

**Placer Mosquito Abatement District
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
April 10, 2006, 4:00pm
Placer M A D Office, 150 Waverly Drive, Lincoln, CA**

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sprague at 4:02 p.m.**
- 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: All Trustees were present.**
Staff present: Manager Charlie Dill, Dr. Jamesina Scott, Vicki Siefer, Linda Beasley and Rita Haury.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance: Manager Dill led the pledge of allegiance.**
- 4. Presentation: There were no presentations presented to the Board.**
- 5. Consent Agenda: Action Item**
 - a. Minutes of, March 13, 2006:**
 - b. Financial Report:**
 - 1. In-house warrants:**
 - 2. Budget update:**

A motion was made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Clothier to accept consent calendar as presented, passed unanimously.
- 6. Public Comment: Vic Freeman from Lincoln reported that his area is concerned about the Avian Flu and wanted to know what the District will be doing about it. Vector Ecologist Dr. Jamesina Scott answered that the Avian Flu is not a vector-borne disease and the District is only concerned with vector-borne diseases.**
- 7. Staff Report:**
 - a. Manager's Report: Manager Dill's report concerned the building of the new District site. A question was asked regarding the District and how the original buildings were obtained. Manager Dill answered that they used the monies from 2000-01 to buy the existing buildings. The original hiring and equipment came from the 2001-02 budget. There was a discussion by the Board, of the benefit assessment and the Lincoln parcel tax. After discussion by the Board a Workshop was tentatively scheduled for May 1st or 2nd at Auburn City Hall, with the Board, SCI, Inc. and Sal Rosenbaum from CSDA in attendance to discuss how the District can finance a new District site. The Board asked Manager Dill to invite District Counsel Richard Shanahan, Esq. to attend the Workshop. This Workshop will have public notice.**

There was a discussion by the Board regarding organic rice, commercial rice and Sierra Pacific Industries and the necessity of these entities to pay for mosquito abatement. Manager Dill stated that he will ask the California Rice Commission to come to the May Board meeting. Manager Dill stated that because of upcoming events in the District he will stay on full time status.

b. Vector Ecologist's Report: Dr. Jamesina Scott gave an oral report. She reported that the cold and wet days we have been experiencing have resulted in relatively low levels of adult mosquito activity. Mosquito larvae continue to develop and if we get a hot spring/summer after the wet winter/spring we are likely see a lot of adult mosquito activity.

The District has 7 flocks of sentinel chickens this year located in Auburn, Foresthill, Homewood (Lake Tahoe), Lincoln, Loomis, Roseville, and Sheridan. Beginning this month, each flock will be bled every two weeks. We anticipate that we will begin submitting mosquito pools for virus testing later this month.

There has been no West Nile virus activity detected in Placer County in 2006. 10 birds have been found positive for WNV in California, including one hawk in Sacramento County. No WNV activity has been reported in the rest of the United States.

c. Public Outreach Representative's Report: Linda Beasley gave an oral/written report. She has started education presentations at local elementary schools. She has scheduled 17 future education programs. At the next regular Board meeting in May, Linda will have an educational presentation for the Board.

- 8. Correspondence: A letter has been sent to the Organic Rice Growers regarding the cost per treated acre for larviciding mosquitoes in organic rice. The cost in 2005 was \$20.91 per treated acre. The District is requesting that the growers pay \$9.00 - \$9.50 per treated acre in 2006-07.**

The Board said that organic rice growers, commercial rice growers and Sierra Pacific Industries should pay what it costs to larvicide and adulticide these areas. They asked Manager Dill to have the District's attorney Richard Shanahan, Esq. write a letter to recoup all costs, not just a portion of the costs.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

a. New Facility Discussion: There was a discussion by the Board regarding hiring an architect/designer for the new District site. Trustee Ucovich requested that Manager Dill place a request for bids in the Sacramento Valley Association of Architects publications. Trustee Snyder said that we should only accept bids from those who have done similar work for a Mosquito District.

Manager Dill said he will contact local firms to find out if they have worked for a Mosquito District and if so ask for bids. He will also ask other Districts who they used as architects/designers for their construction.

The Board all agreed that they need to be able to show the voters of Placer County what we are proposing for our new District site, i.e. plans and costs.

b. Update of Lease with Lincoln: The Board all agreed that we need the lease with Lincoln by April 24th.

11. Committee Reports:

No committee reports were given

12. Open time for Board or Staff comments:

13. Announcement of next regular Board meeting: A Board Workshop will be scheduled for May 1st or 2nd at the Auburn City Hall from 5p.m. to 8 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held Monday, May 8, 2006, at 4:00pm at the Placer Mosquito Abatement District Office, 150 Waverly Drive, Lincoln, CA.

14. Adjournment: President Sprague adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.