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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEPT 13, 2006**

President Nickolas called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

- Tim Frahm
- Robert Riechel
- 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:

None

Pledge of Allegiance

President Nickolas asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Larry Vallerga Jr. who had recently passed away. A funeral would be held on Friday, September 15, 2006 at the Chapel at the Italian Cemetery in Colma.

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 July and August, revenue received for July and August, the Minutes of the July 12th Board meeting and retirement of five fixed assets. Kellett/Maynard, carried unanimously.

District Programs/Staff Reports**Lab Services:**

Dr. Chindi Peavey reported on the following Lab activities:

- The District has had a quiet West Nile virus season. Though the State has been active, San Mateo County has only had 4 animals test positive this year and no human cases.
- News reports on the hot spots throughout Santa Clara County and their need to adulticide multiple times. Areas in the south end of San Mateo County are watched closely to prevent any problems that are not caught from Santa Clara County.
- Low reports of *Aedes dorsalis* in and around Redwood Shores and Foster City this season. Normally, significant numbers are reported due to the aggressive nature of this mosquito species. This is a direct result of specific attention to breeding sites on Bair Island and how effective our treatment program actually is.
- *Culex pipiens* are also seemingly under control. These are our main vector of West Nile virus and are commonly found in storm drain systems throughout the county. Our control program addresses these areas with additional summer staff, which help to keep the populations low.
- The District took part in an aerial photography project where a plane uses a camera and GPS technology to document addresses of green or stagnant ponds and pools. The purpose is to find sources that may not have been documented and add them to our list of sources to monitor. Of the 198 green pools checked, 17 have become new sources to monitor. Many of the remaining were either painted green and well maintained or could become breeding sites if not maintained.
- The Lab has purchased a collection bottle rotator to be used in conjunction with the CO2 traps. It will collect specimens at given intervals and this information is used to determine what time of the day when mosquitoes are most populous.
- The Lab is working with San Francisco Zoo to help control mosquitoes in storm drains and catch basins. The Zoo is having a serious problem with avian malaria in its penguin population and need assistance to lower the mosquito populations to help the penguins. Our services will be billed as a contract service and should last for the next few months.
- Dr. Peavey referred to the map handouts provided. Maps are generated by the ArcView program the District uses to identify and define problem areas within San Mateo County. One handout showed the levels of mosquitoes in CO2 traps for the last two months and the other was a more defined breakdown of the same information but for a specific neighborhood.
- The District, in collaboration with San Mateo County Department of Health, provided individual packets of mosquito repellent wipes to senior citizens at the 2006 San Mateo County Fair. They were also provided to numerous senior centers and nursing homes throughout the county.
- The Lab and Operations staff will man a booth at the 2006 Pacifica Fog Fest on September 23rd and 24th and also at the South San Francisco Day in the Park on September 23rd.

Manager Gay interjected with additional comments regarding the upcoming regional West Nile Virus meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. The attendees will include Coastal Region representatives, Health Department officials and our District Lab and Operations officials. It will be held at district headquarters at 12:00pm.

Field Operation Services

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

- 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. The summer hire technicians have been addressing the catch basins throughout the county each day and the low numbers of mosquitoes are a direct result of the work performed.
- James thanked everyone who had been helping locate a facility to perform a right-hand drive conversion. The costs are extremely high and more work may need to be done to see if we could obtain vehicles from overseas, which are already right-hand drive vehicles.
- Treatment for non-native, invasive spartina began on August 8, 2006 and should last through the month of September. 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. This work will benefit the District eventually by returning many of these areas to tidal marsh, which will reduce mosquito breeding sites.
- The creek program in San Mateo County is in full swing. 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.
- The Operations department have purchased three 2007 Ford Rangers for use in the field. The 2007 F-150 for the Field Operations Foreman will be ready in approximately two months.

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

Manager Gay reported on the following MVCAC activities:

- The District requested and has received \$60,000, our share of a \$3 million appropriation for mosquito control work. This mosquito award can be used to pay for emergency employee hires or materials utilized for mosquito control.

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. With the recent passing of the current Coastal Region Trustee Representative, Trustee Preger may now become the acting Trustee Representative.

District Manager's Activity Report

Manager Gay reported on the following topics:

- California Special District Association is following a large number of bills in Sacramento these last few months. Most deal with work with water districts but may have an impact on Special Districts like ourselves.

- The next phase of the building project will be to complete plumbing upgrades in the pesticide storage area and replace the current sink.
- The Strategic Planning Committee will need to meet to discuss plans to locate a facility to store large and off-season vehicles. The site must be convenient to the southern county area and be able to house vehicles and offer maintenance and repair areas. The aim is to purchase a facility but leasing is an option.
- The American Mosquito Control Association annual meeting is scheduled for April 1 – April 5, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Peabody Hotel, Orlando Florida. Four Trustees are allowed to attend. The list of eligible Trustees for attendance are :
 - Doris Kellett – Atherton
 - A. Richard Tagg – Woodside
 - Valentina Cogoni – Menlo Park
 - Tim Frahm – Half Moon Bay
 Each Trustee must notify the District if they plan on attending by the November board meeting. If not, the next Trustee in order will be offered the meeting. The President of the Board is also allowed to take a meeting slot, if desired.
- Four Trustees are up for reappointment in December. The Trustees are:
 - Valentina Cogoni – Menlo Park
 - Betsey Schneider – San Carlos
 - Robert Blake – Belmont
 - Joe Fil – Portola Valley

Letters to each of the cities would be sent out requesting reappointments be made.

- Trustee Roland Finley – San Mateo stated that he would be stepping down at the end of his term in December. He has served on the board for 28 years. A letter would be sent to his city also, requesting a new appointee.
- 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.
- The sixth annual Trustee Field Day will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2006. Trustees are encouraged to attend and to bring a guest to hear staff presentations and equipment demonstrations. A barbeque lunch will follow the presentations.

Board, Committee and Staff Announcements

No announcements of upcoming committee meetings were made.

Clerk Williams provided cards for Travel Life Insurance for all new Trustees. The trustees without a card on file were given a card to complete. Upon completion, they will be submitted to the VCJPA, who keep all cards on file.

Reminder of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2006 at 7:00.

Adjournment

MOTION: Adjournment. Curtis/Honan, carried unanimously. 8:45pm

Approved:

District Manager

President

Date

*Maggie Gomez and Cal Hinton arrived at 7:10pm

*Robert Bury, Joe Fil, and Richard Tagg arrived at 7:20pm