



MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Carr, Caulton, Hooker, Hunewill, Peterson, Souza

Trustees Absent: Apland and Hackler

Others Present: David Heft, General Manager; Deborah Battista, Administrative Asst./Clerk of the Board; Jim DeMartini, County Board of Supervisors; Bill Reynolds, Leading Edge; Piper Kimball, Leading Edge.

3. Closed Session

The Board will report on any action taken during Closed Session and may take additional action in Open Session, as appropriate.

No Closed Session

4. Public Comment

Non-agenda item(s) for discussion only, no action to be taken. The public may address any agenda item at the time it is open for Board discussion.

No Public Comment.

5. Public Hearing

- A. Public hearing to discuss the levying and collection of Special Taxes within the District for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The Board reviewed the final numbers for implementation of the District's Special Tax for 2014/2015 FY.

6. Action Items

- A. Consideration of presentation by Bill Reynolds of Leading Edge concerning their MapVision product.

Bill Reynolds and Piper Kimball of Leading Edge made a presentation to the Board illustrating the features of their MapVision product. As part of this presentation, Mr. Reynolds pointed out how MapVision could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of

District programs and reducing liability. The MapVision product is a GIS based solution aimed specifically towards the mosquito control industry allowing mosquito control personnel the ability to track virus activity, mosquito populations and control activities in real time via GIS.

Following the presentation, Trustee Hunewill asked how long would it take Leading Edge to train the staff to implement the system and Mr. Reynolds responded approximately 15-days. Trustee Hunewill inquired regarding support costs into the future, Mr. Reynolds responded that typically support costs are stable for 7-years and then would be revisited. Trustee Carr inquired regarding how service requests were assigned and if the system and administration settings were customizable, Mr. Reynolds replied that user settings were completely customizable and would match District procedures.

There being no further questions, Leading Edge concluded their presentation.

- B. Consideration and approval of the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for August 18, 2014

Trustee Hunewill motion: Approve the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for August 18, 2014. 2nd: Trustee Carr. Unanimous

- C. Review of balance sheet and income statement for July 2014.

GM Heft reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for June 2014 denoting revenues, budgetary expenses, fund balance amounts and chemical inventory.

- D. Consideration and approval of the payment of bills and wages for August 2014.

Trustee Carr motion: Ratify payment of bills and wages in the amount of \$127,193.59, as presented. 2nd: Trustee Peterson. Unanimous

- E. Consideration of verbal grievance by District employee Mr. Tim Brazil

GM Heft reviewed Mr. Brazil's verbal grievance with the Board. The Board discussed the item briefly and instructed GM Heft to seek legal opinion from District Counsel before proceeding.

- E. Consideration and approval for the Trustees, General Manager and Vector Ecologist to attend the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Fall Meeting 2014 held October 22-24, 2014 at Sheraton Grand Sacramento in Sacramento, CA. Approximate cost: \$500 per person.

Secretary Carr volunteered to represent the Board at the MVCAC Fall 2014 meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Trustee Souza motion: Approval for the General Manager, Vector Ecologist, and Secretary Carr to attend the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Fall meeting 2014 held October 22-24, 2014 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento in Sacramento, CA. 2nd:
Trustee Peterson. Unanimous

7. Information Items

8. Reports

A. Review of the General Manager's Report: August 2014.

GM Heft updated the Board concerning the current operations and West Nile activity within the District. In particular, operations staff targeted areas of WNV activity in Turlock, Denair, Hughson, and South Modesto. Of concern were the Hughson Harvest Festival and the Denair Farm & Family Festival since both of these events were held outside with increased risk to the public. Not only did the District host a public outreach booth to educate citizens concerning the dangers of West Nile, District services and the importance of using repellent; but, operations staff focused their efforts leading up to the events to lower mosquito populations in these areas as much as possible.

GM Heft updated the Board concerning Hughson High School and informed the Board that the "French Drains" that were installed last summer were not installed correctly and have been found to be breeding mosquitoes. The site continues to hold water and although no significant breeding was found in the drainage ditch, the presence of standing water is attracting adult mosquitoes to the area.

GM Heft informed the Board that the District was currently up to 5 human WNV cases within the District. All cases have been followed up with trapping and control activities. Although WNV activity has increased within the District, adult mosquito populations are below the 5-year average, indicating that without the District's control efforts, the situation could be much worse. GM Heft reviewed statistics for the region and the State of California indicating that increased WNV activity was common for all regions of the State.

GM Heft reviewed bottle bioassay results comparing etofenprox (pyrethrin) with naled (organophosphate). District wild caught mosquitoes showed strong resistance to pyrethrin while naled showed 100% kill within 15 minutes. GM Heft informed the Board that plans are to use aerial applications of naled in 2015.

9. Adjournment

Trustee Caulton motion: Adjournment of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Meeting, date September 15, 2014. 2nd: Trustee Carr. Unanimous

There being no further business, President Hooker adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Rodman Hooker, President

George Carr, Secretary