

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

Monday December 17, 2007 4:30pm  
Placer MVCD Office, 150 Waverly Drive, Lincoln, CA

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Board of Trustees

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

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- 1) Call to Order: President Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Trustees Clothier, Cunningham, Smith, Snyder, Stackpoole and Ucovich present. Trustee Blackmun absent.  
District Employees present: Manager Bernstein, Dr. Jamesina Scott, and Rita Haury.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Cunningham led the pledge of allegiance.
- 4) Presentation: There were no presentations to the Board.
- 5) Agenda Review: *A motion was made by Trustee Ucovich, seconded by Trustee Snyder to change the order of items in the agenda to the following order:*
  - 7) *Old Business-on posted agenda Item 10*
  - 8) *New Business-on posted agenda Item 11*
  - 9) *Staff's Report-on posted agenda Item 8*
  - 10) *Review Correspondence-on posted agenda Item 9*
  - 11) *Consent Agenda-on posted agenda Item 7**The rest of the agenda will be in order on the posted agenda, unanimously adopted.*
- 6) Public Comment: There was no one from the public that wished to address the Board.
- 7) Old Business: Action Item
  - a. Authorize acceptance of bid from G.W. Demolition: The Board discussed use of the leased site on Fiddymnt Rd. The site could be used for a Vector Ecologist Nature Center and the raising of mosquito fish. *A motion was made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Ucovich to authorize acceptance of bid from G.W. Demolition, Rio Linda, CA in collaboration with the City of Lincoln for the removal of asbestos, structure demolition and land clearing at the District's Fiddymnt site not to exceed \$35,000, adopted. Trustee Snyder voted no.*
- 8) New Business: Action Item
  - a. Review architectural cost estimates for anticipated tenant improvements for property located at 800 Business Park Dr., Lincoln, CA
  - b. Discussion and possible action on the anticipated purchase of property at 800 Business Park Dr., Lincoln, CA.  
Manager Bernstein presented the Cummings Report detailing the projected interior development costs for the building located at 800 Business Park Dr. The Report indicated

that the costs were higher than anticipated and that the total cost of the purchase and interior development were higher than the 4.5 million dollar project cap. Manager Bernstein also presented an alternative facility building proposal for purchase consideration located at the same development that was significantly lower in purchase cost as well as less costly to add interior improvements. The Board discussed the benefits and suitability of the properties located at 800, 600 and 570 Business Park Dr., all for sale by Buzz Oates Real Estate. Manager Bernstein inferred that informal visits by Board members of the facilities to determine their feasibility was recommended. *A motion was made by Trustee Clothier, seconded by Trustee Snyder to table items 8 a&b until the Building Committee inspects the property at 570 and 600 Business Park Dr. has a meeting and schedules a Special Board Meeting, unanimously adopted.*

*A motion was made by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Clothier to authorize the General Manager to obtain a Cumming Report for the building located at 570 and 600 Business Park Dr., from architectural firm, Williams and Paddon, with the condition that it is after the Building Committee meets and approves the need for a report, unanimously adopted.*

The Building Committee scheduled a meeting for Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

- c. Board attendees of AMCA annual conference: Trustees Smith and Ucovich requested the cancellation of their reservations to the MVCAC annual conference in Palm Spring in January. They would both like to attend the AMCA annual conference in Reno, Nevada in March. *A motion was made by Trustee Ucovich, seconded by Trustee Snyder for Trustees Ucovich, Smith and Clothier as Board representatives to attend the AMCA conference in Reno, Nevada in March in lieu of the MVCAC annual conference in Palm Springs in January, unanimously adopted.*
- d. Staff merit pay (step) increases: *A motion was made by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Ucovich to authorize, at his discretion, to approve normally programmed, budgeted and appropriate staff merit pay (step) increases, unanimously adopted.*
- e. G.N. Dibble Aviation, Inc. contract: The contract is for the flying hours not for pesticides. *A motion was made by Trustee Clothier, seconded by Trustee Cunningham to approve the contract with G.N. Dibble Aviation, Inc. for aerial mosquito control services on an as needed basis and authorize the General Manager as the District's signatory to the agreement, unanimously adopted.*

#### 9) Staff's Report:

a. General Manager's Report: Manager Bernstein presented a written report. The Board discussed mosquito abatement of organic rice in Placer County. A group has been formed that is called the Organic Rice Stakeholders Committee. This group includes organic rice growers, the pesticide industry and the northern region of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association. The districts are trying to find a more cost effective pesticide that can be used on the organic rice. The current material, which is 10 times more in cost than the pesticide used on commercial rice, is one of only two formulations that are approved for organic rice mosquito control. There is inert ingredient used in pesticide used on commercial rice that the USDA says cannot be used on organic rice. Manager Bernstein suggested to the Committee that they could utilize their own legislative advocacy and technical staff representing agriculture to work with the administration of USDA to use science and strong data to see why the less costly pesticides cannot be used. The mosquito districts have informed the organic rice growers that they need to get this situation resolved concurrently as mosquito control cost recovery memorandums of understanding are put into place in the near future. *A motion was made by Trustee Ucovich, seconded by Trustee Snyder to request Richard Shanahan District legal counsel to be present at the January 10<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting to answer questions regarding abatement proceedings, unanimously adopted.*

- b. Vector Ecologist's Report: Vector Ecologist Dr. Scott gave an oral report. She reported that Mosquito activity has slowed, but the first *Aedes increpitus* have hatched, and the adults will likely begin emerging in late February. Further, she reported that there is a large population of adult *Culex* mosquitoes overwintering which could contribute to early WNV activity, depending on the weather over the next several months. Lastly, she reported that she attended the national Entomological Society of American conference in San Diego, CA. There were many relevant presentations on WNV and mosquitoes and other vectors that the District may work with in the future.

*Trustee Snyder left at 5:27 p.m.*

- c. Community Educator's Report: Community Educator Linda Beasley will return in February.

10) Review correspondence: There was no correspondence to present to the Board.

11) Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of November 19, 2007 regular Board meeting and December 6, 2007 Special Board Meeting.
- b. Financial Report:  
*A motion was made by Trustee Stackpoole, seconded by Trustee Clothier to approve consent agenda as presented, unanimously adopted.*

12) Committee Reports:

13) Open Time for Board or Staff Comments:

Trustee Stackpoole reported to the Board that negotiations are progressing. She indicated that negotiations with the bargaining units should proceed sometime in January. President Smith complimented the District for the great look of the new vehicle logos on the District trucks and suggested that all District vehicles have logos affixed to them including the vehicle assigned to the General Manger.

14) Announcement of next regular Board meeting: The next regular Board meeting be held Monday, January 10, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Placer MVCD Office, 150 Waverly Dr, Lincoln, CA.

The District Office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas  
The District Office will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Day

15) Adjournment: President Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes approved and dated, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 by me after passage

Bob Snyder, Board President \_\_\_\_\_

Attest

Mitchell J. Bernstein, General Manager \_\_\_\_\_