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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JUNE 14, 2006**

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

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

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| Ronald Anderson  | Ray Honan         |
| Robert Blake     | Robert Maynard    |
| Robert Bury      | Leon Nickolas     |
| Valentina Cogoni | Lawrence Peterson |
| John Curtis      | Robert Riechel    |
| Joseph Fil       | Betsy Schneider   |
| Tim Frahm        | Richard Tagg      |
| Cal Hinton       | Lawrence Vallerga |

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

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| Maggie Gomez  | Dennis Preger |
| Roland Finley |               |
| Doris Kellett |               |

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS/SPEAKERS PRESENT:**

None

**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 May, revenue received for May, the Minutes of the May 10th Board meeting and Resolution M-009-06 budget emendation. Curtis/Honan, Motion carried.

**District Programs/Staff Reports****Fish Pond/Parking Garage Construction Project**

Manager Gay reported on the building project. The building project is complete.

**Lab Services**

Chindi Peavey reported on the following activities of the Lab staff:

- CO2 Trap program and results. Over 4,000 mosquitoes collected.
- Recent fly off of *Aedes squamiger* from the Bair Island area and impact on surrounding communities.
- Recent Press Conference related to the fly off of *Aedes squamiger* from the Bair Island area and impact on surrounding communities, midge problem throughout Foster City and mosquito problems impacting Redwood Shores, San Carlos and Belmont.
- Participation in San Carlos Hometown Days.
- Participation in Portola Valley Day Faire.
- Test trial of tick control in San Pedro Park, Pacifica.
- Plaque and Hanta virus surveillance conducted May 31 and June 1, 2006.
- Scheduled meeting with San Bruno Parks Biologist regarding mice population.
- Meeting with Fish and Wildlife regarding special training for SF garter snake certification.
- Spider identification workshop for the Lab staff.
- West Nile virus updates.
- Assistant Vector Ecologist Rory will be training San Mateo County Health Officials in handling some citizen questions prior to referring them to us.
- The Lab is working on testing for avian flu.
- Aerial photographs seeking unattended green pools as sources of mosquito breeding.
- Salt pond restoration meeting was attended by Dr. Peavey and Technician Cavanaugh.
- Dr. Peavey reviewed the list of equipment for the Lab in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

**Field Operation Services**

James Counts reported on the following activities of the Operations department:

- Salt marsh mosquito problem effecting Belmont, San Carlos, and Redwood City. Service Requests exceeded 851 in three weeks.
- Adulticiding program to address the salt marsh mosquito problem. A total of 9 nights were involved.
- Budget impact of the adulticiding program to address the salt marsh mosquito problem.

- Areas of Bair Island being opened to tidal flow. This should reduce our treatment in this area from 5,000 acres to less than 500 acres.
- Catch Basin program was started early. Lots of trouble with the older model vehicles needing repairs. James requested assistance in locating a supplier of right hand drive vehicles or a vendor who performs conversions.
- Oracle's large subsidence problem being addressed to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Oyster Point subsidence problem being addressed to prevent mosquito breeding.
- New materials are available for testing that may increase control time from 30 days to 190 days. This would be a great benefit to our program with our catch basin and fishpond programs. It would allow technicians to check these sources less frequently and address other issues more frequently.
- Mills field goat program.
- James reviewed the list of equipment for operations in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

### **2006-07 Budget Review**

Manager Gay reported on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. A comparison of previous, current and proposed budgets was provided. Discussion surrounded any line items that increased by large margins. Some items included Retirement, Unemployment, Pesticides, District Special Expenses and Worker's Compensation Insurance/Liability Insurance.

### **Resolution M-010-06**

A resolution to transfer \$1,200,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund at the close of fiscal year 2005-06.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Resolution M-010-06. Peterson/ Curtis, carried unanimously.

### **Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)**

Manager Gay reported on the MVCAC activities. Work has progressed on adding \$10,000,000 to the California state budget for mosquito and WNV control work. After much work, it had made it into the final budget awaiting the Governor's signature. The money can be used for pesticides and emergency hiring of temporary personnel.

### **VCJPA**

Manager Gay reported on the activities concerning the District's Vector Control Joint Powers Agency. Trustee Preger has been nominated as the Alternate Trustee Representative on the VCJPA Board of Directors. The annual meeting will be in either February 2007 or March 2007.

### **District Manager's Activity Report**

Manager Gay reported on the following topics:

- Status of the acquisition of the property at 832 Barron Avenue, Redwood City. Correspondence being handled by Joseph Lepera, Esq. on the District's behalf. An asking price of \$383,000 is being offered.
- SCI Consultants Inc timeline for the Benefit Assessment for North and West County Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment District.

- CSDA Legislative Updates.
- CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase being held in Squaw Valley CA.
- Harassment training for all staff being held on Thursday, June 15, 2006.
- Lots of angry residents from the recent mosquito fly off from Bair Island.
- Court decision regarding San Mateo County property tax dollars and San Francisco Airport airline companies. The District will lose approximately \$8,000 from the last two years. Loses will occur for the next 6 years to finalize the judgment.

**Board, Committee and Staff Announcements**

- Trustee Riechel asked to perform a Manager Performance evaluation.
- Trustee Fil wanted to thank Technician Niebaum and Technician Sebay for their hard work and participation at the Portola Valley Town Faire on Saturday, June 10, 2006.
- President Nickolas reminded everyone to cash their Trustee Expense checks or sign up for direct deposit.
- The Policy Committee is postponing its upcoming meeting for another date.
- The Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 12:00pm.
- The Environmental Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 6:00pm.

**Reminder of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2006 at 7:00.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Adjournment. Honan/Anderson, carried unanimously. 9:30pm

Approved:

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District Manager

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President

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Date