

Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District
Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

Thursday May 8, 2008 4:30pm
Placer MVCD Office, 150 Waverly Drive, Lincoln, CA

Board of Trustees

Auburn	Bob Snyder (President)	Loomis	Miguel Ucovich
Roseville	John Cunningham (V. President)	Placer-at-Large	Galen Clothier, Ph.D.
Colfax	Sherrie Blackmun	Rocklin	Harlin Smith
Lincoln	Linda Stackpoole		

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Trustees present: Trustees Clothier, Cunningham, Smith, Snyder, Stackpoole present. Trustees Blackmun, Ucovich absent.
District Employees present: General Manager Bernstein, Linda Beasley, John McCullough, Rita Haury
District Legal Counsel Dick Shanahan was present.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance: President Snyder led the pledge of allegiance.
- 4) Presentation: There were no presentations to present to the Board.
- 5) Agenda Review: The agenda was accepted as presented.
- 6) Public Comment: No one from the public wished to address the Board
- 7) Consent Agenda: *Action Item*
 - a. Minutes:
 - b. Financial Report:
 - In-house warrant list
 - Budget update

A motion was made by Trustee Stackpoole seconded by Trustee Clothier to accept the consent agenda as presented, unanimously adopted.
Trustee Stackpoole requested that an augmentation be made before the next regular Board meeting to bring all categories of the budget into the positive.

Trustee Ucovich present at 4:38 p.m.
- 8) Staff's Report:
 - a. General Manager's Report-a written report was presented.
 - b. General Manager's Disease Surveillance Report- a written report was presented.
 - c. Public Outreach Representative Report-a written report was presented. Linda Beasley reported that she has conducted many Mosquito School classes in Placer County and the response has been very positive. She is in the process of setting up a program in the Lake Tahoe area elementary schools in the fall.
- 9) Review correspondence: There was no correspondence to present to the Board.
- 10) Old Business:

- a. Resolution 2008-05: *A motion was made by Trustee Clothier, seconded by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2008-05 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District Authorizing and Approving Participation in the Financing Program of the California Special Districts Association and Authorizing Further Action in Connection Therewith, adopted by roll call vote.*

Ayes: Trustees Clothier, Cunningham, Smith, Snyder, Stackpoole, Ucovich

Noes: ∅ Abstain: ∅ Absent: Trustee Blackmun

- b. Review of draft District policy regarding cost Recovery for mosquito control on commercial organic rice:

There was a discussion and review by District Legal Counsel Dick Shanahan of the District draft policy regarding cost recovery for mosquito control on commercial organic rice in Placer County. Dick Shanahan said that it is a challenge up and down the state by mosquito abatement Districts. The organic rice growers who are members of the National Organic Organization have to meet Federal standards and criteria proposed for the certification of commercial organic rice. The problem is, it is more expensive for mosquito control of certified organic rice; if you use the product used for commercial rice they will lose their certification.

Dick Shanahan recommended the following:

The District needs to be proactive and educate the organic rice growers.

The District does not have the authority to make the organic rice grower pay extra for the pesticides required for organic rice. Through the Health and Safety Code the District can abate land that has water on it with a vector nuisance i.e. water with mosquito larvae in it.

He told the Board the present wording of the District draft policy is troubling because of the wording "will abate with BTI, a pesticide used for commercial rice". This will cause a lawsuit for the District.

Dick Shanahan recommended the following 3 level District Policy:

A. That a notice be sent to the organic rice field property owner with the following wording:

a. The owner give the District written consent to use BTI on their property
or

b. Sign an MOU with the District.

If owner will not do either of the above the District can fine or abate and place liens on the property with penalties up to \$1,000 a day.

c. If the organic rice grower will not allow the District to abate or sign an MOU they will be responsible for the abatement themselves.

It is best to adopt the policy by resolution, to ask only for the differential, and the District Policy contain a sample M.O.U.

The Board requested the District Policy also include:

a. The Policy factor in the time of year

b. The Policy factor in the seasonality of mosquitoes

A motion was made by Trustee Clothier seconded by Trustee Smith that the conceptual idea set out by District Legal Counsel Dick Shanahan will be the basis for the draft policy, unanimously adopted.

- c. Office staffing recommendations to support increased service levels: *A motion was made by Trustee Ucovich seconded by Trustee Cunningham to keep the hours of the Administrative Staff 7-3:30p.m. and for the District Secretary/Receptionist Rita Haury keep a log of calls received after hours at the District for one month, adopted. Trustee Snyder voted no.*

11) New Business:

- a. Election of Special District Representative to LAFCO: *A motion was made by Trustee Ucovich seconded by Trustee Stackpoole to vote for the election of Jeffery Moss as Special District Representative to LAFCO, unanimously adopted.*
- Items b-d: *A motion was made by Trustee Clothier, seconded by Trustee Smith to accept (item b) Resolution 2008-03 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District Accepting the Preliminary Engineer's Reports for the Expanded Services & Permanent Facility Assessment, (item c) Resolution 2008-04 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District & the East County Mosquito Control & Disease Prevention Assessment and (item d) the Scheduling of the Public Hearing to consider the ordering of the Services, and the levy of assessments for fiscal year 2008-09, July 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District office, adopted by roll call vote.*
 Ayes: Trustees Clothier, Cunningham. Smith, Snyder, Stackpoole, Ucovich
 Noes: ∅ Abstain: ∅ Absent: Trustee Blackmun
 Trustee Clothier asked that the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District & East County Engineer's Report be reviewed and a correction be made on page 9, where it refers to work done "out of District".
- e. *A motion was made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Ucovich for renewal of Assessment Engineering and Tax Roll for SCI, Inc., unanimously adopted.*
- f. Preliminary District Budget approval for 2008-09. The Board requested the General Manager achieve a complete budget to present to the Board. They also want all reserves to be labeled. The Budget Committee will meet soon and review the budget.

12) Committee Reports: There were no committee reports at this time.

13) Open Time for Board or Staff Comments: There were no Board or Staff comments.

14) Closed Session: Closed Session: Held pursuant to Section 54956.8: Conference with District designated real property negotiator Mitch Bernstein regarding the property at 2021 Opportunity Dr. Roseville, CA, including price and terms of payment.

15) Closed Session: Closed Session: Held pursuant to Section 54957.6 : Conference with District designated labor negotiator Mitch Bernstein regarding the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District Employees Association and Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District Association of confidential and Managerial Employees.

Convene to Open Session-Comments on closed sessions – There was no reportable action taken by the Board.

16) Announcement of next regular Board meeting: The next regular Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 4:30pm at the Placer M&VCD Office, 150 Waverly Dr, Lincoln, CA.

17) Adjournment: President Snyder adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Board and dated, this 12th day of June, 2008 by me after passage

Bob Snyder, Board President: _____

Attest:

Mitchell J. Bernstein, General Manager _____