

Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District  
Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting – Minutes  
May 21, 2012 4:30 p.m.  
Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District Office  
2021 Opportunity Drive, Roseville, CA 95678

1. **Call to Order:** President Stackpoole called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Trustees John Cunningham, Steve Harvey, Merry Holliday-Hanson, Russ Kelley, Harlin Smith, Bob Snyder and Linda Stackpoole.  
**District Employees present:** Manager Joel Buettner, Isabel Alvarez, Ada Barros, Eugenie Guadron and Jason Smith.
3. **Introduction of Guests:** John Bliss, SCI Consulting Group was introduced; Patrick Clark, HR Consultant will arrive later.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by John Bliss.
5. **Agenda Review:** The Board accepted the agenda as presented.
6. **Public Comment:** There were none.
7. **Consent Agenda**  
*A motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of the April 16, 2012 Board Meeting; Financial report of April 2012) was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Smith, unanimously approved. (Abstain from minutes: Trustee Stackpoole)*
8. **Staff Reports**
  - A. Public Information and Outreach Report - Along with the report included in the Board packet Manager Buettner reported the following:
    - There will be a Press Release announcing the District's new website.
  - B. Laboratory Report – No additional items to report.
  - C. General Manager Report - Along with the report included in the Board packet Manager Buettner reported the following:
    - VDCI aerial applicator will not be used for our regional vector control coordination efforts. The District will continue to engage with VDCI to provide adulticide application services for the District's urban areas should the need arise.
    - Manager Buettner reported that one of the larvicide materials used for organic rice is no longer organic certified. There is a substantial increase in cost to use an alternate material. Currently, treatment of organic rice costs six times more compared to treatment of conventional rice. With the loss of the preferred material, the cost of effectively larviciding organic rice is likely to increase substantially. Staff is looking into any other options using the remaining two other organic-certified larvicides to minimize treatment costs; however, it is anticipated that it will not be possible to maintain the previous level of control without increased cost. Manager Buettner reminded the board that there has been discussion in the past of charging rice growers to offset treatment costs, and that in light of this new situation, the District may need to consider having this discussion again. Manager Buettner asked the board for direction. The Board requested to have a meeting with rice growers in order to discuss the issues and work together to find cooperative solutions. The Board also requested that staff provide additional information on available options to address this issue before meeting with the rice growers.

- Manager Buettner reviewed a request from the Mosquito Research Foundation asking the District to provide funding to support the foundation by giving them a grant of one-half of one percent (.005%) of the operating budget. The Board requested that Manager Buettner bring a recommendation to the Board at the June board meeting.

*There was a motion to vote for Kristi Lawrence, Fresno MVCD for the Alternative Trustee Representative on the VCJPA Board of Directors by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, unanimously approved.*

D. Safety Committee Update

- Solon Fire Control completed the District's annual fire extinguisher inspection for the facility and vehicles on May 9, 2012. They also provided a fire extinguisher training class. All District employees are now trained on how to use a fire extinguisher.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Darryl Mitani, from the Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's office, gave a presentation on what to expect during a field inspection, and provided an update of current DPR rules and regulations. A facility inspection was done after the presentation.

Items 9 and 10: John Bliss of SCI Consulting Group summarized the preliminary Engineer Reports, including Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase.

**9. Board Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-05**

*A motion to approve Resolution 2012-05 Accepting the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Mosquito Control District and the East County Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment District and Scheduling the Public Hearing for July 16, 2012 was made by Trustee Kelley, seconded by Trustee Smith, approved by roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Trustees Cunningham, Harvey, Holliday-Hanson, Kelley, Smith, Snyder and Stackpoole.*

*Noes: ∅ Abstain: ∅ Absent: ∅*

**10. Board Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-06**

*A motion to approve Resolution 2012-06 Accepting the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Expanded Services and Permanent Facility Assessment District and Scheduling the Public Hearing for July 16, 2012 was made by Trustee Kelley, seconded by Trustee Smith, approved by roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Trustees Cunningham, Harvey, Holliday-Hanson, Kelley, Smith, Snyder and Stackpoole.*

*Noes: ∅ Abstain: ∅ Absent: ∅*

**11. Board Discussion and Review of Preliminary Budget for FY 2012-13**

- Patrick Clark, HR Consultant presented a general overview of Mosquito and Vector Control Districts, including Placer MVCD salaries. Mr. Clark reviewed two charts distributed at the meeting showing comparison of five vector control districts' total compensation. The District falls in the second lowest from the other districts.
- Trustee Stackpoole suggested that the District reallocate the \$10,000 budgeted for Cal-EIS intern (reimbursement to County Human Health Services) to support the Mosquito Research Foundation instead

*A motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for FY 2012-13 with updates and revisions to be presented in the final Budget for FY 2012-13 at a later meeting was made by Trustee Kelley, seconded by Trustee Snyder, unanimously approved.*

**12. Committee Reports**

A. Finance Committee meeting of May 1, 2012: Topics were discussed under item 11.

**13. Board/Staff General Discussion**

There was discussion with regard to a recently published article in the Auburn Journal. Several Trustees shared a concern that the District's name was misstated as Placer County Mosquito Abatement District. Trustees were particularly concerned that public does not associate the District with Placer County government services, but instead understand that the District is a separate entity. The Board directed staff to work with reporters to help prevent this in the future.

**14. Announcement of Future Meetings**

- A. The District office will be closed on May 28, 2012 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.
- B. The next regular Board meeting will be held, June 18, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., at 2021 Opportunity Dr., Roseville, CA 95678

**15. Adjournment:** President Stackpoole adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.


Minutes approved by the Board and dated, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012 by me after passage

Linda Stackpoole, President:

  
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Isabel Alvarez, Board Secretary:

  
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