



# MINUTES

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## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

## 2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Apland, Carr, Hackler, Hooker, Hunewill, Peterson, Showen, Souza

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: David Heft, General Manager; Deborah Battista, Admin. Asst. / Clerk of the Board.

## 3. 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.*

President Carr reviewed with the board his findings from the most recent MVCAC meeting in Sacramento. Of course, the Zika virus was a major topic. Also of concern is a bill (S.B. 1246) that would require mosquito and vector control districts to provide a seven (7) day public notification before any aerial applications. MVCAC has a planned Legislative Day in Sacramento where California legislature can be educated on the lifespan of mosquitoes and the importance of being able to react swiftly to disease outbreaks. President Carr commented positively regarding the increase in Trustee attendees since he first started attending the meetings himself.

## 4. Consent Calendar

*These matters include routine financial and administrative actions. All items on the Consent Calendar will be voted on as a single action without necessary discussion. If the public wishes to discuss an item on the Consent Calendar, please notify the Clerk of the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting or you may speak about the item during Public Comment Period.*

- A. Consideration and approval of the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for February, 2016.
- B. Review of balance sheet and income statement for January 2016.
- C. Consideration of PBS article "A common US mosquito may transmit Zika virus, study says".
- D. Consideration of California Department of Public Health Document "Zika Questions and Answers".
- E. Consideration of the District's application documents for Water Quality Order 2016-XXXX-DWQ, General Permit CAG990004, Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination

System Permit for Biological and Residual Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Vector Control Applications.

Hooker motion: Approve all items on the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Consent Calendar. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Apland. Unanimous.

## 5. Agenda Items

### A. Consideration and approval of the payment of bills and wages for February 2016.

Discussion of the February bills and wages included warrants made out to Sharpening Shop for new motors for the spray equipment, Sacramento News & Review for an informative insert that will be delivered with our local newspapers, and StoryNamics which is a "comic book" for kids explaining how to protect yourself from mosquito bites and the symptoms of West Nile Virus. The comic books will be handed out at street fairs and the County Fair to kids between the ages of 6 and 13 years of age.

Trustee Souza asked GM Heft if he thought the newspaper inserts were worth the cost and GM Heft explained that the actual insert is very eye catching and also includes an interview with a local resident that became very ill with WNV in 2011 and is still trying to recover from the effects of the illness. The publication will include information regarding the District's aerial applications and will be specifically targeted to District residents. The per copy charge for the 50,000 inserts was very reasonable with the hope being to educate as many members of the public as possible.

Other warrants up for discussion were Mosquito Research Foundation (MRF) and Price Ford. The District contributed \$3,000.00 towards mosquito research. GM Heft studied the contract with MRF and feels it is a worthwhile use of District funds. Price Ford handles repairs of newer Ford trucks.

GM Heft informed the Board that the District has switched to AdTech for telephone and internet services which should save the District in monthly telephone and internet charges.

Hackler motion: Ratify the payment of bills and wages in the amount of \$124,494.20, as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Souza. Unanimous.

## 6. Reports

### A. Review of the General Manager's Report: February 2016.

GM Heft reported to the Board that the District's NPDES is finished and has been submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. The District is endeavoring to earn a "District Transparency Certificate of Excellence" from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). The District's application should be submitted by the next board meeting. Trustee Souza asked how the SDLF certifies and GM Heft explained that the District has to show all of the internal controls that are used for District transparency (as well as implement some new ones) and update website and public outreach.

GM Heft will have the District's Annual Report finished by the end of this month. Administrative Asst/Clerk of the Board Battista should have the records purging as per the District's Record Retention Policy finished by the next board meeting.

MapVision implementation continues and is scheduled for field use by April 1, 2016.

GM Heft updated the Board on SB 659, which would eliminate public health insecticides from NPDES reporting requirements. Passing of this bill would mean considerable savings to the District.

GM Heft reported to the Board that he was the moderator for the Operations symposium at the MVCAC annual meeting in Sacramento. Discussion included the effect of California's drought on mosquito control, mosquito resistance, and the latest technology. GM Heft provided a travel report to the board summarizing his attendance at the annual MVCAC annual conference including a meeting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss AB 896 (using vector control BMP's in CDFW wildlife areas). CDFW has agreed to some "test" pilot projects to see how it affects the wildlife.

GM Heft also provided a travel report concerning his attendance at the VCJPA Annual Workshop event in Oakland. Of particular note was the positive status (zero claims) from the District for the Liability insurance program; however, the District still has an open Workers Compensation claim from 2009 which is now impacting insurance costs. This will mean the District will most likely not receive any income from retrospective adjustments from the VCJPA in the foreseeable future. Clerk Battista agreed to report on the last 5-years of retrospective adjustments at the next scheduled board meeting. GM Heft informed the Board that the VCJPA had received "Accreditation with Excellence" by the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities. This is their highest designation possible.

On the District's calendar of events: Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival and the Ceres Street Faire. District staff has already signed up for their shifts.

## **7. Adjournment**

Hunewill motion: Adjournment of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Meeting, date March 21, 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Peterson. Unanimous.

There being no further business, President Carr adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

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Lynn Apland, President

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Aaron Hackler, Secretary