

**MINUTES OF THE 749th BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

TIME: 3:00pm, Thursday, December 16, 2021

PLACE: Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District
1966 Compton Avenue
Corona, CA 92881

Zoom Teleconference: Meeting ID: 389 155 8737

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Gary Bradley, Ph.D.	Riverside	President
Brian Tisdale	Lake Elsinore	Secretary
Nancy Jimenez-Hernandez	Corona	Trustee
Ted Hoffman	Norco	Trustee
Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	Trustee
Dale Welty	Canyon Lake	Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Leslie Altamirano	Jurupa Valley	Trustee
George Read	Riverside County	Vice President

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D.	District Manager
Angela Caranci, Ph.D.	Assistant Manager/Vector Ecologist
Nikia Smith	Field Supervisor
Eric Ballejos	Public Information & Tech. Officer
Marian Shannon	Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Andy Beck, Fedak & Brown, LLP

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Bradley called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Jimenez-Hernandez.

VIII. REPORTS:

A. Trustees: None.

B. District Manager: District Manager stated he attended the Florida Mosquito Control Association Meeting and gave a presentation. During his presentation, he shared information on the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District in an effort to highlight the agency. District Manager stated that he was surprised to have been reminded that local transmission of dengue cases in Florida wasn't broadly reported. This could be a result of news saturation with COVID-19 because the 70 cases of Dengue fever that occurred in Key Largo, wasn't national news. The District should be aware that local transmission of dengue in Southern California will likely be a big news story, since it hasn't happened here.

Trustee Bradley commented that he read of a relationship where increases in West Nile virus (WNV) cases in Arizona can be indicators of a similar trend in Southern California the following year. Assistant Manager stated that trends in Southern California vector activity do not always follow what occurs in Arizona and a major aspect of the District surveillance program is to monitor for increases, with or without prior year indicators. Trustee Bradley also read reports that Ivermectin is being used in bird feeders as a treatment for WNV. Assistant Manager stated there is some evidence it is effective but would not make a recommendation to use it at this time without further evidence of its efficacy.

C. Staff: Assistant Manager relayed the news that the District held a successful Toys for Tots holiday toy drive and through the generosity of the Northwest staff, we were able to donate many toys this year.

Assistant Manager also informed the Board that a high school student intern who has been working with District staff for three years on science fair projects, has decided to begin the process to get the work published. Assistant Manager wanted to publicly acknowledge the students hard work and accomplishments.

Public Information and Technology Officer (PITO) stated he and Assistant Manager attended the MVCAC meeting regarding the new roles they will be assuming. PITO will be taking on the role of Training and Certification Committee Chair. He is already the Southern Regional Training Coordinator.

PITO also informed Board members that he and District Manager participated in a cyber-security assessment and the District's cyber security received a good bill of health.

IX. INFORMATIONAL:

A. Yale Researchers Working to Develop Lyme Disease Vaccine. Article attached.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Recognition of Trustee George Read. Trustee Read was unable to attend the December meeting but President Bradley stated Mr. Read is an amazing man and served as a mentor to him many years ago when Trustee Bradley was initially appointed to the Northwest Board. President Bradley stated he is hopeful that in the future we will be able to publicly recognize Trustee Read for his 48 years of public service to the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District.

B. Trustee attendance – MVCAC Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA. February 7 – 10, 2022. District Manager asked if any trustees were interested in attending the MVCAC conference in Sacramento as it is approaching quickly. Trustees Bradley and Jimenez-Hernandez both stated they may be interested in attending. District Manager also asked Board members to consider the AMCA Annual Conference which will be the week of February 28, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida, and inform District staff if they are interested in attending.

C. Discussion regarding February 17, 2022 Board meeting. District Manager stated the February 17, 2022 is on the same date as the VCJPA annual workshop being held in Santa Cruz, CA and that historically District Manager and Executive Secretary attend the workshop. He asked Trustees if they would be available Thursday, February 24, 2022 and if they would be interested in changing the meeting date. Upon consensus of the Board, the February 17, 2022 meeting date was changed to February 24, 2022 at 3:00pm.


D. Request for future Agenda items. None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.

Next regular meeting: 3:00pm, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 1966 Compton Avenue, Corona, CA 92881.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the action taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 16, 2021.



Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on January 20, 2022.

ATTEST:



Gary Bradley, Ph.D., President



Brian Tisdale, Secretary