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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 12, 2006**

President Nickolas called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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| Ronald Anderson | Cal Hinton |
| Robert Blake | Ray Honan |
| Robert Bury | Robert Maynard |
| Valentina Cogoni | Leon Nickolas |
| John Curtis | Dennis Preger |
| Joseph Fil | Robert Riechel |
| Roland Finley | Betsey Schneider |
| Tim Frahm | Richard Tagg |
| Maggie Gomez | |

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

- Doris Kellett
- Lawrence Peterson
- Lawrence Vallerga

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, SCI Consulting Group

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, the Minutes of the June 14th Board meeting and retirement of two fixed assets. Curtis/Gomez, carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007 Budget

Manager Gay reviewed the final draft of the fiscal year 2006-07 operating and capital project fund budget.

ACTION: Motion to approve fiscal year 2006-2007 Budget. Curtis/Fil, carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

This is the opportunity for any public members to address the Board with questions relevant to the setting of the Special Mosquito Control Tax and/or Benefit Assessment.

ACTION: Motion to open Public Hearing. Tagg/Riechel, carried unanimously.

It was noted that no members of the public were present regarding setting of the Special Mosquito Control Tax and/or benefit assessment.

ACTION: Motion to close Public Hearing. Riechel/Curtis, carried unanimously.

Resolution M-001-07

President Nickolas read Resolution M-001-07, which fixes the amount of the Special Mosquito Control Tax for Mosquito Control Services at \$3.74 per parcel within the originally designated cities and unincorporated areas.

ACTION: Motion to approve Resolution M-001-07. Anderson/Honan, carried unanimously.

Resolution M-002-07

President Nickolas read Resolution M-002-07, which authorizes the collection of the Special Mosquito Control Tax for Mosquito Control Services of \$3.74 per parcel within the originally designated cities and unincorporated areas.

ACTION: Motion to approve Resolution M-002-07. Curtis/Riechel, carried unanimously.

Resolution M-003-07

Engineer John Bliss, SCI Consulting Group, reported on the authorization to approve the Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for the North and West County Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment District.

ACTION: Motion to approve Resolution M-003-07. Riechel/Finley, carried unanimously. A role call vote was taken. 17 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent, 0 Abstain

District Programs/Staff Reports

Fish Pond/Parking Garage Construction Project

Manager Gay reported on the building project. The parking lot is scheduled to be sealed and slurred during the next two weeks on a weekend. Also, the exterior of all buildings will be painted during the week of July 17, 2006.

Lab Services

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

- West Nile virus updates.
- San Mateo County Health Department taking the lead on public health media notifications. Public Service announcements being planned in movie theatres and cable television.
- Dead bird submissions for San Mateo County: 145 submitted, 1 tested positive for West Nile virus.
- Fish and Wildlife Department are working on a training manual for cattail trimming in Mills Field.
- Aerial photographs seeking unattended green pools as sources of mosquito breeding will be provided to the District.
- Orchard Supply Hardware stores are promoting a brochure program for Mosquito Control.
- Tick Control Program: Using the product "Suspend" has shown to be very effective for tick control for up to 4 weeks. The method of mowing grasses to cut down on vegetation had no effect on the populations of ticks.
- Assistant Vector Ecologist Nakano participated in an interview for Comcast Cable television to be broadcast in August.
- Avian Flu: No news to report. Information being provided through the Agriculture Department and Fish and Wildlife Service.

Field Operation Services

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

- Catch Basin program is in full swing. Lots of trouble with the older model vehicles needing repairs. The District focuses mosquito control on subterranean sources such as catch basins, PGE vaults and storm drains. This method helps keep potential mosquito populations under control and prevents citizens from being subjected to bites and diseases.
- James requested further assistance in locating a supplier of right hand drive vehicles or a vendor who performs conversions. The previous submissions were as expensive as purchasing a new vehicle, which is not feasible.
- Helicopter treatment has begun in the areas of SFO, Sharp Park, Mori Point, and Jasper Ridge. The program will continue every three weeks through October.
- A new argo and argo trailer have been purchased to aid the District in surveillance and control in marsh areas.
- Treatment for non-native, invasive spartina will begin in approximately two weeks. The areas to be treated are along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay from Bair Island to Brisbane near Candlestick Point. The Department of U.S. Fish and Wildlife, in conjunction with the Coastal Conservancy, will be paying the District for man-hours, material and equipment usage for the control program.

- The creek program in San Mateo County has begun. 30 creeks are checked and treated by three teams of technicians every 30 days through October. Work can consist of clearing pathways with trimmers, chainsaws and machetes to access the creek ways for mosquito control. The Technicians walk the length of each creek and treat the waterways with Altosid pellets to control mosquito populations. The treatment lasts approximately 30 – 45 days.

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

Manager Gay reported on the following MVCAC activities:

- It was reported that the Governor and the legislature signed the state budget this week. After much debate, \$3 million dollars has been set aside for West Nile Virus funding. The money can be used to pay for pesticides and emergency hiring of temporary personnel to perform mosquito control. Our District will make a similar request as last year and ask to have pesticides paid with this funding. We will request approximately \$100,000.
- Summer Quarterly Board Meeting will be July 27th in Sacramento. No committee meetings or trustees will be meeting.

VCJPA

Manager Gay reported on the activities concerning the District's Vector Control Joint Powers Agency. Trustee Preger has been elected as the alternate Trustee Representative on the VCJPA Board of Directors. The Officers are President Steve West, Vice President Mike Churney, and Treasurer Craig Downs. Craig Downs is our new regional representative and Manager Robert Gay will remain the alternate regional representative

The Districts costs for all insurance programs (liability, workers comp, auto, life, and property) for fiscal year 2006-2007 total \$105,051.00. These costs will be paid out of the Member Contingency Fund.

Pooled Workers Compensation	\$54,108.00
Pooled Liability	\$40,014.00
Pooled Auto Physical Damage	\$ 676.00
Group Property Premium	\$ 1,651.00
General Fund	\$ 8,022.00
Fidelity Premium	\$ 580.00

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. The asking price of \$383,000 has been offered and rejected. The owner has no interest in selling the property. The District will release its interest in this location and put the effort into finding another location in that area that is for sale or interested in leasing. The need for a second location is so that we can have a southern county staging area for seasonal and operational vehicles.
- The District is still waiting payment from Fish and Game regarding treatment work performed on Bair Island. With the term of Senator Jackie Speier ending, other legislators will need to be approached for assistance to receive payment. Most legislators that were present at Legislative Day in Sacramento earlier this year were very supportive of our program.
- We will start working with Senator Diane Feinstein's office and Senator Barbara Boxer's office on the Salt Pond Restoration project in hopes of receiving a line item in the budget

for mosquito control on our small portion of the project. The area in question is surrounding the Dumbarton Bridge at the southern end of San Mateo County.

Board, Committee and Staff Announcements

Trustee Riechel noted that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 12:00 noon.

Reminder of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

President Nickolas, in consultation with the Manager, has concluded there is not sufficient District business to conduct at the August meeting and recommend that the Board, by motion, schedule the next meeting for September 13, 2006.

ACTION: Motion to approve the next meeting for September 13, 2006. Honan/Maynard, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjournment. Curtis/Anderson, carried unanimously. 9:17pm

Approved:

District Manager

President

Date