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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JUNE 11, 2008**

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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| Ronald Anderson | Robert Maynard |
| Robert Blake | Leon Nickolas |
| Valentina Cogoni | Lawrence Peterson |
| John Curtis | James Ridgeway |
| Joseph Fil | Robert Riechel |
| Tim Frahm | Donna Rutherford |
| Christine Fuller | Betsey Schneider |
| Ray Honan | Richard Tagg |
| Sam Lerner | |

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

- Robert Bury
- Cal Hinton
- Dennis Preger

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 from the public was present to speak.

Consent Calendar

- MOTION:** Approve the consent calendar, which consisted of the list of expenditures for May, revenue received for May, minutes of the May board meeting and two resolutions. Curtis/Fuller, carried unanimously.

District Programs/Staff Reports

Vector Ecologist Peavey reported on the activities of the Lab Department. The topics included:

- West Nile Virus Update: 1 dead bird from South San Francisco has tested positive for West Nile virus. There are no human or horse cases in California. The majority of activity in the State is isolated to Southern California areas. The State is checking to see if there are any clusters of areas testing positive, but have found none. Santa Clara County has begun adulticiding in a three mile area that has been noted as a site for

positive birds. Vector Ecologist Peavey met with County Officials, who will be doing a public education campaign by distributing information to retirement homes regarding prevention of West Nile virus.

- A new repellent for mosquitoes is getting recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is identified as IR3535. This repellent is derived from natural sources and has been found to be comparable in effectiveness to DEET and Picaridin. IR3535 is the active ingredient in Avon's Skin So Soft line of lotions.
- The Lab, in conjunction with Operations, is working to monitor mosquito populations at San Mateo Waste Water Treatment Plant. Lab staff is monitoring CO2 traps that have been placed in strategic areas. The populations were extremely high (approximately 200 per trap) due to the Plant's Management not wanting our staff using our normal treatment methods for control. Field Operations Supervisor Counts was allowing the treatment plant to use their method only if problems do not occur. Unfortunately, their program for treatment was not followed and large populations of mosquitoes emerged and began affecting the neighborhoods in the surrounding areas. The City Manager was telephoned by residents, which got the Waste Water Treatment Plant Management to understand the seriousness of the District's control method. With assistance from the Public Works Director, Dr. Peavey and James Counts have worked out a standard operating procedures plan that will work for both parties. Currently, the population of mosquitoes has begun to return to normal but it will be closely monitored to prevent this in the future.
- Dr. Peavey and Manager Gay met with the County to discuss the upcoming treatment for Light Brown Apple Moth. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the status of the County's plan. Though the materials to be used are very innocuous, the District does not want to have an anti-pesticide mentality throughout the County spill over into our program for mosquito control. Some cities in the County have passed non-binding resolutions to ban the aerial treatment for this pest or are awaiting further review of the environmental impact.
- Lyme disease Survey: The Lyme Disease Survey is winding down as the tick season is ending. Two sites have been identified with positive tick populations: Water Dog Lake in Belmont and Huddart Park in Woodside. The Huddart Park area has come back with large numbers of *Ixodes Pacificus* nymphal stage ticks, which are vectors for Lyme disease.
- Tularemia: In Portola Valley, Tularemia has been found in the monkey colony at a compound. The monkeys are caged but the cages are located in pastures. A dead ground squirrel was found near the cages and it was sent off to the State for testing. The Lab will be setting traps to monitor deer flies and horse flies in this area.
- Assistant Vector Ecologists Rory and Nakano are collecting female tree hole mosquitoes and testing for Heartworm.
- The Rodent program information is being compiled in a database to use in conjunction with ArcView to show where concentrations of rodent activity are in the County. Manholes and bait stations are being coded with GPS locations for mapping. The maps that Dewey Pest Control uses are over 25 years old and difficult to accurately locate the traps. The City of San Mateo Public Works Department has provided the District with GPS information of all catch basins and storm drains, which is helpful for this program.
- The Lab has hired Erik Baxter as the seasonal Lab technician. He is a great addition to the staff.

Field Operations Supervisor Counts reported on the activities of the Operations Department. Topics included:

- The invasive cord grass program will be starting up in July. The Coastal Conservancy is extremely happy with the work that has taken place in the past. The treated areas surrounding the San Francisco Airport had significant impact and should be completed

this year. The areas to be treated this season will be in the northern bay areas and should be smaller than in past years.

- Helicopter treatment for Mills Field, Sharp Park, Jasper Ridge and 3000 Portola Rd will begin on July 3rd.
- Emphasis is being conducted on the catch basin program along with drain lines and vaults. Four summer employees are currently on board, with four more to start in July. The employees appreciate the updated vehicles and are really enjoying the air conditioning now available in the vehicles, as opposed to previous years.
- The new right hand drive jeeps are working great but the District is having problems with pumps on the sprayers. The material used is eating through the rubber seals. New viton seals are needed to withstand the erosion.
- The shortage of Pyrethrum, made from chrysanthemums in Africa, has some district's concerned. It is the main ingredient used in our adulticiding material named Pyrenone 25.5. In the next year or two, the District will be switching to a synthetic formulation because the organic version will become too expensive.
- The creek clearance program has now begun. All 32 creeks in San Mateo County will be walked every 30 days, checking for standing water and breeding.
- Attention is still being focused on Bair Island. Though some areas have returned to tidal flow, a few pockets have *Aedes dorsalis*, which is a vicious day-biting mosquito. These areas are treated by hand and should be under control in the next few weeks.

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Presentation (Second Round)

Manager Gay reported on the second review of the 2008-2009 budget. A two-year expenditure comparison spreadsheet was provided to the Trustees. Manager Gay and Finance Administrator Williams will be continuing to update this spreadsheet with the current year expenditures as the year finishes. Any changes to proposed budget numbers will be reviewed at the June 25, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting.

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

Manager Gay reported on the activities for MVCAC. Work has begun on arranging the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Annual meeting for 2009, which is being held at the Hyatt Hotel, Burlingame.

The Legislative Committee of MVCAC is following several bills including revisions to the Health and Safety Code and SB 926 (Perata), which would charge \$1,000 per day for a green pool created by a foreclosure.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 117 regarding the light brown apple moth is becoming a difficult situation for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. A MVCAC subcommittee has been formed to assist with reviewing this issue. Seven separate bills address this same issue.

The MVCAC Finance Committee, in which Manager Gay is the Chairman, met on May 29, 2008 in Los Banos. The committee is working on a sustaining membership policy, an advertising policy, drafting a reserve and investment policy and a sponsor support opportunity policy.

The MVCAC Trustee Advisory Council is working on updating the bylaws governing the advisory council. The purpose is to look for a mission, goals and direction.

American Mosquito Control Association Conference

Manager Gay reported on the activities for AMCA. The 2009 annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 5 – 9, 2009. The available attendees for this meeting were reviewed. The only members who have given confirmation of their attendance are Manager Robert Gay and

President Leon Nickolas. At last month's Board meeting, a discussion of the number of allowable attendees was reviewed. President Nickolas decided to have all Trustees submit an anonymous ballot in which each member could state how many maximum members that should be allowed to attend the annual AMCA meeting. Cards were handed out and collected. President Nickolas will reveal the results at the July 9, 2008 board meeting.

Barron Road Update

Manager Gay reported on the latest information regarding the Building Project Phase III. The demolition permit is still pending, so the June 16, 2008 may have to be pushed back. No other news to report.

District Manager's Activity Report

Manager Gay reported on the following activities:

The public agency educational outreach program that involves all Districts in the coastal region, in conjunction with KCBS radio, will be renewed. The District's cost is \$5,000 and it will include 176 infomercials and 960 streaming infomercials online.

CSDA will be holding its next meeting entitled "Embracing Technology" in Irvine, California on September 22 – 25th, 2008. Trustees interested in attending are Robert Riechel, San Bruno; Valentina Cogoni, Menlo Park; James Ridgeway, San Mateo; and Ray Honan, South San Francisco. Sam Lerner, Atherton; Christine Fuller, Daly City; and Robert Blake, Belmont has been added to attend. The hotel rooms have been reserved and registration for the meeting will take place later in the year.

Trustee Ray Honan, South San Francisco, has been nominated for the Board of Directors Region #3, Seat C, of the California Special District Association.

Bickmore Risk Services is setting up an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Joint Powers Formation Board. Three Districts, San Mateo, Marin and San Joaquin, are involved in the development and the purpose is to be able to create this plan in a less expensive manner than what Cal-Pers offers.

Manager Gay requested a list of Trustees interested in attending an informational meeting with local Legislative Offices. Preliminarily, Robert Bury, Redwood City; Donna Rutherford, East Palo Alto; Christine Fuller, Daly City; Leon Nickolas, Millbrae; Joe Fil, Portola Valley; and Robert Riechel, San Bruno are scheduled to attend this meeting with Manager Gay. Actual date of meeting will be decided at later time.

The future VCJPA annual meeting is being moved from Aptos to Sacramento. New nuts and bolts sessions will be set up for finance and administrative staff to demonstrate proper procedures for forms and claims.

Board Committee and Staff Announcements

Manager Gay has scheduled the 7th Annual Program Education Day for Thursday, October 23, 2008.

Manager Gay reported on an update of Trustee Cal Hinton. Cal is at home and improving. He hopes be attending the July meeting. We look forward to seeing him soon.

Due to an oversight in preparing the Board pre-packet, no updated policies would be approved at this meeting. Trustee Riechel recommended that all newly updated policies would be included for review and approval at the July 9, 2008 board meeting.

Committee Meetings

Policy Committee: Chairman Riechel reported that the next scheduled meeting will be June 23, 2008 at 12:00pm to discuss further updates to the District Policy manual.

Finance Committee: Manager Gay reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 12:00pm.

Environmental Committee: Chairman Curtis reported that the next scheduled meeting is July 9, 2008 immediately preceding the Board meeting at 6:00pm.

Strategic Planning: Chairman Fil reported that the next scheduled meeting is June 24, 2008 at 12:00pm at the Redwood City Corporate Yard site pending acquisition of the demolition permit. If no work is being done, the meeting would be rescheduled.

Reminder of Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2008 at 7:00pm.

MOTION: Approve next meeting for July 9, 2008. Honan/Rutherford, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Anderson/Rutherford, carried unanimously.
8:59pm

Approved:


District Manager


President

July 9, 2008
Date