \$500.00 if it is required to keep the helicopter onsite overnight to do a second location treatment. All helicopter treatment customers have been notified of the increase and a letter stating that we will make every attempt to perform all treatments on the same day to avoid the \$500.00 fee.

The sewer plant-monitoring program is well underway. A problem is developing at Daly City, where the person employed at the plant, that is assigned to oversee the treatments, is on vacation. The CO2 trap on site received 306 mosquitoes in one night, which is extremely high. It is the desire of the sewer plant to forego our technicians treating the area so as not to be billed for our work. Until the employee returns from vacation or someone else is assigned, this area will continue to generate mosquitoes, which is impacting on the Fire Department and Westlake area nearby.

The area of Muscle Rock in Daly City is being cleared out with a tractor, which will aid the technicians in getting to breeding sites previously accessible only with chainsaw and power trimmers.

The District has outfitted the three new technician vehicles with winches, toolboxes and warning lights.

The catch basin program is going strong. All eight summer hires are working hard at the program and our District is treating 60,000 to 70,000 basins a month. This method of treating subterranean sources is paying off with fewer requests for mosquito problems.

The Technicians are in the second round of creek treatment work. San Mateo County has 38 creeks that are cleared and treated every month. All creek work should be completed next month.

A new Argo is ordered and should be arriving next month.

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

Manager Gay reported on activities from the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC). The Governor has signed the 2005-2006 fiscal budget. Included in the budget is \$12,000,000 earmarked for mosquito abatement issues. Our District has completed an application to receive approximately \$200,000 of this amount for repayment of operational expenses.

The District has retained its status of exempt for further ERAF funding.

Four more human cases for West Nile virus have been reported in Tulare County.

Vector Control Joint Powers Agency

Manager Gay reported activities from the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency. Manager Gay and Trustee Preger attended the VCJPA Annual meeting which outlines the insurance program. Brian Kelly, Bickmore Risk Services will attend the October 11, 2005 board meeting to review the insurance program for the Trustees.

It was learned that Trustee Dennis Preger was not elected as Coastal Region Representative. He will serve as alternate.

District Manager's Activity Report

Manager Gay wanted to thank everyone for sending in any newspaper articles about the District that were found in local papers. Our media coverage has been very supportive and very well written.

The Building Project is continuing. Plan check comments are being addressed and the building permit should only be three weeks away.

The District has changed its injured workers treatment clinic. The District is now a member of U.S. Health Works located in South San Francisco. It was felt that the care that we had been receiving at IMMED was inadequate for our staff. The new facility has ¼ of its building dedicated to physical therapy routines. The philosophy is to get the injured employee healthy and back to work as soon as possible.

Trustee Field Day 2005-06 has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2005. This is a day of equipment demonstrations and program presentations, followed by a barbeque lunch.

The District audit is scheduled for August 17th and 18th.

Manager Gay would like to schedule the annual Christmas party to be held at the District on Wednesday, December 7, 2005. More details to follow.

The MVCAC annual meeting has been scheduled for January 29, 2006 to February 1, 2006. The meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada. The District would like to have all attendees travel by train and arrangements will need to be made to get everyone to Emeryville for departure. More details to follow.

Board and Staff Announcements

President Anderson wanted to thank the members of the Budget and Salary Committee for all of their hard work on the annual budget.

Reminder of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

No board meeting will be held in August. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2005 at 7:00.

MOTION: To approve next meeting of the Board of Trustees for September 14, 2005 at 7:00pm. Riechel/Nickolas, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjournment. Curtis/Nickolas, carried unanimously. 8:52pm

Approved:

District Manager

President

Date

* Betsey Schneider arrived at 7:08pm